

Chairman Walls called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Commissioner Fairbanks gave the prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Clerk Williams called the Roll with the following Commissioners present:
Colleen Carrington-Atkins, Dan Sloan, Chuck Vayda, John Fairbanks, John Brunn
and Karl Walls; Commissioner Stenger was absent and excused.

Commissioner Sloan moved that the agenda be approved, seconded by Fairbanks.
Commissioner Atkins wanted to add Resolution #1346 under NEW BUSINESS. There was a
Voice Vote and it was approved.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved that the minutes from April 13, 2016 be approved, seconded by
Vayda with changes. There was a Voice Vote and it was approved after the changes were
noted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Georgia Simpson stated that she made a request to the County for a complete audit of the
transfer from Great West to John Hancock. She brought with her in writing copies of the steps
she and other county employees have gone through to get questions answered regarding her
name and others that appeared on said list. She contacted Great West to discover that they did
not charge a redemption fee or a back-end load regarding any of the monies. She also found
that Great West sent via electronic submission to Citibank of Delaware to routing and account
numbers #021000089 and #40691539, Newcastle Delaware. Her records reflect that \$19,
428.68 was deposited to her account, and Great West had submitted an amount of \$19,816.97,
which left a difference of \$-396.34. She is waiting for a response from John Hancock, as to why
there was a 21 day difference, before the \$396.34 was redeposited to her account by someone
on September 17th. She stated that this was her money, and that she and the other employees
never gave anyone permission to alter her funds in any way. She stated that she understands
that if one, all or none of the Commission new this transfer had taken place, but that, as a
Board, shame on all of them for not knowing about this, because it is this Boards responsibility
to protect not only the regular employees here at the County, but also the Elected Officials and
all taxpayers. She feels that the Board of Commissioners should be on board and aware of all
decisions being made, and she cautioned the Board that they should not put all their eggs in
one basket, as to avoid ending up in the same situation as previous.

FINANCE

Payment of the bills:

101	GENERAL FUND	\$79,615.98
207	ROAD PATROL	\$7,464.09
210	EMERGENCY 911	\$1,286.69
211	RRP CENTER	\$368,136.79
215	FRIEND OF THE COURT	\$7,255.14

216	COUNCIL ON AGING	\$107,803.00
249	BUILDING INSPEC. DEPT.	\$2,858.92
256	ROD AUTOMATION	\$24.77
260	CRIME VICTIMS REIMB.	\$375.30
269	LAW LIBRARY	\$575.35
292	CHILD CARE-PROBATE	\$9,792.72
505	AMBULANCE	\$51.00
569	DHHS BUILDING	\$1,800.95
595	COMMISSAARY FUND	\$8,508.41
	TOTAL FOR ALL FUNDS	\$595,549.11

Commissioner Atkins moved to approve the semi-monthly detail analysis dated April 27, 2016 totaling \$595,549.11; seconded by Fairbanks.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Vayda, Brunn, Sloan, Fairbanks, Atkins, Walls

Nayes: None

Absent and excused: Stenger

Commissioner Atkins moved to approve of the departmental purchase requisitions in excess of \$1,000 dated April 27, 2016; seconded by Fairbanks.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Sloan, Brunn, Atkins, Fairbanks, Walls

Nayes: Vayda

Absent and excused: Stenger

Commissioner Atkins moved to approve Resolution #1345 involving County Parks and Recreation Commission guidelines; seconded by Vayda. Commissioner Fairbanks wanted to know why this issue needed to go before the Finance Committee initially. Commissioner Walls clarified that the reason this new commission needed to go before the Finance Committee was because this commission would now have the authority to spend funds on its own behalf. There was also an amendment to change the number of the Board of Commissioners represented on this commission from 1 to 3 members. Commissioner Sloan stated that when it comes time to search for people to be put on this Commission, that he has already shared with people on the East side of the county, that there may be position openings, and his hope is that there is some type of geographical balance when the board chair makes his selections or appointments to that commission.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Fairbanks, Sloan, Brunn, Vayda, Atkins, Walls

Nayes: None

Absent and excused: Stenger

Commissioner Atkins moved to approve the 5 year lease extension (2016-2020) between the County and West Michigan Community Mental Health, and authorize the board chair to sign any and all necessary documents; seconded by Sloan.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Vayda, Sloan, Brunn, Fairbanks, Atkins, Walls

Nayes: None
Absent and excused: Stenger

Commissioner Atkins moved to approve the 5 letters of Understanding with each of the County's collective bargaining units, 911, Corrections, Corrections Command, Road Deputy and Road Deputy Command, and to authorize the board chairman to sign all necessary documents; seconded by Sloan.

Commissioner Fairbanks questioned if Administrator Lake wanted on item No: 71e "To change the verbiage in each of the collective bargaining units contract, from the County Clerk/Register to the Administrator" to be part of the Motion. Lake stated that he believed it did not have to be.
Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Brunn, Sloan, Vayda, Atkins, Fairbanks, Walls
Nayes: None
Absent and excused: Stenger

Hamlin Lake Watershed Presentation:

Wayne Anderson, president of the Hamlin Lake Preservation Society gave a presentation on the importance of the County to enter into a Participation Agreement for the Hamlin Lake Watershed. The Society is in the process of updating its Hamlin Lake Management Plan. The Hamlin Lake Watershed consists of 178 sq. miles that extends to Sauble Lake one in western Lake County. He says that this Participation Agreement ensures that all entities involved in the Watershed are aware of the Plan being updated and have an opportunity to comment. He wanted to reiterate, that there was no financial obligation to becoming a partner in the management plan.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved to approve the Partnership Agreement for the Hamlin Lake Watershed Plan and authorize the board chair to sign any and all necessary documents; seconded by Sloan.

Commissioner Atkins wanted to know how this Partnership would benefit Lake County. Anderson stated that Lake County has a strong recreational value and that people place a high value on the quality of watersheds and fisheries in the county. There was a Voice Vote and it was approved.

Area Agency on Aging presentation:

Marilyn Burns reported on the Area Agency on Aging of West Michigan. There was a February and a March meeting, and Lake County St. Ann's has passed all of its assessments. They are looking at an increase in the Medicaid waiver, so that seniors can stay in their homes versus going into nursing homes if they qualify.

The AAA has also selected a new Director who is very knowledgeable and has been with the program for 19 years. The Proposal Renew Committee will meet for 2 days in June to discuss programs and the funds that have not yet been allocated. Commissioner Sloan questioned if there has been a need for increased services because of the spike in the number of seniors in Lake County. Ms. Burns affirmed. Sloan hopes to see a report regarding the tracking of the

increase in the senior population since 2010, and would like to know what plans the new director will set in place to deal with what he calls a rapidly expanding senior population and increase need. Commissioner Atkin asked Ms. Burns to expound on the multi-year plan that will be put in place for the agency moving forward. Commissioner Sloan stated that he has had constituents in the Pinora Township asking about the possibility of a senior center in the Chase area, and he also mentioned the Irons area more for a congregation site and not so much for home meals. Commissioner Atkins discussed the number of individuals that attend the annual luncheon, which was around 300 guests, which consisted of every organization that deals with seniors at the meeting.

Big Star Lake Level/Lake County Road Commission presentation:

Tobi Lake started the meeting by saying that there was no presentation prepared for today's meeting, but that Steve Leonard, Manager and Rick Haslock, Road Commissioner, from the Lake County Road Commission, had been in discussions with the previous County Clerk, Shelly Myers, regarding repairs and/or replacements that were needed at Big Star Lake. Tobi discussed how drain commissions are established and when the special assessment was constructed for Lake Township. He also talked about the fact that the device at Star Lake is failing and that there is not enough funds to complete repairs and maintenance; something he learned from officials at the Lake County Road Commission during earlier meetings with the County Clerk, Treasurer, and Equalization Director. Tobi stated that it was inappropriate how the previous equalization director and county clerk justified the handling of the special assessment that was put in place. Tobi also stated that you must do the improvements before levying a special assessment. He says to do a new structure, and figure out an on-going way to pay for it, and not to confuse a lake level with drains. He wants to start a lake level revolving fund. Steve Leonard reminded the board that there were no funds in the account to pay for anything in 2010. Commissioner Sloan questioned what funds are available to date. Steve Leonard indicated that he believes that there is about \$1,000, because the road commission had to replace a piece of the structure from Star Lake Drive that failed. Steve also clarified for Sloan that the lake level currently is about 8 inches higher than where it should be. Sloan also wanted to know the Lake Association's position on the issue, and Steve said that he has been in contact with the President and other members and they are in support of whatever the road commission comes up with. Sloan questioned Tobi whether the assessments would go up, or will they remain the same. Tobi reiterated that the way it was set up was inappropriate, and that the funds left in the line item will be exhausted. Instead of this being a special assessment, Tobi is calling it a millage, basically. Commissioner Fairbanks wanted to know why the Township hasn't initiated this from their level. Tobi stated that this is a county board responsibility.

Commissioner Sloan made a motion to direct the County Administrator to move forward in terms of initial research; seconded by Walls.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Sloan, Atkins, Vayda, Brunn, Fairbanks, Walls

Nayes: None

Absent and excused: Stenger

Steve Leonard also stated that with regard to public transportation, that the Road Commission cannot spend transportation funds on this drain because that would be illegal. He wanted to also make clear that a culvert related to this issue needs to be replaced immediately within 60

days according to the DEQ. He asked the board if funds could be put back into the line item, in order to get the road way opened up, paved and made safe for public transportation.

Commissioner Walls addressed the comments made by Georgia Simpson earlier in the meeting. He stated that he didn't believe Shelly Myers did anything illegal with regard to the transfer of employee's retirement funds to a new account. He stated that he didn't know if the county can do anything about this moving forward, and that the issue has been corrected. He is under the impression that the money was given back but he had no information on that. Georgia wants to see all correspondence relating to this issue. Georgia wants the board to be more aware of what the CFO is doing. Commissioner Vayda agreed with Mrs. Simpson and believes that an investigation is in order and that he will contact the security exchange commission, because as a commissioner, he feels that is part of his responsibility to obtain answers to these types of questions or concerns.

Meeting was adjourned for lunch at 11:52 a.m.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Finance – Commissioner Vayda previously voted yes on 2 of 3 departmental purchase requisitions presented earlier in today's meeting. He questioned on why they were all presented at the same time. Commissioner Sloan answered by saying that Vayda had the right to request those requisitions be presented separately.

Personnel – There is a meeting scheduled for May 12, 2016.

Properties & Safety - There is no meeting scheduled.

MAC/Transportation – There will be autonomous semi's that will leave wherever the docks are and be 4 ft. in tow. They will communicate electronically.

Northern Michigan Counties – There is a need to obtain equalization directors across the state.

Planning Committee – There was a vote to accept the recommendation of the consistency committee to allow Smith Dumpsters to have a transfer station placed in Cherry Valley Township.

Council on Aging – The executive board reviewed the agreement that established the Council on Aging regarding budget amendments.

MSU District 5 Extension Council – There is a meeting tonight.

County Alliance Meeting – Commissioner Walls had a great time at the meeting.

There was additional discussion regarding the GEO prison.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Atkins moved to approve Resolution #1346 To Recognize the National Idlewilders, Inc., As Being an Important Organization to Lake County and Congratulate the National Idlewilders, Inc. on their upcoming 64th Annual Conclave; seconded by Sloan. There was a Voice Vote, and it was approved.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Sloan, Atkins, Vayda, Brunn, Fairbanks, Walls

Nayes: None

Absent and excused: Stenger

There was further discussion on the route resolutions should be added to the Agenda for review and approval.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Fairbanks brought up the motion that was tabled to approve the 2 departmental purchase requisitions in excess of \$1,000 dated April 13, 2016 and was seconded by Commissioner Stenger. Commissioner Sloan moved to approve the motion; seconded by Walls.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Brunn, Vayda, Fairbanks, Sloan, Atkins, Walls

Nayes: None

Absent and excused: Stenger

Administrator's Report – Tobi Lake discussed the Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) has created a new program called "County Matters," which deals with getting information out via their web-site regarding county government. He mentioned that the county auditors are here and there will be some areas regarding policy that will need fixing. Commissioner Walls wanted to reiterate that no one in the past has done anything underhanded or subversive, but that some of the practices and/or policies may not have been done correctly or were misunderstood. Tobi talked about the Star Lake Level issue. He said that he had a less than cordial contact with the Road Commissioner, but said that he spoke with Manger Steve Leonard the Friday following his meeting with the Road Commissioner, and was told that we are headed in the right direction. A very lengthy discussion followed. Lake discussed a grievance that was filed by a county dispatcher. The dispatcher was required by the 911 Director, to share a room with another employee to save money while away at training. He said the grievance may not be appealed.

There was lots of discussion on the County Alliance Luncheon.

PUBLIC COMMENT – There was no public comment.

MISCELLANEOUS - Commissioner's privilege

Commissioner Vayda said that he does not plan to run for Commissioner again. He thanked everyone for helping him immensely as a rookie commissioner.

Commissioner Brunn was happy to be back.

Commissioner Fairbanks brought up the Ariel maps. He believes it will be a good thing for the entire county. He believes this could be one hell of a tool for everyone in the county and wants them available for all citizens.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Williams, Clerk for the Board

Karl Walls, Chairman