

LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
800 10th Street
Baldwin, MI 49656

Organizational Meeting-**APPROVED**
Wednesday January 2, 2019

Prayer: Commissioner Dermeyer

Pledge of Allegiance

The County Clerk called the Meeting to order at: 10:02 am

Commissioner Walls moved that the Agenda dated January 2, 2019 be approved; seconded by Commissioner Sanders. *All in favor-motion carried*

Lake County Clerk Patti Pacola called the roll with the following Commissioners present: Martin, Arquette, Balulis, Lodholtz, Sanders, Walls and Dermeyer.

Public Comment:

None

Motions:

Chair Person:

The County Clerk called on each Commissioner to place their vote for Chair Person to the County Commissioners with Howard Lodholtz carrying the majority vote. Commissioner Arquette made a motion to close nominations and cast unanimous ballot for Howard Lodholtz as Chairperson; with a second from Commissioner Balulis. Roll call: Martin-yes, Dermeyer-yes, Sanders-yes, Walls-yes, Balulis-yes, Arquette-yes, and Lodholtz-yes. Motion carried.

10:05 am: gavel was handed over to the Chairperson to conduct the rest of the meeting.

Vice Chairperson 2019:

Commissioner Walls made a motion to close nominations and conduct a roll call vote; with a second from Commissioner Arquette. Roll call: Lodholtz-Balulis, Arquette-Dermeyer, Martin-Dermeyer, Dermeyer-Dermeyer, Walls-Balulis, Sander-Dermeyer and Balulis-Dermeyer. Commissioner Dermeyer with five votes will be Vice-Chair.

Vice-Chair Pro-tem 2019:

Commissioner Balulis made a motion to close nominations and conduct a roll call vote; with a second from Commissioner Walls. Roll call: Dermeyer-Sanders, Walls-Balulis, Sanders-Sanders, Martin-Sanders, Arquette-Balulis, Lodholtz-Balulis, Balulis-Sanders. Commissioner Sanders with four votes.

Commissioner Walls made a motion to approve of the 2019 Finance and Full Board meeting schedule as presented with a second from Commissioner Sanders. Roll call: Walls-yes, Sanders-yes, Balulis-yes, Lodholtz-yes, Martin-yes, Arquette-yes, and Dermeyer-yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Dermeyer made a motion to approve of the 2019 Board Rules as presented; with a second from Commissioner Walls.

Discussion: Commissioner Sanders shared a concern that Public Comment questions/concerns should be addressed when at all possible. Commissioners Balulis and Martin agreed. Further discussion: the elimination of the Property and Safety Committee.

Commissioners agreed to communication during Public Comment and the elimination of the Property and Safety Committee.

Roll call vote: Dermeyer-yes, Walls-yes, Sanders-yes, Lodholtz-yes, Balulis-yes, Arquette-yes, and Martin-yes. Motion carried

Commissioner Dermeyer made a motion to approve of the 2019 Board Per Diem and Mileage Policy and Procedure as presented; with a second from Commissioner Balulis.

Discussion: 2019 IRS maximum reimbursement is .58 per mile.

Commissioner Walls made a motion to leave the County Mileage at .50; with a second from Commissioner Dermeyer.

Roll call: Dermeyer-yes, Martin-yes, Walls-yes, Arquette-yes, Sanders-no, Balulis-yes, and Lodholtz-no. Motion carried.

Commissioner Dermeyer made a motion to approve of the elimination of the Property and Safety Committee, the creation of the Ambulance Committee and the Board Chairs appointments and Committee assignments; with a second from Commissioner Walls.

Discussion followed to determine who wanted what Committee as well as changes to the Chairs appointments. See Master Committee sheet in the County Clerks office for further details of Committee appointments and assignments.

Roll call vote: Balulis-yes, Dermeyer-yes, Martin-yes, Sanders-yes, Arquette-yes, Walls-yes and Lodholtz-yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Dermeyer made a motion to amend the Lake County Conflict of Interest Policy to require the filings and vote under MCL 15.323 of Pecuniary Interest Disclosure forms; with a second from Commissioner Balulis.

Discussion: this is an attorney advice form.

Roll call: Walls-yes, Sanders-yes, Balulis-yes, Arquette-yes, Martin-yes, Dermeyer-yes and Lodholtz-yes. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Township Clerk Gail Raad ask where the Commissioners night meeting for the year will be and how this is determined and voiced her concern that past Commissioners did not keep their Districts informed and ask that the new ones do to the best of their ability.

Commissioners Comments:

Commissioner Balulis welcomed the new Board.

Commissioner Walls also welcomed the new Board.

Commissioner Martin thanked the public for this opportunity to serve them.

Commissioner Arquette offered the same as Martin.

Commissioner Dermeyer stated that: "she hopes the new Board will stay open with the public".

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 am

Patti Pacola-Lake County Clerk