

LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, November 9, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.  
Dover Township Hall

Chairman Walls called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

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

Deputy Clerk Keefer called the Roll with the following Commissioners present: Barb Stenger, Colleen Atkins, John Brunn, Dan Sloan, and Karl Walls

Absent and excused: John Fairbanks, Chuck Vayda

Commissioner Sloan moved that the agenda dated November 9, 2016 be approved; seconded by Commissioner Brunn. There was a Voice Vote and it was approved.

Commissioner Stenger moved that the minutes from October 26, 2016 be approved; seconded by Commissioner Brunn. There was a Voice Vote, and it was approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT –**

Steve Leonard from the Lake County Road Commission announced that there will be an update meeting at the Road Commission on November 17, 2016 at 2 p.m. regarding the Star Lake Drain Project. There will be transportation from the Road Commission to the Star Lake site for comments and discussion.

**FINANCE**

71a: Commissioner Atkins moved to approve the semi-monthly detail analysis dated November 9, 2016 totaling \$169,657.24; seconded by Commissioner Stenger.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Sloan, Stenger, Brunn, Atkins, Walls

Nays: None

Absent: Fairbanks, Vayda

Motion carried

71b: Commissioner Atkins moved to approve the (2) Departmental Requisitions in excess of \$1,000 dated November 9, 2016; seconded by Commissioner Stenger.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Atkins, Stenger, Brunn, Sloan, Walls

Nays: None

Absent: Fairbanks, Vayda

Motion carried

71c: Commissioner Sloan moved to table and to postpone Motion 71C until the next board meeting; seconded by Commissioner Stenger. Discussion followed, Lake County Equalization Director was not in attendance to present the 2016 Apportionment Report to the Board.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Atkins, Brunn, Sloan, Stenger, Walls

Nays: None

Absent: Fairbanks, Vayda

Motion carried

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71d: Commissioner Atkins moved to approve of the FY 2016-2017 Off-Road Vehicle Law Enforcement Grant in the amount of \$40,899.00 and authorize the Sheriff to sign any and all documents; seconded by Commissioner Sloan.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Stenger, Sloan, Brunn, Atkins, Walls

Nays: None

Absent: Fairbanks, Vayda

Motion carried

71e. Commissioner Atkins moved to approve 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 Sloan.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Brunn, Stenger, Sloan, Atkins, Walls

Nays: None

Absent: Fairbanks, Vayda

Motion carried

**71c:** Commissioner Sloan moved to reconsider Motion 71c – Lake County Equalization Director, Al Enciso arrived to present the 2016 Lake County Apportionment Report; seconded by Chairman Walls. Voice Vote approved.

Lake County Equalization Director, Al Enciso, presented the 2016 Lake County Apportionment Report to the Board of Commissioners. He briefly explained each section of the report and discussion followed.

Commissioner Sloan moved to accept the 2016 Lake County Apportionment Report as presented; seconded by Commissioner Stenger.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Brunn, Atkins, Stenger, Sloan, Walls

Nays: None

Absent: Fairbanks, Vayda

Motion carried

71f: Commissioner Atkins moved to approve the hiring of the new part time employee in the Treasurer's office at a step 2, based on experience; seconded by Commissioner Stenger.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Brunn, Sloan, Stenger Atkins, Walls

Nays: None

Absent: Fairbanks, Vayda

Motion carried

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71g: Commissioner Atkins moved to approve of the filling of a full time 911 Dispatcher, under the County's hiring freeze policy; seconded by Commissioner Stenger.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Atkins, Stenger, Sloan, Brunn, Walls

Nays: None

Absent: Fairbanks, Vayda

Motion carried

71h: Commissioner Atkins moved to approve of filling a full time Sheriff Deputy position at the Lake County Sheriff Department, under the County Hiring Freeze Policy; seconded by Commissioner Stenger.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Stenger, Atkins, Sloan, Brunn, Walls

Nays: None

Absent: Fairbanks, Vayda

Motion carried

71j: Commissioner Atkins moved to approve of registration and mileage costs for the MSUE New Commissioner Workshop in Big Rapids on Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>; seconded by Chairman Walls.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Atkins, Stenger, Brunn, Sloan, Walls

Nays: None

Absent: Fairbanks, Vayda

Motion carried

71k: Commissioner Sloan moved to table Motion 71k to the next Personnel Committee for review; seconded by Chairman Walls. Discussion followed regarding the date to hold the Organizational Meeting on January 4, 2017. Voice vote approved.

71l: Commissioner Atkins moved to recommend to the Board of Commissioners to approve compensating the County's crime scene investigators at the rate of \$25.00 per hour to attend an upcoming training in northern Michigan, contingent upon any employees of the county taking leave time from their job; seconded by Commissioner Stenger. Commissioner Sloan expressed concern regarding this matter due to "excessive overspending in this area in the county budget...." Administrator Lake explained this training and the costs involved. Extensive discussion followed.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Stenger, Brunn, Atkins, Walls

Nays: Sloan

Absent: Fairbanks, Vayda

Motion carried

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Personnel Committee –**

Commissioner Sloan reported that the next meeting will be held on November 17, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Stenger reported that she and Administrator Lake attended LEAD Economic Grant meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS** – None

**OLD BUSINESS** – None

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT –**

Administrator Lake discussed Star Lake Levels Project costs, assessments, and progress.

He also reported that he discussed the issue of incorrect meter readings with Lyn Todd and Dave Dagen.

Budget schedules were discussed. Tentative dates for presenting budget projections 11/28/16 – 11/30/16.

**PUBLIC COMMENT –**

Edye McCarty stated to the board, as both a citizen and employee of Lake County, now that we have an IT person in place, the county website needs to be significantly updated and kept up to date with current information. She also questioned the board regarding the current standing on the county's fund equity. Discussion followed.

**COMMISSIONER'S PRIVILEGE:**

Commissioner Sloan briefly responded to the concerns brought up in Public Comment.

Commissioner Stenger complimented Administrator Lake on his efforts to reducing the county deficit and budget issues. She also commented on the IT position and website concerns.

Chairman Walls also briefly addressed the concerns brought up in Public Comment.

*Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

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*Bobbi Keefer, Clerk to the Board*

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*Karl Walls, Chairman of the Board*