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LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
March 25, 2015
6:00 p.m. – Sauble Township Hall

Chairman Walls called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

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

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

Commissioner Sloan moved that the agenda be approved with one correction to remove “per Commissioner Carrington-Atkins recommendation” under appointments for the Parks Committee, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, and by voice vote carried.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved to accept the minutes from the Regular Meeting of March 11, 2015, seconded by Commissioner Carrington-Atkins, and by voice vote carried.

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

Fran Chase was present and stated she was at this meeting on behalf of the DHS Board and her concerns regarding the appropriation for 2015.

Bill Gillard, Supervisor for Sauble Township welcomed everyone and introduced Mr. George Danek who will be running for Supervisor of Sauble Township as he will not run again.

Randy Howes was present and stated the DHS Board would like to speak to the Ad-Hoc Committee once it is created.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Commissioner Stenger moved for approval of the purchase requisition from Lake County Sheriff’s Department/Jail to ID Network for one computer, monitor and external hard drive plus shipping for a total amount of \$1,247.00, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks. Commissioner Vayda asked whether or not this should have gone to the IT Committee. Explanation was given, roll call vote 7 yes.

Commissioner Stenger moved for approval of the purchase requisition from Lake County Sheriff’s Department/Homeland Security to FLIR Systems Inc. for a Thermal Monocular Pocket Scope, plus shipping, for a total cost of \$5,692.80, which is 100% reimbursable from Region 6 upon proof of purchase, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks. Commissioner Vayda asked about 100% reimbursable and what it actually means. He stated the Lake County Sheriff’s Department had one before and it was lost and how will this be tracked, and also all Fire Departments have them. Discussion followed, roll call vote 6 yes and 1 NO Commissioner Vayda.

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Commissioner Stenger moved for approval of the conference and training request for James Holden, Lake County Prosecuting/Crime Victims Right Advocate, to attend the Working with Difficult Victims, in Gaylord on April 16, 2015 for the cost of meals \$22.00 and mileage \$125.95 for a total cost \$147.95 as the vehicle is not available, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, roll call vote 7 yes.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved for approval of the conference and training request for Deputy Kenneth Kreiner, Road Patrol to attend the Taser Instructor Re-Certification in Grand Rapids on May 12, 2015 for the cost of registration \$100.00 and meals \$10.00 for a total cost of \$110.00 seconded by Commissioner Sloan, roll call vote 7 yes.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved for approval of the conference and training request for Sgt. John Bennett, Road Patrol to attend Taser, New Instructor, in Grand Rapids May 4 – May 5, 2015 for the cost of registration \$100.00 and meals \$20.00 for a total cost of \$120.00, seconded by Commissioner Sloan, roll call vote 7 yes.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved for approval of the conference and training request for Dave Sanders, Donna Grein, Carol Koon, Tera Castle and Brandy Bartram, 911 Central Dispatch to attend the NENA Annual 911 Conference in Lansing from May 18 – May 21, 2015 for the total cost of registration \$1,500.00, hotel cost \$2,180.00, total meals \$790.00 for a total cost of \$4,470.00, as the county vehicle is available and is all reimbursed by the state, seconded by Commissioner Carrington-Atkins. Discussion followed if 50% or all dispatchers will be at this conference. Commissioner Sloan stated he supports this, roll call vote 7 yes.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved for approval of the purchase requisition from Lake County Prosecuting Office/Crime Victims Right Advocate for pencils and bookmarks for Crime Victim’s Week for a total cost of \$228.00, seconded by Commissioner Stenger, roll call vote 6 yes and 1 NO Commissioner Fairbanks.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved for payment of bills by fund as follows

General Fund	\$65,591.79
Road Patrol	13,507.66
E911	2,519.73
RRP Center	42,686.72
Friend of the Court	6,418.23
Building Inspection Department	1,276.84
E911Service Fund – Wireless	407.03
Law Library	1,044.67
Child Care-Probate	31,548.06
Veteran’s Trust	822.47
JABG Grant	577.62
Capital Improvements	4,358.95
Commissary Fund	<u>5,387.42</u>
GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$176,147.19</u>

Seconded by Commissioner Sloan, roll call vote 7 yes.

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PROPERTIES/SAFETY – Commissioner Fairbanks asked Clerk/Register/CFO Myers to forward the Covenant for the Courthouse/Jail Properties to all of the Commissioners for their review prior to their next meeting.

AGENCY REPORTS:

AREA AGENCY ON AGING – Commissioner Carrington-Atkins reported they met this week and explained the structure of the County Reps that sit on this board. She gave a brief update on the survey report that was recently conducted. She reported on a two year grant that was received and explained the program and more programs that the money will go towards. She stated a letter will be forthcoming regarding the County's appropriation of \$750.00.

COUNCIL ON AGING – Commissioner Carrington-Akins reported on this agency and its structure. She reported on the food truck that will be coming to St. Ann's Food Pantry. She stated that "CURVES" has donated equipment to St. Ann's, Cancer Screening program and various other programs. There was discussion on the DHS Budget cuts.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – Commissioner Sloan gave a brief update on their status and where they are with receiving the County Match, giving a breakdown of each township that has committed, along with the businesses that have committed. Approximately \$12,000 has been committed thus far.

Discussion followed regarding the "Partners". If an entity contributes, they are guaranteed a seat on the board. Commissioner Stenger reported they are continuing to work with Rick Chapla, working on funding.

IT COMMITTEE – Commissioner Vayda reported a meeting is scheduled with Classic Telephones for additional training on April 7th.

PARKS COMMITTEE – Chairman Walls reported the Vice-Chair appointed 3 people to this committee, naming Commissioner Brunn Chair, with Commissioner Vayda and Commissioner Carrington-Atkins as members, and he sticks with these appointments and if those appointed to this committee do not wish to hold these positions, please state such.

Commissioner Brunn stated he would like to hold off on any future appointments to this until a meeting or two are held. Commissioner Carrington-Atkins stated she did not have a problem with Commissioner Brunn being Chair, but feels the first meeting should have been an organizational meeting where a chair and vice chair could be voted on and the Commissioner By-Laws do not address doing it in the manner that was just imposed.

Discussion followed regarding this being a "Committee" and not an "Agency Committee". Discussion followed. Commissioner Brunn stated their next meeting will be held at the Parks/Fairgrounds site and they want to discuss various options. Commissioner Carrington-Atkins stated her continuous concerns with appointing the appropriate persons to sit on this committee. This three person committee each voted on the list for appointments.

MAC SUB-COMMITTEES:

ECONOMIC AND TAXATION – Commissioner Brunn gave a brief overview of Proposal 1.

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ENVIRONMENTAL AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS – Commissioner Carrington-Atkins reported on SB 39 and 40, dealing with State and Federal owned land and gave a brief synopsis.

MICHIGAN WORKS! – Commissioner Sloan reported what they will be reviewing at tomorrow's meeting and the meeting next week they will be discussing job opportunities for the upcoming opening of the GEO prison. He stated they are looking at having prisoners from another State coming around July.

ORV PROMOTIONAL GRANT COMMITTEE – Commissioner Sloan reported everything is moving along nicely with the Kickoff in May, Facebook and Twitter will start the rollout in April.

PLANNING COMMISSION – Commissioner Carrington-Atkins reported where they are and what they will be doing while moving forward.

WMSRDC – CEDS – Commissioner Sloan reported they are working on the following:

- Region 4 – Prosperity Initiative
- Region 6 – Homeland Security Grant Funds
- Broadband Initiative

911 COMMITTEE – Commissioner Vayda reported on the new technology that they are working on, with possibility of going “live” in a week or so.

CORRESPONDENCE – *see Exhibit “A”*

There were none discussed.

APPOINTMENTS – Chairman Walls appointed Mike Batcke, Industrial Waste Generator Representative, Len Todd, Village Government Representative and Todd Harland, Solid Waste Management Industries Representative all to the Solid Waste Management Committee. It was requested that Clerk/Register/CFO Myers schedule the first meeting. Chairman Walls stated he will hold off on the appointments to the Parks Committee.

CFO REPORT – CFO Myers was present and reported a gentleman was in her office to express how well Lake County's Animal Control Officers and building were when he and his wife went there to adopt two baby kittens. They commended Animal Control and CFO Myers stated more departments need to be commended for their work, especially Animal Control as they are out by themselves and not in our general area daily.

OLD BUSINESS – Commissioner Carrington-Atkins requested to reconsider the vote from March 11, 2015 regarding the DHS Appropriation Budget. Commissioner Carrington-Atkins stated why she wanted this vote reconsidered and that she did further review of the documents that were presented by the DHS Board Members and explained why she feels this should be looked at.

Commissioner Sloan reported that the motion had nothing to do with the funds going out, but with just the budget. Commissioner Carrington-Atkins asked that Commissioner Sloan help her get through this correctly.

Commissioner Carrington-Akins moved for approval that the motion be reconsidered that was voted on March 11, 2015, with no second to this vote needed, per Commissioner Sloan, roll call vote 4 yes and 3 NO Commissioners Sloan, Fairbanks and Chairman Walls. Discussion followed and there was much confusion on which motion is being reconsidered.

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Commissioner Brunn moved for approval to reconsider the motion to increase the DHS Appropriation from \$4,300 to \$5,448, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, roll call vote 4 yes and 3 NO Commissioners Fairbanks, Sloan and Chairman Walls.

NEW BUSINESS – Discussion on the probability of forming an Ad-Hoc Committee for Budget review. Commissioner Stenger stated the Lake County Board of Commissioners does not have a total understanding of the total budgets. Chairman Walls shares Commissioner Stengers concerns and does not feel that an actual Ad-Hoc Committee would be the way to go. CFO Myers stated that with the hiring of a new Administrator, everyone could be learning at the same time.

Extended PUBLIC COMMENT – Limited to 5 minutes each, please!

Susan Brown Havens, Lake Township resident, was present and stated she is a volunteer with the DHS during their Christmas Program and extended her appreciation to the Board for the money they have received in previous years. A statement was made “IF LAKE COUNTY CAN’T SUPPORT THIS, THEN WE CAN’T EXPECT ANYONE ELSE TO SUPPORT IT EITHER”.

Ms. Cookie Arquette was present and spoke on other areas that DHS supports and stated where some of the cuts could be obtained. Fran Chase stated that all County employee benefits are generous for the County and wishes to have this looked at.

Belinda Barbier was present and introduced James Holden, and he spoke on Victim Rights week and the commercial that was made for such. Mr. Holden reported his program agenda for April 24th and from 3:00 – 5:00 at the High School, doing a walk to Hollister Park. His goal is to involve the entire County.

Mr. Arquette asked if the DHS vote will be reconsidered.

Mr. Howes reported on Proposal 1 and stated that factual information is available on their website, WSESD.ORG and strongly urges everyone to vote.

Chairman Walls thanked everyone for their attendance.

COMMISSIONERS PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins stated that she has consistently voted no on all of the cutbacks at DHS and explained such, and their proposed budget going from \$25,000 to \$26,000 as proposed by the DHS Board was never voted on. She explained her reasons for her continued support of the full funding for DHS.

Commissioner Sloan stated that he is a volunteer and takes some of the public comments to heart. He does support charities, but does not believe it is a government role.

Commissioner Fairbanks asked who was on the Shrine of the Pines board, as he needs to find out where the Bobcat is. Commissioner Fairbanks stated that if someone can come up with a budget amendment, he will discuss the DHS Appropriations further.

Commissioner Stenger thanked everyone for attending. She stated she works with some of those on the DHS Committees and feels that the County survives on volunteerism and urges everyone to attend ALL Commissioner Meetings.

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Commissioner Vayda made a statement on his personal situation.

There being no further business, the meeting was recessed at 8:00 p.m.

Shelly Myers, Clerk of the Board

Karl Walls, Chairman of the Board

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Exhibit “A”

NUMBERED CORRESPONDENCE

- #1 WMSRDC- March 10, 2015**
- #2 WMSRDC- March 13, 2015**
- #3 Resolution- No. 2015-55**
- #4 WMSRDC- March 19, 2015**

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