

LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Regular Board Meeting  
October 12, 2016

Chairman Walls called the meeting to order at 10:37 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: Barb Stenger, John Fairbanks, John Brunn, Dan Sloan, Colleen Carrington-Atkins and Karl Walls.

Absent and excused: Chuck Vayda

Commissioner Fairbanks moved that the agenda dated October 12, 2016 be approved; seconded by Commissioner Sloan. There was a Voice Vote and it was approved.

Commissioner Brunn moved that the minutes from September 28, 2016 be approved; seconded by Commissioner Sloan. There was a Voice Vote, and it was approved.

Commissioner Stenger announced that she wanted to be on the record as saying she wanted more information regarding what constitutes being "excused" from the meetings. Chairman Walls explained that there is currently no policy in place regarding what constitutes excused.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**FINANCE**

71a: Commissioner Fairbanks moved to approve the semi-monthly detail analysis dated October 12, 2016 totaling \$149,459.00; seconded by Commissioner Atkins.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Vayda

Motion carried

71b: Commissioner Atkins moved to approve of the departmental purchase requisition in excess of \$1,000 dated October 12, 2016; seconded by Commissioner Atkins.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Vayda

Motion carried

71c: Commissioner Fairbanks moved to approve of the Title IV-D agreement for fiscal years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021 and authorize the Board Chair to sign any and all documents; seconded by Chairman Walls.

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Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Vayda

Motion carried

71d: Commissioner Fairbanks moved to approve the Maximus Agreement to develop the cost allocation plan based on fiscal years 2016 and 2017 and authorize the Board Chair to sign any and all documents; seconded by Commissioner Atkins.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Vayda

Motion carried

71e: Commissioner Fairbanks moved to approve of the amended Resolution #1354 – Lake County Board of Commissioners Salary and Per Diem amounts for 2017; seconded by Commissioner Sloan.

Commissioner Atkins stated that she feels if the absence is illness related the commissioner should still be compensated for the meeting. Commissioner Stenger stated that she agreed with Commissioner Atkins statements. Discussion followed.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Stenger, Fairbanks, Sloan, Walls

Nays: Atkins, Brunn

Absent: Vayda

Motion carried

71f: Commissioner Fairbanks moved to approve Resolution #1355 – Lake County IT Coordinator/Central Dispatch Assistant Director Position reorganization; seconded by Chairman Walls.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Fairbanks, Sloan, Brunn, Stenger, Atkins

Nays: None

Absent: Vayda

Motion carried

71g: Commissioner Fairbanks moved to approve the filling of the Payroll and Benefits Coordinator Position under the County's hiring freeze policy, to approve of the job description as presented, and authorize the County Administrator to hire and fill the position with an hourly wage scale, over two years, of up to the top step for Supervisory employees (\$21.36), based on performance; seconded by Commissioner Stenger. Discussion followed.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Vayda

Motion carried

71h: Commissioner Fairbanks moved to approve of the filling of the full time position in the Friend of the Court's Office, under the County Hiring Freeze Policy; seconded by Commissioner Stenger.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Vayda

71i: Commissioner Fairbanks moved to approve of the filling of the full time position of a 911 Dispatcher, under the County Hiring Freeze Policy; seconded by Commissioner Stenger.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Vayda

71j: Commissioner Fairbanks motioned to approve of the Crime Victims' Rights agreement for fiscal year 2017 and authorize the County Prosecutor to sign any and all documents; seconded by Commissioner Stenger.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Vayda

71k: Commissioner Fairbanks moved to approve of the resolution for an employee to purchase additional service credit at their cost with MERS and authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign any and all documents; seconded by Commissioner Stenger.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Vayda

71l: Commissioner Fairbanks moved to approve of the fiscal year 2017 EMPG Agreement and authorize the County Administrator to sign any and all documents; seconded by Commissioner Brunn.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Vayda

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**COMMISSIONER'S PRIVILEGE:**

Dan Sloan complimented Sheriff Robinson on his actions and the Citizens Advisory Board.

Colleen Atkins stated she appreciated Tim Smith's comments.

Karl Walls commended Sheriff Robinson on being more active in the public and working towards creating stronger relations between the citizens and law enforcement.

**CORRESPONDENCE**      None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Chairman Walls announced that two (2) awards will be given to deputies at the Pinora Township Hall on October 27<sup>th</sup>.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Agenda Item No. 10a tabled from the 9/28/16 meeting:

Commissioner Fairbanks moved to approve of the accounts payable to Pine Rest in the amount of \$19,689.58; seconded by Commissioner Sloan.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Vayda

Agenda Item No. 10b tabled from the 9/28/16 meeting:

Commissioner Atkins moved to approve the DHHS Title IV-D agreement and authorize the Board Chair to sign any and all documents; seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks.

Roll call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Vayda

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Tim Smith – commented on replacing Tracey's position and his concern about the amount of the pay at a starting wage. He's concerned about the employees that are already here are being shorted by this action. He questions the fairness of this.

Christine Balulis - announced that she is sitting on the Citizens Advisory Board for the Sheriff's Dept. This group would like to try to form more of an alliance between the citizens and the sheriff's department.

Lori DeWolf – stated that she wished good luck to the commissioners running for office and that the ones not returning, that they will be missed.

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**MISCELLANEOUS** – Commissioner’s Personal Privilege

Montcalm County is facing a very serious budget deficit and is looking for someone to come in and assist them.

Administrator Lake discussed a child care issue that the courts found in the county’s favor.

Bruce Austin’s bill that he presented to the Board for sheltering horses from a past board meeting was discussed. Administrator Lake cannot find any validity to it.

Elk Township wrote a letter of thanks regarding a generator that was obtained through a grant through DHHS.

*Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 A.M.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

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*Bobbi Keefer, Clerk to the Board*

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*Karl Walls, Chairman of the Board*