

**LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**With the Committee of the Whole**  
**February 5, 2013**  
**1:30 p.m.**

**Present:**

<b>Karl Walls, Chair</b>	<b>Sandy Clarke</b>
<b>Robert Myers, Vice Chair</b>	<b>Barb Stenger</b>
<b>John Fairbanks</b>	<b>Dan Sloan</b>
<b>Colleen Carrington-Atkins</b>	

Chairman Walls called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

Also present: Shelly Myers, Clerk/Register/CFO

Dave Fowler, 911 Director was present to explain to the board that this Friday, February 8, 2013 the National Guard will be performing Wintertime Maneuvers/Survival Testing and will be landing Helicopters at the Baldwin Airport. Dave wanted the board to be aware of this in case they received questions.

**Citizens Time**

There was no one present who wished to speak.

Chairman Walls explained that the purpose of this meeting is to review the appraisal received for the Community Mental Health Building located at 1090 Michigan Ave. Currently West Michigan Community Mental Health does not pay Lake County rent and have negotiated with other counties regarding renting their buildings and/or purchasing their buildings.

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins asked who Baldwin Professional Offices were, as they are listed as the property owners in this appraisal and when she looked up the assessed value of this property it is listed at \$34,200.

Discussion followed that this may not be the correct address, as County buildings are usually tax exempt, and regarding the SEV, Assessed Value and Taxable Value being listed on the tax roll for the description that matched the description in the appraisal as per the Equalization Department, the CMH Building located at 1090 Michigan Avenue is not on the tax roll.

Commissioner Sloan stated it mentions there were three properties used to compare with the Mental Health Building and they were 25% or more smaller in square footage.

Commissioner Stenger asked who paid for the appraisal with it being stated WMCMH paid for it. She then asked if the County could have another appraisal done to compare the two.

Discussion followed regarding the year the County purchased the property, the legal description and how much they purchased the property for.

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Commissioner Sloan stated there are two issues here; the rent and the response to the appraisal.

Commissioner Sloan would like to explore what Mason County and Oceana County receive in rent.

A lengthy discussion followed on what and where to go next.

Discussion followed regarding the possibility in the future that Baldwin Family Health and Community Mental Health combine and merge into one building, which would benefit the County.

Discussion followed regarding when it was ruled for West Michigan Community Mental Health to begin paying rent and Clerk/Register/CFO Myers stated a letter was written from Lake County that WMCMH will begin paying rent in 2013.

Commissioner Clarke moved for approval that Lake County submit the necessary paperwork to propose that West Michigan Community Mental Health to begin paying Lake County \$2,000.00 per month in rent for the building located at 1090 Michigan Ave., Baldwin, MI, seconded by Commissioner Myers.

Discussion followed regarding WMCMH not paying rent for many years and feels we should propose a higher amount of rent per month.

Roll call vote 3 yes and 4 NO, Commissioners Carrington-Atkins, Myers, Sloan and Walls, motion fails.

Commissioner Sloan stated he would like to get more information prior to making a decision and asked if this could be discussed at the next full board meeting.

Discussion followed regarding Commissioner Representation on the West Michigan Community Mental Health Board.

Commissioner Sloan moved for approval to table the amount of rent that should be proposed to WMCMH until further information is obtained from Mason County and Oceana County and to add this issue to the next board meetings agenda, seconded by Commissioner Carrington-Atkins, roll call vote 7 yes.

Discussion followed regarding the appraisal and the County getting their own appraisal to compare to the one received by WMCMH and also who would we hire to do such.

Commissioner Stenger moved for approval to hire an appraiser to reappraise the West Michigan Community Mental Health Building located at 1090 Michigan Ave., Baldwin MI 49304 and the

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appraiser must be certified and the amount not to exceed \$1,500.00, seconded by Commissioner Carrington-Atkins, roll call votes 7 yes.

Discussion followed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

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Lori R. DeWolf, Deputy Clerk