

LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
January 13, 2016
10:30 a.m.

Chairman Walls called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

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

Deputy Clerk Keefer called the roll with the following Commissioners present:

John Fairbanks, Dan Sloan, Barb Stenger, Colleen Carrington-Atkins, John Brunn and Karl Walls.

Absent and Excused: Chuck Vayda

Commissioner Sloan moved that the agenda be approved, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, by voice vote carried.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved that the minutes from the December 9, 2015 regular meeting be approved, seconded by Commissioner Stenger, by voice vote carried.

COMMITTEE REPORT

FINANCE

Commissioner Fairbanks moved for the approval of the Semi-Monthly Detail Analysis dated January 13, 2016, for a total of \$468,054.38, seconded by Commissioner Stenger, Roll Call Vote 6 Yes, 1 absent and excused, Commissioner Vayda.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved for the approval of the Departmental Requisitions in excess of \$1,000.00 dated January 13, 2016, seconded by Commissioner Stenger, Roll Call Vote 6 Yes, 1 absent and excused, Commissioner Vayda.

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins moved to approve the Departmental Purchase Requisitions in excess of \$1,000.00 dated January 13, 2016 for the purchase of a snowmobile with a total amount of \$8,810.00 money to come from 211-362-932-005. Discussion followed. Motion seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, Roll Call Vote 6 Yes, 1 absent and excused, Commissioner Vayda.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved to approve Conference and Training Requests from:

1. Dave Sanders to attend the Michigan Interop Conference February 22-25, 2016 in the amount of \$511.00.
2. Lisa Williams to attend New Election Official Accreditation Class January 12-13, 2016 in the amount of \$318.80.
3. Colleen Carrington-Atkins to attend DNR Trust Fund Training.

Discussion followed regarding per diem. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stenger, Roll Call Vote 5 Yes and 1 No Commissioner Sloan, 1 absent and excused, Commissioner Vayda.

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Payment of Bills

Commissioner Fairbanks moved for payment of bills by fund, as follows:

101	GENERAL FUND	\$260,908.65
207	ROAD PATROL	\$11,651.24
210	EMERGENCY 911	\$64,277.14
211	RRP CENTER	\$48,402.18
215	FRIEND OF THE COURT	\$14.15
249	BUILDING INSPECTION DEPT	\$2,413.31
256	REG.OF DEEDS AUTOMATION	\$1,731.44
261	E911 SERVICE-WIRELESS FUND	\$300.73
269	LAW LIBRARY	\$507.05
292	CHILD CARE-PROBATE	\$22,299.72
294	VETERAN'S TRUST	\$1,259.20
295	JABG GRANT	\$4,948.47
505	AMBULANCE	\$28,250.20
569	D.H.H.S BUILDING	\$12,132.32
595	COMMISSARY FUND	\$8,958.58
	TOTAL FOR ALL FUNDS	\$468,054.38

Seconded by Commissioner Stenger, Roll Call vote on the above motion is 5 Yes, 1 No, Commissioner Sloan, and 1 absent and excused, Commissioner Vayda.

Meeting recessed at 11:45 a.m. for lunch
Meeting called to order at 1:20 p.m.

AGENCY REPORTS:

Building Authority:

Carl Merchant resigned and Tobi Lake appointed on 1/13/16. Ernest Ashbaugh sworn in on 1/14/16. Term ends 12/31/18.

District Health Department #10

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins reported a PowerPoint presentation is scheduled to shown in hopes to expand patient base to those that are commercially insurance. She also passed around a handout regarding vaccinations.

Economic Development Committee

Commissioner Sloan reported that a meeting to be scheduled by the end of January.

Five Cap

Commissioner Stenger reported that Five Cap is in need of qualified bus drivers.

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IT Committee

Commissioner Brunn discussed fly over mapping and appointing someone from maintenance to fill Lori DeWolf vacancy.

Lake County Solid Waste Management Planning

Commissioner Brunn reported a request was presented to add a transfer station in Cherry Valley.

Mental Health

Commissioner Stenger reported that this committee meets 1/19/16.

Michigan Works!

Commissioner Sloan reported that the next meeting will be held in February.

Michigan Association of Counties Sub-Committees

Transportation - Commissioner Fairbanks reported the next meeting scheduled for 1/22/16.

MSU District 5 Extension Council

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins reported their last meeting covered 10 key areas:

1. Marketing
2. Homeownership
3. Health and Nutrition for all age groups
4. Community Collaboration to prevent duplication
5. Reserving Energy and recycling
6. Business development
7. Youth education
8. Youth leadership training
9. Water resource management
10. Diversity

ORV Ordinance Committee

Commissioner Fairbanks reported there will be a meeting on 1/29/2016 at 2 p.m. in the Commissioner's Room.

Planning Commission

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins reported that meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission (WMSRDC) and Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

Commissioner Sloan reported there will be a meeting in February, 2016.

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Yates Dial-A-Ride Advisory Board

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins reported that a schedule for 2016 has not been received.

Correspondence:

A letter was received by the Commissioners written by Shelly Myers regarding HRA and insurance matters. This letter was read by Commissioner Fairbanks. Discussion followed.

Lake County Permit Summary Report for 2015 – no response or discussion

Muskegon County Tobacco Ordinance - no response or discussion

Old Business:

Commissioner Sloan moved to rescind Resolution #12/14/11 1263 tabled at the 2016 Organizational Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks. Discussion followed. Roll Call Vote 5 Yes, 1 No, Commissioner Carrington-Atkins, and 1 absent and excused, Commissioner Vayda.

Commissioner Sloan motioned to reconsider the motion that directed the personnel committee to reestablish a four person Personnel Committee, motion seconded by Commissioner Stenger. Discussion followed. Roll Call Vote to reconsider the above motion 6 Yes, 1 absent and excused, Commissioner Vayda.

Original motion from Organizational Meeting held on 1/4/16 made by Commissioner Fairbanks, seconded by Commissioner Stenger to change Finance Committee from a 3 member committee to a 7 member committee, Roll Call Vote 6 No, 1 absent and excused, Commissioner Vayda.

Administrators Report

Administrator Lake gave an in-depth PowerPoint and verbal presentation explaining non-union and retiree health insurance and retirement benefits information. Discussion followed.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT *Limited to 5 minutes each, please!*

Lori DeWolf addressed the Board informing that she received a letter regarding insurance information and was pleased with the cost. She thanked Tobi Lake and Tracey Cochran for their work involved with this matter.

Tony Gagliardo addressed the Board with a short discussion regarding merit based reviews.

Tracey Cochran addressed the Board to commend Administrator Lake for his role and support while learning the information pertaining to the employee and retiree health insurance and retirement benefits plans.

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Commissioner's Personal Privilege:

Commissioner Sloan addressed Commissioner Carrington Atkins with the following direct statement: "Commissioner Atkins, when you start out early in a meeting and you personally attack a commissioner, with hard-nosed and blank politics, and later in that meeting, you made those statements regarding me today when we were in the committee things, and later in that meeting when I questioned the logic and motivation and I do it in strong words, and you call that derogatory, you reap what you sow, my dear."

Commissioner Stenger thanked Administrator Lake for reinforcing the fairness of what the commissioners are trying to do and expressed that she hopes that confidence and trust is regained and looks forward to a positive year ahead.

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins responded to Commissioner Sloan's by expressing confusion regarding his statements. She went on to explain she had no intention of being derogatory towards Commissioner Sloan.

She also informed the Board that on January 17, 2016 at 2:30 p.m. at the Baldwin High School Gymnasium, the 2016 Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Program will be held.

Commissioner Fairbanks expressed concern to Administrator Lake over covenants regarding the trailer on the property, specifically noting electric heaters running and snow melting off the roof.

Adjourn/Recess at the Call of the Chairman

Being no further business, meeting was recessed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Williams, Clerk to the Board

Karl Walls, Chairman