

LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
February 24, 2016
10:30 a.m.

Chairman Walls called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

Commissioner Stenger gave the prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Deputy Clerk Keefer called the roll with the following Commissioners present:

John Fairbanks, Barb Stenger, Chuck Vayda, John Brunn, Dan Sloan, Colleen Carrington-Atkins, and Karl Walls.

Commissioner Sloan moved that the agenda be approved; seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, Voice Vote, approved.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved that the minutes from the February 10, 2016 regular meeting be approved, seconded by Commissioner Vayda, Voice Vote, approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS No public comments.

COMMITTEE REPORT

FINANCE

Commissioner Sloan announced that he is resigning from all committee assignments, excluding the Personnel Committee. A list of the committees he will be stepping down from was handed out to the board. Discussion followed regarding appointing replacements to these vacancies.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved for the approval of the Semi-Monthly Detail Analysis dated February 24, 2016, for a total of \$142,836.80, seconded by Commissioner Sloan, Roll Call Vote 7 Yes, unanimous.

Payment of Bills

Commissioner Fairbanks moved for payment of bills by fund, as follows:

101	GENERAL FUND	\$40,824.23
207	ROAD PATROL	\$6,716.40
210	EMERGENCY 911	\$3,854.17
211	RRP CENTER	\$57,431.42
215	FRIEND OF THE COURT	\$0.76
216	COUNCIL ON AGING	\$15,537.60
249	BUILDING INSPECTION DEPT	\$2,056.79
256	REG. OF DEEDS AUTOMATION	\$500.00
269	LAW LIBRARY	\$483.40
292	CHILD CARE-PROBATE	\$10,252.44
295	JABG GRANT	\$42.50
569	D.H.H.S	\$1,788.90
595	COMMISSARY FUND	\$3,348.19
	TOTAL FOR ALL FUNDS	\$142,836.80

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Commissioner Fairbanks moved to approve two Departmental Purchase Requisitions in excess of \$1,000.00 dated February 24, 2016, seconded by Commissioner Sloan, Roll Call Vote, 7 Yes, unanimous.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved to approve the Chairman of the Board to sign Trial Courts Grant application to Lake County Community Foundation in the amount of \$4,840.06, seconded by Commissioner Stenger, Roll Call Vote 7 Yes, unanimous.

Motion made by Commissioner Fairbanks to approve the 2016 State Survey and Remonumentation Grant Agreement in the amount of \$29,862.00 and authorize the Clerk/ROD to sign agreement and all necessary documents, seconded by Commissioner Carrington-Atkins. Discussion followed.

Motion recommended by Commissioner Sloan to amend above Motion 7d to change the signature to County Administrator from the Clerk/ROD, seconded by Commissioner Carrington-Atkins. Roll Call Vote 4 Yes, 3 No, Commissioner Carrington-Atkins, Commissioner Vayda, and Commissioner Brunn. Discussion followed.

Motion made by Commissioner Sloan to approve the 2016 State Survey and Remonumentation Grant Agreement in the amount of \$29,862.00 and authorize the County Administrator to sign agreement and all necessary documents, seconded by Commissioner Carrington-Atkins. Roll Call Vote, 7 Yes, unanimous.

Patrick Johnson, County Surveyor, presented his report to the Board regarding the status of the Remon program. He stated he has filled out the information for the 2016 program and briefly explained the process of this procedure. He further reported that they are at 74% plan completion and it will be necessary to renew the county plan. He informed the Board that the state is slow in getting the plan procedure together and explained grant amount categories. Discussion was held regarding maintenance after project is completed and a series of questions from the Board followed.

Commissioner Sloan praised Patrick Johnson's abilities and on the job he is doing as County Surveyor. He thanked him for his work.

Discussion was held regarding the Ambulance Ad-Hock Committee. Commissioner Sloan is resigning from this committee and it was discussed whether to dissolved the committee or not. Commissioner Sloan strongly supports a new ambulance. Chairman Walls asked the committee to come up with a plan for the committee by the next meeting.

Commissioner Fairbanks reported that the architect's numbers are "way off" regarding the Road Patrol Project. He stated he has requested numbers from the architect on just how much the discrepancy is, however, he has not received this information as of today.

Recessed for lunch at 11:50 a.m.

Returned at 1:15 p.m.

Commissioner Vayda did not return for afternoon session.

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AGENCY REPORTS:

Economic Development Committee – Commissioner Sloan is resigning and feels this Committee can be dissolved. The Lake County Economic Development Alliance has taken on this committee's obligations, etc. Commissioner Stenger recommended Tobi Lake be added to this Alliance. Commissioner Brunn and Atkins expressed interest as well.

Commissioner Sloan will present Tobi Lake with the resolution to rescind the Economic Development Committee, the ORV Promotional Grant Committee, and the Ambulance Ad Hoc Committee for the next Board meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner Sloan, to appoint Administrator Lake to the Lake County Economic Development Alliance, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, Voice vote approved.

IT Committee – Discussion was held on updates and developments from last meeting and lengthy discussion on mapping and the availability to the public.

Michigan Works – Commissioner Sloan is resigning and this seat will need to be filled. This committee meets quarterly. He reported that at the last meeting, Peacock Industries and Tube Lite teamed up to do hands on work related training which equaled to approximately \$28,000 worth of training.

Motion made DS and seconded by JF to appoint Chairman Walls to the Michigan Works Committee. Voice vote approved.

ORV Promotional Grant Committee - Fox Sports Network will feature a show on Lake County ORV Trails on Sunday. Commissioner Sloan will forward a resolution to dissolve this committee for the next Board meeting agenda.

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins handed out Legislation to Amend the Michigan Local Historic Districts Act. The State is trying to make decisions regarding our county's historic districts.

Motion made by Commissioner Carrington-Atkins to adopt this resolution in opposition to House Bill 5232 Senate Bill 0720 **Resolution In Opposition To House Bill 5232 And Senate Bill 0720, Legislation To Amend The Michigan Local Historic Districts Act**, seconded by Commissioner Sloan, Roll Call Vote 6 Yes, 1 absent and excused, Commissioner Vayda.

Administrators Report:

Discussion was held regarding appointments of Commissioner Sloan's resigned Committee seats.

Motion made by Commissioner Carrington-Atkins to appoint Commissioner Stenger to the West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, Voice vote approved.

Administrator Lake presented an update on the servers for 911. He would like to see IT make a plan with 911.

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Administrator Lake explained a conversation held with 911 Director Dave Sanders about the 911 maps. He would like to have him come in at a future date and discuss this subject before any decisions are made.

Administrator Lake reported that he had met with MERS for a 457 Plan – a retirement option for employees to put their own money into. There's no 59 ½ year age limit like in a 401k. MERS will come in two weeks and give a presentation about this topic.

Canteen Agreement: A suggestion of providing one cold meal and two hot meals instead of three hot meals in order to cut costs. Administrator Lake was questioned about the \$75,000 we have incurred in legal fees in the lawsuit involving Canteen. He informed the Board that he is in negotiations with them to recoup that amount.

Retiree's health insurance/HRA issue: Administrator Lake reported to the Board that he discovered that the language between the union and non-union employees plans were the same. However, they were not paid the same in benefits. Also, it was discovered that the former CFO created this way of doing things (and is now claiming she didn't understand it that way) – and it was reported by a number of credible sources that it was done because of dislike of Mike Riley at the time.

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

No public comments.

Commissioner's Personal Privilege:

Commissioner Stenger thanked Administrator Lake and the Board for the decisions and progress being made.

Commissioner Brunn stated he has surgery scheduled to have tumors removed and hopes to be more engaged as his health improves.

Commissioner Sloan expressed his support of Administrator Lake and stated he can be more vocal now that he no longer has a political agenda.

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins shared news that her niece, Christina Elmore, was appointed by the Governor to 61st District Court Judge in Grand Rapids.

Chairman Walls expressed the importance of replacing the IT employee vacancy with a highly qualified individual, one to fulfill the county's needs in both present and future needs.

Adjourn/Recess at the Call of the Chairman

Being no further business, meeting was recessed at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Williams, Clerk to the Board

Karl Walls, Chairman