

LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
January 2, 2013

Chairman Walls called the meeting to order at 10:55 a.m.

Chairman Myers gave the prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Present: Colleen Carrington-Atkins, John Fairbanks, Robert Myers, Barb Stenger and Karl Walls

Absent and excused: Sandy Clarke.

Absent: Commissioner Representative from District 3 Dan Sloan.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved that the agenda be approved as presented, seconded by Commissioner Myers and by voice vote carried.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved that the minutes from the December 12, 2012 regular meeting be approved as presented seconded by Commissioner Myers, and by voice vote, carried.

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

Kay Cummings, MSU Extension Director reported Linda Van Dolsen is a citizen's member on the MSU District 5 Extension Council and would like to request that Ms. Van Dolsen be approved and appointed to this board.

Kay reported Seth Hopkins has begun his half time schedule working 20 hours per week.

Ernie Wogatzke introduced himself as the Zoning Administrator of Webber Township and gave an update on the Lake County Youth Park and hopes by the end of this year it will be completed and they are working on the Blight Grant to clean up M-37 and US10.

Dan Sloan arrived at 11:00 a.m.

PERSONS SCHEDULED TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSIONERS

11:00 a.m. Gus Motzer, Equalization Director, was present regarding the Equalization Study Base for 2013 Equalization Report.

Gus explained in summary that the values have dropped and is concerned about the value in acreage dropping.

Discussion along with questions and answers followed.

Commissioner Myers moved to approve the Equalization Study Base for 2013 Equalization Report as presented, seconded by Commissioner Carrington-Atkins, and by voice vote, carried.

Commissioner District #3 representative Dan Sloan was present and Clerk/Register/CFO Myers swore him in as Commissioner, District 3.

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Chairman Walls explained to Commissioner Sloan all what has transpired this morning.

Approval of all Financial Items

Commissioner Myers moved for approval for the conference and training request from Emergency Management for Michael Applewhite to attend the P.E.M. Exam in Lansing 1/16/13 – 1/17/13 for the cost of lodging of approximately \$112.00 and the cost of meals of \$42.00 for a total cost of \$154.00, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, roll call vote 6 yes and 1 absent and excused, Commissioner Clarke.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved for approval for the conference and training request from the Sheriff's Department for 8 Road Officers to attend the Advanced Investigation for Elder Abuse for Law Enforcement, 1/16/13 in St. Marshall for the cost of meals only \$336.00, seconded by Commissioner Myers, roll call vote 6 yes and 1 absent and excused, Commissioner Clarke.

Commissioner Stenger moved for approval for the conference and training request from the Sheriff's Department for 9 Road Officers to attend Law Enforcement Response to Non-Stranger Sexual Assault 1/9/13 and 1/10/13 in Scottville for the cost of meals only \$360.00, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, roll call vote 6 yes and 1 absent and excused Commissioner Clarke.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved for approval and authorization of signature for the District Health Department #10 Lease Agreement from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013, seconded by Commissioner Stenger, roll call vote 6 yes and 1 absent and excused Commissioner Clarke.

Clerk/Register/CFO Myers requested a count of persons who plan to attend the 2013 Annual MAC Conference and all are attending with the exception of Commissioner Fairbanks.

Discussion followed.

Clerk/Register/CFO Myers stated the mileage and per diem should be researched, but that mileage and per diem should be paid for only the Commissioner Representative on the MSU District 5 Extension Council and the Youth Park Committee does not receive per diem or mileage.

Commissioner Myers moved for approval Commissioner Fairbanks to receive per diem and mileage for the MSU Extension Council District meetings if this was done in error he is to receive retro pay and if he was paid in error, he is not to pay back the County, seconded by Commissioner Stenger, roll call vote 6 yes and 1 absent and excused Commissioner Clarke.

List of bills were reviewed.

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins moved for approval of the payment of bills by fund as follows:

General Fund	\$	88,567.68
Road Patrol	\$	20,704.90
E911	\$	917.00
RRP Center	\$	72,880.67
Friend of the Court	\$	893.74

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Building Inspection Department	\$	3,699.31
Register of Deeds	\$	33.52
Child Care-Probate	\$	1,638.00
Veteran's Trust	\$	276.90
JAIBG Grant 2012-2013	\$	300.00
Ambulance	\$	1,303.00
D.H.S. Building	\$	12,759.80
Commissary	\$	5,932.94

GRAND TOTAL \$ 209,907.46

Seconded by Commissioner Myers.

Commissioner Stenger asked about credit card payments and who all has a credit card and Clerk/Register/CFO Myers stated there is only one credit card, which is maintained by her office.

Commissioner Fairbanks asked why purchases can't be done with Michigan made products, such as the water coolers purchased from Wal-Mart, and Meijer's has Michigan made products.

Chief Deputy Dagen was present and stated he looks for the best price and also will purchase in Lake County if available.

Roll call vote 6 yes and 1 absent and excused Commissioner Clarke.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Planning Commission was discussed to appoint members as there is a meeting January 15, 2013.

Chairman Walls appointed Commissioner Carrington-Atkins as the Commissioner member, Jay Grams with a three year term ending 12/31/15 and reappointed Gwen Warren with a three year term ending 12/31/15.

Discussion followed regarding the liaison member and it doesn't have to be a Commissioner.

Chairman Walls appointed Ernest Wogatzke to the vacancy term ending 12/31/13.

Commissioner Stenger left the room at 11:54 a.m.

Review of applicants/resume's for planning commission followed.

Commissioner Stenger returned at 11:56 a.m.

Chairman Walls appointed Ken Shoemaker as the Liaison member.

CORRESPONDENCE – *see attachment "A"*

Item #1 Letter from Yates Township opening their roads for ORV Ordinance.

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Discussion followed regarding Sweetwater Township and hasn't opened their roads.

Item #5 Michigan Stormwater Floodplain Association and it was asked if anyone was attending.

CFO REPORT

CFO Myers was present and reported on the following:

1. Budget Amendments #9666, #9667, #9668 and these are for 2012.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved for approval for Budget Amendments #9666, #9667 and #9668 as follows:

BA #9666

Debit	101-236.00-934.000	Credit	101-901.00-980.003	\$600.00
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Description: to cover the cost for a new scanner in the Register of Deeds office.

BA #9667

Debit	101-130.00-709.000			\$200.00
Debit	101-130.00-805.000			\$300.00
Debit	101-130.00-901.000			\$150.00
Debit	101-130.00-955.000			\$100.00
Debit	101-133.00-707.000			\$280.00
Debit	101-133.00-727.000			\$170.00
		Credit	101-130.00-708.004	\$1,200.00

Description: to cover non-contractual attorney fees for 2012 for Trial Court.

BA #9668

Debit	101-245.00-707.000			\$22.00
Debit	101-000.00-682.005			\$38.00
Debit	101-000.00-568.000			\$417.00
		Credit	101-245.00-802.000	\$393.00
		Credit	101-245.00-802.006	\$84.00

Description: to amend Remonumentation Grant to actual transcripts line item.

Seconded by Commissioner Myers, roll call vote 6 yes and 1 absent and excused Commissioner Clarke.

2. Requesting approval for her office to do blanket budget amendments for 2012 and these amendments are only to cover the budget to actual and to balance the books and would like this done prior to the auditors being here in April.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved for approval of blanket budget amendments for 2012 only for the purpose to adjust line item deficits where needed, seconded by Commissioner Stenger, roll call vote 6 yes and 1 absent and excused, Commissioner Clarke.

COMMISSIONERS PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

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Commissioner Sloan left the room at 12:08 p.m.

Commissioner Fairbanks reported on an issue with a constituent being prosecuted due to Blight issues and feels it's unfair.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Sloan returned at 12:11 p.m.

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins wished all a Happy New Year and is looking forward to working with all.

Commissioner Myers welcomed Commissioner Stenger and Commissioner Sloan aboard and appreciated the support he has received over the years.

Commissioner Stenger congratulated Chairman Walls on his election to Chair and thanked Commissioner Myers for all his support he has given over the years.

Commissioner Sloan is looking forward to be working with everyone and with Clerk/Register/CFO Myers.

Chairman Walls thanked all for electing him as chair, welcomed both Commissioner Stenger and Commissioner Sloan and thanked Commissioner Myers for his support in the past years.

Clerk/Register/CFO Myers explained the "Call the Doctor Plan" everyone received in their mailbox.

Discussion followed.

There being no further business, the meeting was recessed at 12:15 p.m.

Lori R. DeWolf, Deputy Clerk

Karl Walls, Chairman of the Board

NUMBERED CORRESPONDENCE

- #1 Letter From Michigan Committee For ESGR**
- #2 Letter From Yates Township Supervisor Regarding Opening Roads To ORV’S**
- #3 Letter From NMSAS Regarding House Bill 4862**
- #4 MAC Legislative Update- December 17, 2012**
- #5 Michigan Stormwater Floodplain Association**
- #6 Letter From Seth Hopkins, Lake County 4-H Program Coordinator**
- #7 WMSRDC- December 18, 2012**
- #8 Letter From MMRMA**
- #9 Michigan State University Extension**