

LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

Chairman Walls called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins gave the prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

Absent and excused: Chuck Vayda

Commissioner Stenger moved that the agenda dated December 14, 2016 be approved; seconded by Commissioner Carrington-Atkins. There was a Voice Vote and it was approved.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved that the minutes from November 23, 2016 be approved; seconded by Commissioner Stenger. There was a Voice Vote, and it was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Kellie Allen from the Lake County Treasurer’s Office – “Smiley Christmas Tree” in the hall for the purpose of donations for Christmas for the Grand Oaks Nursing Home. Gifts or monetary donations accepted and will deliver gifts Monday December 19th at 5 pm.

Dan Collier expressed concerns about the budget being posted on the internet/website in Microsoft Excel format and that not all can understand this format. He stated he would like to see it offered in another format that is easier to understand.

Mike Crouch – MSU Extension – read letters from citizens and Baldwin Community Schools supporting MSU Extension and the services they provide.

Public Hearing on Proposed FY 2017 Annual Budget -

Public Hearing on the Proposed FY 2017 Annual Budget called to order by Chairman Walls at 10:25 a.m.

Administrator Lake explained where the budget is located for review for the public. He also reviewed and explained each line item on the proposed budget. Discussion followed. Particular attention was paid to the MSU Extension.

Commissioner Sloan stated that for the first time, he will be approving the budget.

Commissioner Atkins thanked Tobi for his hard work in such a short amount of time.

Tim Smith asked about the costs for Parks and Recreation.

Shanna Avery spoke in favor for MSU Extension.

Commissioner Sloan moved to close the budget meeting at 11:16 a.m.; seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks. Voice vote approved.

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FINANCE -

7IIa: Commissioner Fairbanks moved to approve the semi-monthly detail analysis dated December 14, 2016 totaling \$246,837.39; seconded by Commissioner Stenger.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Vayda

Motion carried

7IIb: Commissioner Fairbanks moved to approved of the (3) Departmental Purchase Requisition in excess of \$1,000 dated December 14, 2016; seconded by Commissioner Stenger.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Vayda

Motion carried

7IIc: Commissioner Fairbanks moved to approve of the Public Defender Agreement with Christine Clancy Frisbie starting January 1, 2017 and authorize the Board Chair to sign any and all necessary documents; seconded by Commissioner Carrington-Atkins.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Atkins, Fairbanks, Stenger, Brunn, Walls

Nays: Sloan

Absent: Vayda

Motion carried

Commissioner Sloan asked what the annual increase for this agreement. Administrator Lake stated it was 2%. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Sloan moved to have the annual increase changed from 2% to 1%; seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Brunn, Sloan

Nays: Stenger, Atkins, Fairbanks, Walls

Absent: Vayda

Motion failed

7IIId: Commissioner Fairbanks moved to approve of the Public Defender Agreement with Mark Schropp starting January 1, 2017 and authorize the Board Chair to sign any and all necessary documents; seconded by Commissioner Carrington-Atkins.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Brunn, Fairbanks, Stenger, Atkins, Walls

Nays: Sloan

Absent: Vayda

Motion carried

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7Ile. Commissioner Fairbanks moved to approve of the Public Defender Agreement with Greer and Dykman starting January 1, 2017 and authorize the Board Chair to sign any and all necessary documents; seconded by Commissioner Carrington-Atkins.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Brunn, Atkins, Stenger, Fairbanks, Walls

Nays: Sloan

Absent: Vayda

Motion carried

7IIf. Commissioner Fairbanks moved to approve of the FY 2017 Annual Work Plan with MSU Extension with the elimination of items B2, B3 and B5 as well as the amendments of items B7 and C to reflect an annual payment of \$37,285.00 for the base assessment, and authorize the Board Chair to sign any and all necessary documents; seconded by Commissioner Stenger.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Vayda

Motion carried

7IIg. Commissioner Fairbanks moved to approve the letter of agreement between Lake County Central Dispatch and Peninsula Fiber and authorize the Board Chair to sign any and all necessary documents; seconded by Commissioner Stenger.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Vayda

Motion carried

7IIh. Commissioner Fairbanks moved to approve Resolution #1356 Lake County General Appropriations Act Resolution for the FY 2017 Operating Budget; seconded by Commissioner Stenger.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Vayda

Motion carried

7IIi. Commissioner Fairbanks moved to approve Resolution #1357 Lake County Non-Union job description update and renewal; seconded by Commissioner Sloan.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Vayda

Motion carried

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7Ilj. Commissioner Fairbanks moved to approve Resolution #1358 Financial Commitment to the Lake County Economic Development Alliance; seconded by Chairman Walls.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Brunn, Sloan, Stenger, Atkins, Walls

Nays: Fairbanks

Absent: Vayda

Motion carried

7Ilk. Commissioner Fairbanks moved to approve Resolution #1359 amending the 911 plan, making Peninsula Fiber our primary 911 provider; seconded by Commissioner Stenger.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Vayda

Motion carried

7III. Commissioner Fairbanks moved to approve of the fiscal year 2017 Snowmobile Enforcement Program Grant Agreement and authorize the Board Chair to sign any and all necessary documents; seconded by Commissioner Stenger.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Vayda

Motion carried

7IIIm. Commissioner Fairbanks moved to approve the filling of a full time position in the Prosecutor's Office under the hiring freeze; seconded by Commissioner Stenger.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Vayda

Motion carried

7IIIn. Commissioner Fairbanks moved to approve the cancelling of the December 28, 2016 Finance and Full Board Meeting; seconded by Chairman Walls. There was a Voice Vote and it was approved.

7IIIo. Commissioner Fairbanks moved to authorize the County Administrator to approve and pay the year end accounts payables; seconded by Commissioner Carrington-Atkins.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Vayda

Motion carried

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7Iip. Commissioner Fairbanks moved to approve authorizing the sale to retiring County law enforcement officers of their service weapon and (for display purposes only) their badge for \$2.00 and authorize the County Administrator to take any steps necessary to carry out this policy; seconded by Commissioner Sloan.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Vayda

Motion carried

7Iiq. Commissioner Fairbanks moved to approve of the Board Chairs appointments of the following individuals to the committees and terms as noted; seconded by Commissioner Stenger.

Planning Commission:

1. Vacant 12/31/18
2. Ernest Wogatzke 12/31/19
3. Tom Ellis 12/31/19

Building Authority:

1. Phillip Maiville 12/31/21

Library Board:

1. Barb Stenger 12/31/21

Construction Board of Appeals:

1. Gary Johnson 08/01/19
2. Dennis Burrick 08/01/19

DHHS Board:

1. Gwen Warren 10/31/19

There was a Voice Vote and it was approved.

A representative from Peninsula Fiber gave a presentation to the Board about their services and how it would work with Lake County 911. Discussion followed. Questions asked and answered.

Recess 11:55

Resumed at 12:08

CORRESPONDENCE -

- A. Donations from Dunrovin to Lake County Animal Control
- B. MiCHAP – Michigan Children’s Health Access Program
- C. Michigan Counties Ranked by Unemployment Rate – October, 2016
- D. Lake County Permit Summary Report – November, 2016
- E. Gift of Life
- F. MERS Updates

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COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

NEW BUSINESS – None

OLD BUSINESS - None

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT –

Administrator Lake discussed changes in MERS retirement funding. He also discussed changes in administrative office and budget completion/amendments.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Betty Dermeyer – She thanked the commissioners that are leaving and asked for continued support from them. She asked if she could have Mike Dermeyer’s badge and gun. The Board agreed to give her the items she requested.

Christine Balulis – She announced that on December 29th Sheriff’s Retirement/Christmas Party Citizen’s Advisory Board will be held at 6pm in Commissioner’s Room.

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:

Dan Sloan – stated that he thinks over his 4 years as commissioner there has been significant improvements made. He stated the one regret he had was that the ambulance service issue to the Irons/Luther area and the time it takes to get an ambulance up to those areas. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Colleen Carrington-Atkins: She stated what she enjoyed most about being a commissioner was the relationships that were formed within the courthouse and the citizens. She thanked the other commissioners.

Barb Stenger: She stated it’s been an honor and a privilege to serve on the board and offered her help anytime to the new commissioners. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

John Brunn: He stated that he will miss the commissioners that are leaving and complimented their efforts and what they brought to the board.

John Fairbanks: He gave advice to the new commissioners taking office, “to listen to your department heads and listen to your administrator.” He further stated it’s been “a fun ride.”

Karl Walls: He stated that he appreciated the support from the board and is pleased with the progress that’s been made.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobbi Keefer, Clerk to the Board

Karl Walls, Chairman of the Board