

LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
February 26, 2014
6:00 P.M. – Chase Township Hall

Chairman Walls opened the meeting with explanations to all in attendance as to the reason that this meeting is being held at the Chase Township Hall, and thanked the Chase Township residents and Board for deciding to schedule meetings, one per quarter, throughout the county, one in each of the 4 quadrant areas.

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

County Clerk/Register/CFO Shelly Myers called the roll with the following Commissioners present:

Dan Sloan, Barbara Stenger, Colleen Carrington-Atkins, John Fairbanks, Robert Myers and Karl Walls. Sandy Clarke asked to be excused for the first few minutes of the meeting, as she would be late.

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 February 12, 2014 regular meeting be approved as presented, with Corrections as follows: The Election Date as stated on Page 7, under the CFO report be stated as August 5, 2014, not the 3rd, seconded by Commissioner Carrington-Atkins and by voice vote carried. Also Larry Collier was present to request that his entire comments be reflected in the minutes, and again he voiced his concerns that his Commissioner Representative is not attending his township meetings.

Commissioner Clarke arrived at 6:08 p.m.

Chairman Walls stated that he would review Mr. Collier's request with the County Clerk.

PUBLIC COMMENT: *(limited to 2 minutes each) (these statements will NOT be verbatim, as this meeting was not recorded)*

Pinora Township Supervisor Vickie Dennett was present to discuss the upcoming library millage, and to report to the Board that Pinora Township has recently dissolved the contract that they held with Reed City Public Library and will be utilizing Chase Township Library.

Ms. Dennett also stated that she, too, would like to see more people attend their township meetings, especially their Commissioner Representative.

Mr. Chuck Vayda was present to thank everyone for pursuing the evening meetings and noted that the turnout is 5 times more than those in attendance at the day meetings (18 persons in attendance).

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Mr. Larry Collier was present to discuss the possibility of the Housing Rental Ordinance that was preliminarily discussed at the last meeting, and stated that he thought that instead of passing an Ordinance, it could be covered under the Michigan Housing Act 167 of 1917. Mr. Collier also stated that his comments are for the record and wonders how this will affect Section 8 housing in Lake County.

Mr. Ed Lazar, a retired telephone employee, was present and stated that he has worked in several surrounding counties, and feels Lake County was the best to work in. He also stated that in his employment, and now currently, he is noticing more and more abandoned farms and farmland throughout.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE:

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins moved to approve the conference and training request for Judge Wickens to attend the Annual Judicial Conference in Grand Rapids from March 24 through March 27 for the cost of meals \$86.00, travel \$99.00 and parking fees \$96.00 for a total cost of \$281.00, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, roll call vote 7 yes.

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins moved to approve the conference and training request for Sheriff Hilts and Undersheriff Robinson to attend the MSA 2014 Summer Training Conference at Mission Point Resort from June 8 through June 10 for the cost of registration \$550.00, hotel cost \$516.00, meals \$84.00 and ferry cost \$36.00 for a total cost of \$1,186.00, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, roll call vote 7 yes.

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins moved to approve the conference and training request for Commissioner Carrington to attend the MAC Legislative Annual Conference in Lansing for one day of the conference, from March 24 through March 25 for registration cost \$130.00, hotel cost \$119 plus taxes, meals \$22.00, mileage \$160.00 and parking \$10.00 for a total cost \$441.00, seconded by Commissioner Clarke, roll call vote 7 yes.

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins moved to approve the conference and training request for Sheriff Hilts, Undersheriff Robinson and SSgt. Michael Neumann to attend the 2014 Administration Workshop in Houghton Lake on March 20 for a total cost for meals \$30.00 which is 100% reimbursed through the ORV Grant and a Budget Amendment forthcoming March 12th for this, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, roll call vote 7 yes.

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins moved to approve the conference and training request for Clerk/Register/CFO Myers and Gail King to attend the Workshop for Train the Trainer for Elections in Roscommon on March 5 for total cost of meals \$40.00, mileage \$55.00 for a total cost of \$95.00, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, roll call vote 7 yes.

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Commissioner Carrington-Atkins moved to approve the conference and training request for Undersheriff Robinson to attend the Vulnerable Adults and Victim Advocacy held in Traverse City from April 25 through April 26 for the hotel cost \$235.00, total meals \$22.00 for a total cost \$257.00, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, roll call vote 7 yes.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved to approve the purchase requisition from Juvenile Court to Tiger Direct for 3 computers in the amount of \$3,002.01, which includes shipping and handling, seconded by Commissioner Carrington-Atkins, roll call vote 7 yes.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved to approve the purchase requisition from Emergency Management to T&W Electronics for Law Enforcement for headsets, replacement lines for headsets and clips for headsets in the amount of \$8927.72 which is 100% reimbursable from Region 6 Grant Funds and a Budget Amendment forthcoming March 12, 2014, seconded by Commissioner Clarke, roll call vote 7 yes.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved to approve and authorize signature on the Cooperative Law Enforcement Annual Operating Plan and Financial Plan between the Lake County Sheriff's Department and the USDA, Forest Service for the year 2014 in the amount from the USDA to Lake County \$4,000.00, seconded by Commissioner Clarke, roll call vote 7 yes.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved to approve the payment to United Way in the amount of \$2,000.00 for support of Lake County's 2-1-1 Information and Referral Program for 2014, seconded by Commissioner Clarke, Discussion followed, regarding the need and the use and the cost per call of this service, roll call vote 6 yes, and 1 NO Commissioner Sloan.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved to approve the purchase requisition from accounting to IT Right in the amount of \$1,000.00 to do offsite backups for two main servers, seconded by Commissioner Clarke, discussion followed that there are 3 servers, and one server is completely hosting the Register of Deeds information, therefore, ROD Automation Fund will pick up that cost, per Clerk/Register/CFO Myers, roll call vote 7 yes.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved to approve and authorize signature for the Fiscal Year 2012 Emergency Management Performance Grant and for the County to receive an additional supplement in the amount of \$3,637.77, seconded by Commissioner Clarke, roll call vote 7 yes.

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

General Fund	\$124,379.72
Road Patrol	4,434.74
E911	12,129.57
RRP Center	15,182.07
Friend of the Court	155.84
Building Inspection Department	1,987.94
E911 Wireless Fund	818.00
Child Care-Probate	12,867.66

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JABG Grant 2013-2014	186.28
D.H.S. Building	5,819.29
Commissary Fund	<u>2,913.49</u>
GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$180,874.60</u>

Seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, roll call vote 7 yes.

Commissioner Myers wished to take this time to explain to the attendees the procedure that is followed. The Finance committee meeting held this morning, and all of the bills presented were reviewed and discussed prior to this meeting, which saves time for everyone.

PERSONNEL: March 10, 2014 meeting scheduled

PROPERTY/SAFETY: March 4, 2014 meeting schedule

AGENCY REPORTS:

Area Agency on Aging: Commissioner Carrington-Atkins reported on their Monday meeting wherein the fiscal year 2015 budget was discussed, and the increases they will realize and some of their programs that were completed or that may be up coming.

District Health Department #10: Meeting scheduled for Friday

Economic Development Committee: March 4, 2014 at 2 p.m. meeting scheduled

Chairman Walls explained that this Committee consists of 3 Commissioners and they are meeting to organize and asked Commissioner Sloan to give an update.

Commissioner Sloan reported that they are currently working on the guidelines for their By-Laws, and the Organization of this Committee.

It was reported that the Frey Foundation is paying for Rick Chapla from The Right Place to assist Lake County with this project.

FiveCAP: February 27, 2014 meeting scheduled.

IT: Commissioner Stenger asked Dave Sanders, IT Committee member to bring the Board up to date on the issues that were discussed at the recent meeting.

Mr. Sanders reported on the following projects:

- Aerial Photo imagery Projected for 2015, Spring flyover
- Back-up of All 3 servers Action item today, backup could be done as soon as this weekend.

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- Servers going down, re-booting issues. This should be cleared as of the week of the 17th, when IT Right and John Kovalcik worked to get all updates completed, and issues resolved.

Chairman Walls asked for support from the Board to move forward with the Aerial Photo imagery project as presented to the IT Committee and at the last Township Officers Meeting.

Commissioner Stenger moved to have the County pursue and move forward with the Aerial Photo imagery Project, and to possibly have all information and funding mechanisms in place for the 2015 Fiscal Year Budget, seconded by Commissioner Myers, roll call vote, 7 yes.

Discussions followed on the upcoming scheduled MapInfo Training for those individuals, such as the Township Officials and the Assessors that wish to attend. Mr. James Anderlohr, 911 Assistant Director, was present and reported that 2 sessions have been scheduled in May, one in the afternoon and one in the evening.

- Hazard Mitigation – Damage Assessment for Emergency Management and issues they require
- Tablets for Commissioners

Commissioner Stenger thanked David Sanders for this report, and stated that numerous items were reviewed at that morning meeting.

Lake County Family & Youth Programs: Thursday meeting scheduled

Community Mental Health: Commissioner Stenger apologized that she missed the last meeting, but will be meeting with Director Ms. Hotovy for an Orientation on Monday.

MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES – Sub Committees:

Economic and Taxation: Commissioner Myers reported on how this committee works and what items they discussed, as reported at the last Board meeting: Revenue Sharing, Extra Funding for our Road Commissions, P.P.T and issues on this subject were discussed.

Commissioner Myers went on to discuss some of the items that will be on the agenda for future meetings.

Environmental and Regulatory Affairs: Commissioner Carrington-Atkins reported on her recent meeting, and issues they are looking into. One item that was discussed as representatives were present from both DTE and Consumers Energy was Deregulation and the consequences that this could cause to the low income and seniors in our area. The next meeting will have representatives present that are in favor of Deregulation.

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins stated that the uncapping of the DNR land limits was discussed and it was noted that Counties should not get involved in this process.

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Health and Human Services: Commissioner Clarke reported that the topic of discussion was on homelessness and the possibility for additional funding coming to Lake County to help in this area.

Transportation: Commissioner Fairbanks reported that that last meeting was done via “Go to Meeting”, but the connection was lost just a few minutes into the session.

Michigan Northern Counties: Next meeting...3rd Monday in April

Michigan Works!: April Meeting

Michigan Northern Counties: Next Meeting – Monday, March, 3, 2014

Planning Commission: Commissioner Carrington-Atkins reported that they are wrapping up the Lake County Recreation Plan and that they are working to get photos of County activities. Ken Shoemaker, committee member was present to report some parts of the plan, such as the inventory, were very time consuming, and other parts were relatively easy, but overall, it is coming together nicely. Mr. Coffee is continuing to be of great assistance to them.

West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission: Commissioner Sloan reported that the WMSRDC Board Chair called for an emergency Special Meeting today and then went into Closed Session. Upon returning from the closed session, there was a motion adopted to place the Executive Director on administrative leave with pay while a separation agreement can be formulated. It was approved to have Ms. Erin Kuhn step up to Interim Director.

Commissioner Sloan reported on the 2014 CEDS plan that has been adopted.

Chairman Wall reported that the Yates Dial-A-Ride Advisory Board does not have a Commissioner Rep at this time.

Chairman Walls appointed Commissioner Sandy Clarke to this position.

CORRESPONDENCE: *See Exhibit “A”* No current correspondence was reviewed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins reported that she has spoken to Ms. Mary Trucks in regards to the Idlewild Historical and Cultural Center, and the facility is available for our County Alliance meeting at a price of \$300, with the Yates Township maintenance personnel hired for set up and tear down, at a cost of \$10.00 per hour per employee, and catering fees through Mary Martin, White Cloud, at \$14.00 per plate (chicken) or \$18.00 per plate (chicken and beef).

Discussion followed. Clerk Myers stated that they have a \$1,000.00 budget, and in the previous years, always planned for 50 attendees.

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Commissioner Sloan offered Chase Creek Smokehouse as an option, but was not offering to contact them. Ken Shoemaker stated he would do so.

NEW BUSINESS: None

Extended Public Comment:

Mr. Richard Ruster, Chase Township was present to get clarification on the proposed Library Millage. Lengthy discussion followed.

Mr. Collier, for the record, wanted to thank the Board for coming to Chase for the first evening meeting. He feels there is a Double Standard going on with the Board approving the Sheriff and Undersheriff going to Mackinaw Island for a conference, where a couple of meetings back, the Board stated that they were not in favor of the Prosecuting Attorney going to his conference in the same location.

Mr. Roger Beilfuss, Chase township was present to give a brief history of the when he came to the area, and there was a wonderful restaurant located across the street, and currently between Traverse City and Grand Rapids, he feels you will not find a grander restaurant that that of Chase Creek Smokehouse, and urges the Commissioners to look favorably at hosting their Alliance Meeting at that location.

Commissioners Personal Privilege:

Each Commissioner was allotted time to give a brief comment.

Being no further Business, meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Shelly Myers, Clerk to the Board
Clerk/Register/CFO

Karl Walls, Chairman of the Board

Exhibit “A”

NUMBERED CORRESPONDENCE

- #1 Resolution No. 14-20c Huron County**
- #2 Resolution No. 14-19c Huron County**
- #3 Resolution No. 14-18c Huron County**
- #4 Resolution No. 14-17c Huron County**
- #5 MAC Legislative Update-February 14, 2014**
- #6 Resolution No. 2014-02-070 Livingston County**
- #7 MAC Special Alert-February 20, 2014**
- #8 Resolution No. 2014-15 Bay County**
- #9 Resolution No. 2014-31 Bay County**
- #10 MAC Legislative Update-February 21, 2014**
- #11 Resolution 2014-004 Oscoda County**
- #12 Resolution 2014-002 Oscoda County**
- #13 Resolution Gratiot County**