

LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
February 13, 2013
10:30 a.m.

Chairman Walls called the meeting to order at 11:07 a.m.

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

Deputy Clerk Lori DeWolf called the roll with the following Commissioners present:

Dan Sloan, Barb Stenger, Colleen Carrington-Atkins, Sandy Clarke, John Fairbanks, Robert Myers and Karl Walls.

There were no Commissioners absent.

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 January 23, 2013 regular meeting be approved as presented seconded by Commissioner Myers and by voice vote carried.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved that the minutes from the February 5, 2013 Committee of the Whole special meeting be approved as presented seconded by Commissioner Sloan and by voice vote carried.

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

Paul Bigford was present and distributed a list of the most recent Hazardous Waste Collection at the Lake County site. He also reported the Mason/Lake Conservation District banquet is 2/28/13 at the Reform Church on US 10, begins at 5:00 p.m. and the cost is \$12.00 per person. Paul does have tickets if anyone is interested.

Paul reported there is a Pere Marquette Zoning Variance Board meeting February 25th at 4:30 p.m. at the Pleasant Plains Township Hall. He also reported on the Baldwin Promise and the Museum project has raised \$370,000 of the \$993,000 needed.

Kay Cummings, MSUe Director was present and reported on Seth Hopkins' hours and how he is trying to manage a baseball team differently with the help of volunteers and he is working on the Capital Experience program with the students, which is in March.

Kay reported Ron Steiner has retired and they are hiring two educators, one in financial and housing finances and the other in disease management, obesity, diabetes and life styles to eating.

Chairman Walls stated Dave Sanders was present and discussed him moving to the 911 Director's position April 1, 2013 and asked Dave if he had any issues with 911.

Dave thanked the board and discussion followed regarding 911.

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Discussion followed regarding concerns with the future of 911 and Commissioner Fairbanks stating before any future projects and spending he would like to see a five year plan/budget and asked Mr. Sanders if he could produce one.

Dave stated he will get with Clerk/Register/CFO Myers and make this a priority and continued with the importance of having Next Gen equipment to update what 911 has now.

A lengthy discussion followed.

Chairman Walls stated a Personnel meeting will be scheduled to discuss the duties of the 911 Director.

PERSONS SCHEDULED TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSIONERS

There was no one scheduled.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Commissioner Clarke moved for approval for the purchase requisition from Capital Outlay/Clerk to AVI Systems for one recorder system and 4 microphones for the Commissioners Room for a total cost of \$4,188.00 with a budget amendment forthcoming for this in the amount of \$1,900.00, seconded by Commissioner Sloan.

Discussion followed regarding that this is the best option for the Commissioners Room, especially with some meetings it is mandatory to record the meetings and the Commissioners can decide what meetings will be recorded, etc.

Roll call vote, 7 yes.

Commissioner Clarke moved for approval for the purchase requisition from Lake County Sheriff's Department/Jail to Michigan Taser Distributing for 60 Training Taser Cartridges, for a total cost of \$1,257.00, seconded by Commissioner Myers, roll call vote 7 yes.

Commissioner Clarke moved for approval for the purchase requisition from Lake County Sheriff's Department/Road Patrol to Snethkamp Dodge for 1 2013 Dodge Charger and 2 2013 Dodge Durango SSV for a total cost of \$80,192.75, seconded by Commissioner Myers, roll call vote 7 yes.

Commissioner Clarke moved for approval for the conference and training request for Dennis Robinson to attend the Winter Meeting/Training Day, February 10, 2013 with no cost to the County, seconded by Commissioner Myers, roll call vote 7 yes.

Commissioner Clarke moved for approval for the conference and training request for Chairman Walls and Clerk/Register/CFO Myers to attend the MMRMA, Risk Workshop in Lansing March 6, 2013 – March 8,

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2013 for the cost of meals, \$88.00 and mileage \$150.00 for a total cost of \$238.00, seconded by Commissioner Carrington-Atkins, roll call vote 7 yes.

Commissioner Clarke moved for approval for the conference and training request for Dennis Robinson to attend the New Undersheriff & Jail Administrator Leadership Institute in Lansing, MI March 25, 2013 – March 29, 2013 for no cost to the County, seconded by Commissioner Myers, roll call vote 7 yes.

Commissioner Clarke moved for approval for the conference and training request for Tracey Cochran, Compensation and Human Resources Coordinator to attend the Health Care Reform Roundtable in Cadillac March 22, 2013 for the cost of mileage in the amount of \$46.92, seconded by Commissioner Carrington-Atkins, roll call vote 7 yes.

Commissioner Clarke moved for approval for the conference and training request for Chad Hurrle to attend the DFL Honor Guard Training in Alpena MI May 20, 2013 – May 24, 2013 for the cost of registration only in the amount of \$495.00 which covers registration, hotel and meals, seconded by Commissioner Stenger, roll call vote 7 yes.

Commissioner Clarke moved for approval for the Accounts Payable Vouchers from the Medical Examiner's Office for deaths that had occurred in Lake County for a total amount of \$14,953.18, seconded by Commissioner Myers, roll call vote 7 yes.

Commissioner Clarke moved for approval that upon Dave Fowler's last day, March 31, 2013 to move Dave Sanders into the 911 Director's position beginning April 1, 2013 and at this point there will not be a Deputy 911 Director as requested by the Personnel Committee, seconded by Commissioner Stenger, roll call vote 6 yes and 1 NO, Commissioner Fairbanks.

Commissioner Clarke moved for approval to publish the Equalization Director's position in the State Tax Commission/Assessor's Magazine as requested by the Personnel Committee, seconded by Commissioner Myers, roll call vote 7 yes.

Commissioner Clarke moved for approval to post a part-time Lake County employee for the MSUe position with NO benefits as requested by the Personnel Committee, seconded by Commissioner Myers.

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins stated different options were discussed in the Personnel Meeting.

Chairman Walls stated there would be some savings going from family down to single.

Commissioner Clarke reviewed what was discussed and what would save the county with this position during the Personnel Meeting.

A lengthy discussion followed regarding pros and cons with this position.

Roll call 3 yes and 4 NO, Commissioners Carrington-Atkins, Fairbanks, Sloan and Stenger, motion fails.

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Commissioner Clarke moved for approval and authorization for signature on the Emergency Management Coordinators Information Sheet acknowledging the change of Director of Emergency Management to Michael Applewhite, seconded by Commissioner Myers, roll call vote 7 yes.

Commissioner Clarke moved for approval for the Sheriff’s Department to follow through with the purchase of a new K-9 Dog with funds coming from the sale of a Toyota Pick-up and MMRMA, seconded by Commissioner Sloan, roll call vote 7 yes.

Commissioner Clarke moved for approval to accept the Sheriff’s plan for the reorganization in the Sheriff’s Department not filling the Chief Deputy Road position and to create an additional Detective/Sgt. Position, seconded by Commissioner Sloan, roll call vote 7 yes.

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:52 a.m.

The Board reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

Chairman Walls stated that due to the fact the motion failed to post for an employee for the MSUe position, we should schedule a personnel meeting.

Discussion followed regarding those Commissioners who did not have enough information.

It was stated the next Personnel meeting will be Monday March 25th at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioner Fairbanks stated he will be unavailable for the Safety/Properties meeting on March 5th and requested it be changed to March 4th at 10:00, which all agreed.

A lengthy discussion followed regarding Commissioners sitting in on meetings when they are not on the committee, and sitting in the audience.

Commissioner Myers stated the board must rely and trust those Commissioners that are on a Committee and report back to the board on their decisions from a Committee meeting.

A lengthy discussion followed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS cont.

FINANCE cont.

Commissioner Myers moved for approval of the payment of bills by fund as follows:

General Fund	\$	97,097.27
Road Patrol	\$	10,679.00
E911	\$	7,427.81
RRP Center	\$	32,165.20
Friend of the Court	\$	1,000.00
Council on Aging	\$	8,193.17

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Building Inspection Department	\$	13,887.01
Reg. of Deeds Automation Fund	\$	856.00
E911 Service Fund	\$	6,200.00
Law Library	\$	301.91
Criminal Justice Training	\$	1,500.00
Child Care-Probate	\$	34,119.90
Veterans Trust	\$	3,660.63
JAIBG Grant 2011-2012	\$	2,994.45
Ambulance	\$	26,065.64
D.H.S. Building	\$	53.99
Commissary Fund	\$	7,771.57

GRAND TOTAL \$ 253,973.55

seconded by Commissioner Clarke.

There were questions and answers regarding some invoices.

Roll call vote 7 yes.

PERSONNEL

Clerk/Register/CFO Myers stated that due to the motion failing on posting for an employee at MSUe at this time, could a temporary person be placed in the office until such time someone is hired for this position.

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins moved for approval to hire a temporary person for their office until such time as a person is hired, seconded by Commissioner Clarke, roll call vote 7 yes.

PROPERTY'S/SAFETY

Commissioner Fairbanks stated their next meeting is Monday March 4, 2013 instead of Tuesday March 5, 2013.

AGENCY REPORTS

BUILDING AUTHORITY

Commissioner Myers reported that they reviewed the EMS Building and where they are to date and should be done and ready by the end of February along with discussing the new road officers building and where to go from here.

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins left the room at 1:44 p.m.

DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT #10

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Commissioner Clarke reported she attended the meeting along with Commissioner Stenger as an alternate, but the Committee List has listed an alternate would be as needed and is asking Chairman Walls to appoint Commissioner Stenger as the alternate officially.

Chairman Walls appointed Commissioner Stenger as the alternate on the District Health Department #10 Board.

Commissioner Clarke reported she is on the Personnel Committee and Commissioner Carrington-Atkins is on the Finance Committee through District Health.

Commissioner Clarke reported on what the sub-committees do.

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins returned at 1:50 p.m.

Chairman Walls stated Commissioner Sloan has shown an interest with the Economic Development Committee (EDC) along with Commissioner Carrington-Atkins and since EDC has been on hold, and they would like to revise it.

Commissioner Sloan stated with Lake County's high unemployment, etc. he would like to have this started back up and asked Chairman Walls to have 3 Commissioners begin by meeting with suggestions, etc.

Discussion followed.

Chairman Walls stated this would be a standing committee with per diem and mileage paid to the Commissioner Representatives only.

Clerk/Register/CFO Myers stated she has no objections, but for the members to please work with the Planning Commission and WMSRDC and have those Commissioners on those Committees on the EDC Committee.

Chairman Walls reinstated the EDC Committee and appointed Commissioner Carrington-Atkins, Commissioner Sloan and Commissioner Stenger to this committee.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved for approval that the Commissioners on the Economic Development Committee receive per diems and mileage, seconded by Commissioner Clarke, roll call vote 7 yes.

FIVECAP

Commissioner Stenger reported she will be meeting with Mary Trucks this afternoon.

HOUSING

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Commissioner Clarke reported on the projects they are working on and issues they are having. She asked if anyone had questions on the Abstract she created to send to NACO by February 21, 2013.

MENTAL HEALTH

Chairman Walls reviewed what Mason County's lease/rent receives that we obtained after the Committee of the Whole meeting.

Discussion followed regarding the board establishing an amount to charge for rent now, then reviewing the selling price at a later date along with lowering the rent amount and WCMCMH continue maintaining this building.

Clerk/Register/CFO Myers stated, whatever they pay in rent will go towards the purchase price and if after a year they don't want to purchase the building, we can re-negotiate the rent cost.

Commissioner Myers moved for approval in charging West Michigan Community Mental Health \$1,500.00 per month rent, with the option to purchase and the rent will count towards the purchase price and they continue to maintain the building, seconded by Commissioner Clarke, roll call vote 6 yes and 1 NO, Commissioner Fairbanks.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved for approval to offer West Michigan Community Mental Health to purchase this building at a cost of \$175,000.00 as is. Motion fails due to lack of support.

MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES – SUB COMMITTEES

- **ENVIRONMENTAL AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS**

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins reported they had a presentation from DEQ regarding Fracking, which is hydraulic fracturing, a process that maximizes the output of natural gas and oil wells to make them productive.

MICHIGAN NORTHERN COUNTIES

Commissioner Myers reported there were presentations regarding MAC Legislative Congress, Telecommunications and what can be done and what has been done in the past from Paul Anchor, Affordable Care Reform from Brian Cote, Cadillac Insurance.

MICHIGAN WORKS!

Commissioner Myers reported there was a showcase presentation from a youth participant and she explained how she got into MIWorks, the help she has received and the future she could have. Prisoner Re-Entry Programs was discussed, with 427 participants being served.

Business Activity where in Ludington, Straits Steel & Wire, 21 were laid off, in Evart Liberty Dairy, 100 people were laid off, in Fremont, Fremont Community Digest grand opening was well attended and many

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job postings were posted to the digest and in Big Rapids, Haworth will be hiring about 70 assembly workers.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES

Commissioner Myers reported he will be meeting with two board members here, next week. He also stated they have a tremendous budget as 7% goes to Administration and the balance goes for services.

ORV

Commissioner Fairbanks reported that Yates and Sweetwater Townships have opened their roads and the board directed all townships to get changes to the Road Commission and they are looking into opening the roads year round.

Commissioner Sloan stated he will be taking over the maps and all will be done and ready by April 1st.

PERE MARQUETTE ZONING VARIANCE BOARD

Commissioner Sloan reported on the list of members received by Brian Bury and the rules.

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins stated Paul Bigford mentioned that she should be on the board since she is from Yates Township.

Commissioner Sloan requested Chairman Walls discuss this with Mr. Bigford and if there is an issue, he can step down.

Commissioner Sloan left the room at 2:43 p.m.

Commissioner Sloan returned at 2:45 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE – *see attachment “A”*

There were none to be discussed.

Commissioner Fairbanks questioned the letter from United Way regarding 2-1-1 and the allocations from different agencies.

Commissioner Sloan stated both his townships had negative comments regarding 2-1-1.

Discussion followed regarding 2-1-1 and that it is in a deficit and Clerk/Register/CFO Myers stated Lake County's 2013 allocation has been paid this year.

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins stated 911 is the only emergency number we have and not many residents have heard of 2-1-1 as they have other numbers and options to call first,

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Discussion followed regarding making the townships aware and Lake County is committed with 2-1-1 for the 2013 year.

APPOINTMENTS

Clerk/Register/CFO Myers reported she has resigned from the Lake County Land Bank Authority and feels a Commissioner should sit on this board and explained why she can't continue.

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins stated she would be interested as Yates Township puts property in a Land Bank.

Chairman Walls appointed Commissioner Carrington-Atkins to the Lake County Land Bank Authority.

Commissioner Clarke stated there are two positions open on the Housing Committee and she knows of two people that are interested, Ora Anderson, a Trustee in Chase Township and Bill Atkinson, a Road Commissioner.

Discussion followed.

Chairman Walls appointed Ora Anderson and Bill Atkinson to the Housing Committee.

Commissioner Stenger reported on the email she received from Jared Schulman regarding Fiber Optic and getting it into Baldwin and Luther.

Discussion followed.

Clerk/Register/CFO Myers stated she would be willing to write a letter of support regarding the Fiber Optics in Lake County.

Commissioner Stenger stated Mr. Schulman is willing to appear at a Commissioners meeting along with township meetings.

At 3:15 p.m. Commissioner Stenger was excused for the rest of the meeting.

The board took a short break at 3:15 p.m.

The board reconvened at 3:20 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS cont.

It was stated there is an opening on the Planning Commission board and Commissioner Carrington-Atkins recommended Mr. Shoemaker replace Mr. Gram and Ms. Pacola then replace Mr. Shoemaker as the Liaison.

Clerk/Register/CFO Myers explained what the Liaison person does.

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Chairman Walls appointed Mr. Shoemaker to replace Mr. Grams and also Ms. Pacola to be the Liaison person.

CFO REPORT

CFO Myers was present to report on the following:

1. Budget Amendment #9893.

Commissioner Sloan moved for approval for Budget Amendment #9893 as follows:

BA #9893		
Debit 101-890.00-955.000	Credit 101-901.00-983.002	\$1,900.00
Description: to cover the additional funding needed for the recording system for the Commissioners room.		

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

Discussion followed regarding the recent ruling from the supreme court of appeals.

Clerk/Register/CFO Myers stated the County lost the initial case when it went through Trial Court. This was followed by three court of appeals; all three of which were won by the county. The Michigan Supreme Court of Appeals reversed the three lower appeals court. This was the final appeal that was lost by the County.

Clerk/Register/CFO explained how all this came about.

Discussion followed.

OLD BUSINESS

There was none at this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Clarke reported that even though Lake County is said to be the worst County with child well-being, a student from Baldwin High School received a full scholarship to Notre Dame. Lake County Community Foundation has grants available and applications need to be submitted by March 18th by noon and they can be dropped off at the Baldwin Lumber Company.

RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

There were none at this meeting.

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

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There was no one present who wished to speak.

COMMISSIONERS PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins reported there was a meeting/workshop held by the Business Development of Lake County February 11th and they are planning another one at the Luther Area Library, and when she has the date and time, she will pass that along to all.

Commissioner Fairbanks stated the Economic Development Committee may want to look into a program he has seen on T.V. which a community brings in four-wheelers and the revenue it brings in. Lake County would be a great place since we have the most trails in the North East part of the United States. The only issue we would have would be accommodations.

Discussion followed.

Chairman Walls asked if the meeting has to start with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance and if this has to be done. He asked the board if anyone has an issue regarding this to please let him know.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Lori R. DeWolf, Deputy Clerk

Karl Walls, Chairman of the Board

NUMBERED CORRESPONDENCE

- #1 MAC Legislative Update- January 25, 2013**
- #2 Lake County Permit Summary For January 2013**
- #3 MAC Legislative Update- February 1, 2013**
- #4 WMSRDC- January 30, 2013**
- #5 West Central Michigan County Alliance Meeting Minutes- October 29, 2012**
- #6 MAC Legislative Update- February 8, 2013**
- #7 Integrity Benefits Letter-Full Correspondence In Clerks Office**