

**LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**December 9, 2015**  
**11:00 a.m.**

Chairman Walls called the meeting to order at 11:15 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 November 25, 2015 regular meeting be approved, seconded by Commissioner Stenger, by voice vote carried. Correction requested by Commissioner Sloan to correct his amendment and to identify NO voters by name.

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

No comments

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

**FINANCE**

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins moved for the approval of the Semi-Monthly Detail Analysis dated December 9, 2015, for a total of \$117,482.78, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, Roll Call Vote 5 Yes, 1 No Commissioner Sloan, and 1 absent and excused, Commissioner Vayda.

Commissioner Stenger moved for the approval of the Public Defender Agreement with Christine Clancy Frisbie starting January 1, 2016 and authorize the Board Chair to sign any and all necessary documents, seconded by Commissioner Sloan, Roll Call Vote 6 Yes, 1 absent and excused, Commissioner Vayda.

Commissioner Stenger moved to approve the Public Defender Agreement with Mark Schropp starting January 1, 2016 and authorize the Board Chair to sign any and all necessary documents, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, Roll Call Vote 6 Yes, 1 absent and excused, Commissioner Vayda.

Commissioner Stenger moved to recommend the approval of the Public Defender Agreement with Greer and Dykman starting January 1, 2016 and authorize the Board Chair to sign any and all necessary documents, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, Roll Call Vote 6 Yes and 1 absent and excused, Commissioner Vayda.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved to approve the three(3) year agreement with Abilita and to authorize the County Administrator to sign any and all necessary documents, seconded by Commissioner Carrington-Atkins, discussion followed, Roll Call Vote 6 Yes, 1 absent and excused, Commissioner Vayda.

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Discussion was held to approve the Board Chairs appointment of Don Arquette, Don Turnwall, and Sharyn McGreehan to the Building Authority terms ending December 31, 2015. Commissioner Sloan recommended to appoint Tony Hodges to replace Don Arquette, contingent on full, unconditional waiver signed that he has no interest or conflict based on construction and contractor experience, discussion followed. Tabled until next meeting.

Commissioner Sloan moved to approve the Resolution #1341 approving the 2016 County Hiring Freeze, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, Roll Call Vote 6 Yes, 1 absent and excused, Commissioner Vayda.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved to authorize County Administrator to contract for additional auditing services and training at a cost not to exceed \$2,100.00, seconded by Commissioner Carrington-Atkins, Roll Call Vote 6 Yes, 1 absent and excused, Commissioner Vayda.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved to approve the FY 2016 Annual Work Plan with MSU Extension and authorize the Chairman to sign and any and necessary documents, seconded by Barb Stenger, Roll Call Vote 5 Yes, 1 No, Chairman Walls, 1 absent and excused, Commissioner Vayda.

Meeting was recessed at 11:55 a.m. for lunch  
Meeting reconvened at 1:25 p.m.

**Payment of Bills**

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

General Fund	\$44,143.56
Road Patrol	18,043.15
E911	681.30
RRP Center	12540.05
Friend of the Court	320.35
Building Inspection Department	2,479.01
Register of Deeds-Automation	937.59
Crime Victims Reimbursement	84.76
E911 Service Fund-Wireless	878.00
Law Library	558.50
Child Care-Probate	3,126.03
JABG Grant	1,397.66
Ambulance	27,323.00
Commissary Fund	4,969.82
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$117,482.78</u></b>

Seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, roll call vote on the above motion is 5 Yes, 1 No, Commissioner Sloan, and one absent and excused, Commissioner Vayda.

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**Old Business:**

**AGENCY REPORTS:**

**Lake County Parks Committee**

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins recommended a meeting for the first of the year.

**Ambulance Ad Hoc Committee**

Meeting was cancelled on Monday due to meeting regarding changes in insurance.

**Economic Development Committee**

Commissioner Sloan anticipates a meeting in February for informational purposes and a brief overview of where things stand.

**Five-Cap**

Commissioner Stenger reported there will be a meeting the following week.

**Solid Waste**

Clerk Myers gave a report – short 1 township to meet the 67% requirement.

**West Michigan Community Mental Health**

Commissioner Stenger explained the MC3 Grant Project made available through the University of Michigan. The program is designed to provide certified child and adolescent psychiatric consultation to primary care physicians. Persons eligible to receive these services from their physicians are ages 0 – 26 and pre post-natal women. Lake County has six physicians from Baldwin Family Health Care enrolled in the project.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**2:00 p.m.**

2:00 p.m. Commissioner Sloan moved to open the Public Hearing on Budget Amendments for 2016, seconded by Commissioner Carrington-Atkins.

**PERSONS SCHEDULED TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSIONERS**

**Lori DeWolf**, was present to discuss questions regarding the 2016 Budget.

Ms. DeWolf questioned, “Why is the budget not on the website?” Short discussion followed. Chairman Walls responded by stating that the requirements by law are being met by having the budget available to the public in the Clerk’s office on a public computer and hard copy for review.

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Ms. DeWolf had questions regarding 2016 non-union, hourly employees' cost of living raises, and the 3.57% Administrator raise increase. Short discussion followed. Chairman Walls responded by stating that just because it's stated in the budget doesn't mean they get it.

**Larry Collier**, was present and expressed his concern over the budget deficit.

Mr. Collier stated that he didn't agree with anyone getting a raise if there was a budget deficit. He questioned why the budget was not on the website and expressed concern of the budget being only in Microsoft Excel format in the Clerk's office as he felt not everyone understands this program. Chairman Walls repeated his responses that were given above to Ms. DeWolf regarding these issues.

**Julie Hoffman**, was present to question retirees versus union employees paying different insurance premiums for insurance. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved to approve the Resolution #1340 approving the 2016 Annual Budget Appropriation, seconded by Commissioner Stenger, discussion followed. Commissioner Sloan made an Amendment to above motion, to strike Item #5, Page 3 of Resolution #1340, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, discussion followed, Roll Call Vote on amendment 5 No, 1 Yes, Commissioner Sloan, and 1 absent and excused, Commissioner Vayda.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved again to approve the Resolution #1340 approving the 2016 Annual Budget Appropriation seconded by Commissioner Stenger, Roll Call Vote 5 Yes, 1 No Commissioner Sloan, 1 absent and excused Commissioner Vayda.

**Administrators Report**

Administrator Lake explained the costs from the damaged 2013 Dodge Durango and that he approved the difference from the dollar amount insurance paid and the cost to repair, replace, and equip the vehicle in order to get it back on the road.

Administrator Lake passed out a handout to further explain the specifics of the new insurance plan costs and coverages.

**Adjourn/Recess at the Call of the Chairman**

Being no further business, meeting was recessed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Shelly Myers, Clerk to the Board

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Karl Walls, Chairman