

LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
800 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Baldwin, MI 49656

Regular Meeting-**APPROVED**  
Wednesday July 11, 2018

Prayer: Commissioner Maddox

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman called the Meeting to order at: 10:01 am

Commissioner Dermyer moved that the Agenda dated July 11, 2018 be approved; seconded by Commissioner Maddox. *All in favor-motion carried*

Commissioner Balulis moved that the Minutes dated June 27, 2018 be approved with corrections; seconded by Commissioner Maddox. *All in favor-motion carried.*

Lake County Clerk Patti Pacola called the roll with the following Commissioners present:

Maddox	Brunn
Runnels	Walls
Balulis	Dermyer
Lodholtz	

**Public Comment:**

Senator Booher was present to give updates on various topics at a State level including the Budget, Lottery money that is going to the schools at \$600 per child, and the new Assessing Bill that he does not support.

**Presentations:**

Steven Kirinovic with SK&T P.C. went through the County Audit. Positive trends were found with a minor flaw in Journal Entries. Journal Entries are being posted with no supporting documentation to indicate the source or purpose of entry and there is no supervisory review in place to monitor Journal entries posted in the General Ledger.

Commissioner Balulis made a motion to accept the Fiscal Year 2017 Annual Audit as presented with a second from Commissioner Runnels. Roll call vote: Walls-yes, Dermyer-yes, Balulis-yes, Brunn-yes, Maddox-yes, Runnels-yes, and Lodholtz-yes. Motion carried.

Laurie Platte-4H Coordinator MSUE gave an update on 4H activities in the County and 4H Exploratory Day.

**Motions:**

Commissioner Balulis made a motion to approve of the semi-monthly detail analysis dated July 11, 2018 totaling \$209,317.77 as amended from Finance; with a second from Commissioner Runnels. Roll call vote: Maddox-yes, Balulis-yes, Runnels-yes, Walls-yes, Brunn-yes, Dermeyer-yes and Lodholtz-yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Balulis made a motion to approve of the Departmental Purchase Requisition in excess of \$1,000 dated July 11, 2018; with a second from Commissioner Runnels. Roll call vote: Brun-yes, Walls-yes, Dermeyer-yes, Balulis-yes, Runnels-yes, Maddox-yes and Lodholtz-yes. Motion carried

Commissioner Balulis made a motion to approve the purchase of 8 air handler controls units; for DHHS, at a price not to exceed \$30,000; with Hurst Mechanical, and authorize the County Administrator to amend the Budget accordingly; with a second from Commissioner Runnels. Roll call vote: Balulis-yes, Brunn-yes, Walls-yes, Dermeyer-yes, Maddox-yes, Runnels-yes and Loholtz-yes. Motion carried

Commissioner Balulis made a motion to approve of the Area Agency on Aging of Wester Michigan's proposed Annual Implementation Plan for fiscal year 2019; with a second from Commissioner Dermeyer. Roll call vote: Walls-yes, Brunn-yes, Balulis-yes, Maddox-yes, Runnels-yes, Dermeyer-yes and Lodholtz-yes. All in favor-motion carried.

Commissioner Balulis made a motion to approve of Resolution #1811-Opposition to HB 6049 and SB 1025; with a second from Commissioner Runnels. Roll call vote: Balulis-yes, Walls-yes, Dermeyer-yes, Runnels-yes, Brunn-yes, Maddox-yes and Lodholtz-yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Balulis made a motion to deny the Sheriff's granting of grievance 18-172 to give vacation time and seniority to Chief Deputy; Pat Hedlund, for prior years of service-between May 1989 through May 1999; with a second from Commissioner Maddox.

Discussion followed:

Erin from HR stated this had already been turned down in her office.

Pat Hedlund stated that the Sheriff and Union both gave him their approval to move forward with his grievance. Commissioner Balulis suggested an Attorney Opinion.

Statement of grievance:

Upon rehire in February 2017, grievant ask the County Administrator to honor the CBA regarding vacation time and was denied. Since that time, the County has hired back previously separated employees and has a past practice of honoring their prior service to the County in the form of higher wages, and continuing bargaining unit seniority and benefits without interruption (most recently a 911 employee who resigned).

Roll call vote: Dermeyer-no, Brunn-yes, Balulis-yes, Walls-yes, Runnels-yes, Maddox-yes and Lodholtz-yes. Motion carried

**Correspondence:**

Lake County Permit Summary Report for June 2018  
Letter of Appreciation to Deb Wormwood

**New Business:**

Commissioner Balulis made a motion to accept Stiles Simmons resignation letter from the Lake County Parks and Recreation Commission; with a second from Commissioner Runnels. All in favor-motion carried.

Commissioner Balulis made a motion to accept Heidi Alfrey-Gambles resignation letter from the Lake County Parks and Recreation Commission; with a second from Commissioner Runnels. All in favor-motion carried.

Commissioner Balulis made a motion to accept Heidi-Alfrey-Gambles resignation letter from the Lake County Planning Commission; with a second from Commissioner Runnels. All in favor-motion carried.

**Unfinished Business:**

Commissioner Dermyer ask if the roof at the building across the street had been done yet and Administrator Lake answered no.

Commissioner Runnels ask when the MAC Conference is and Administrator Lake answered there will be something in the box as soon as it comes in.

**Administrators Report:**

Administrator Lake spoke of a Letter of Appreciation he prepared to Deb Wormwood from the Commissioners-thanking her for her assistance in 911 Dispatch.

Commissioner Dermyer added that Deb enjoyed her time here and she seen issues with key players in 911. She (Deb) complimented the turn-a-round in 911.

Commissioner Balulis also complimented 911 for the phenomenal job they did during the gas truck roll over.

Administrator Lake also added that Indigent Defense money will be available in October.

**Public Comment:**

none

**Commissioners Comments:**

Commissioner Runnels gave reports from various groups including the Health Department Focus Group and WIC. She also added that 85% of prison inmates had exposure to lead and beware of toys from 3<sup>rd</sup> world Countries as they have no lead restrictions.

Commissioner Walls ask if the contract with IT and the Sheriff has been resolved. He made a request for the Sheriff to respond at the next meeting. He explained that the company is blocked from talking to IT (Dave Sanders) without prior approval from Hedlund. Commissioner Walls further stated that this was discussed at the last IT meeting but Chief Deputy Hedlund and the Sheriff walked out without a resolution to the problem. The Sheriff ask for \$90,000 for a new program that the Commissioners denied last year so now the Sheriff is being childish about it.

Commissioner Brunn applauded the fantastic job to all involved with the rig accident on M-37.

Commissioner Dermyer shared that Sue Davis spoke about putting up smoke detectors. She also added that there is a new Shingles shot and those who get it should also get the booster shot that is available.

Commissioner Dermyer stated that "we all need to try harder to get along".

Commissioner Lodholtz agreed that they all need to be a team and get along.

Commissioner Maddox questioned Administrator Lake about a Letter of Understanding or side agreement that Sheriff Martin added to the Union Agreement adding a 2.5-3 at his discretion instead of 3. Administrator Lake confirmed this did happen but does not have legal ground.

Commissioner Maddox also questioned a contract that he (the Sheriff) will not allow IT to talk to contract representatives without his permission. Commissioner Maddox requested that this be addressed **if it happened**.

County Clerk Patti Pacola stated that it is ridiculous that they wait until the Sheriff leaves the meeting to discuss him. It should have all been brought to his attention while he was there to defend himself.

Commissioner Brunn agreed.

Commissioner Maddox added that she was not attacking the Sheriff and does not appreciate being called **on out**.

Commissioner Runnels added that Commissioner Maddox was just doing her job.

*Meeting adjourned at 12:35 pm*

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Patti Pacola-Lake County Clerk