

LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
March 9, 2016
10:30 a.m.

Chairman Walls called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.

Commissioner Walls gave the prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was said

County Clerk Williams called the roll with the following Commissioners present: Barb Stenger, Chuck Vayda, John Fairbanks, Dan Sloan, Karl Walls

John Brunn arrived at 10:40 a.m.

Absent and excused: Colleen Carrington-Atkins

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

Commissioner Fairbanks moved that the minutes from the February 24, 2016 regular meeting be approved, seconded by Commissioner Vayda, Voice Vote, and it was approved.

Public Comment – No public comment

Committee Report

Finance – Commissioner Fairbanks moved for the approval of the Semi-Monthly Accounts Payable in the amount of \$181,267.69; Commissioner Stenger 2nd; Roll Call Vote with 6 yes and 1 absent and excused.

Payment of Bills

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

101	GENERAL FUND	\$78,532.22
207	ROAD PATROL	\$9,409.94
210	EMERGENCY 911	\$775.25
211	RRP CENTER	\$18,628.31
215	FRIEND OF THE COURT	\$583.12
216	COUNCIL ON AGING	\$21,629.00
249	BUILDING INSPECTION DEPT	\$2,939.38
256	REG. OF DEEDS AUTOMATION	\$1,546.00
260	CRIME VICTIMS REIMB	\$69.42
269	LAW LIBRARY	\$342.00
292	CHILD CARE-PROBATE	\$7,600.12
295	JABG GRANT	\$216.75
505	AMBULANCE	\$27,374.00
569	D.H.H.S	\$885.00
595	COMMISSARY FUND	\$10,737.18
	TOTAL FOR ALL FUNDS	\$181,267.69

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Commissioner Fairbanks moved for the approval of two Departmental Purchase Requisitions in excess of \$1,000 dated March 9, 2016; Commissioner Sloan 2nd; there was a wording change from Tough Pad to Tough Book; Roll Call Vote with 6 yes and 1 absent and excused.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved for the approval of the grant request in the amount of \$1,500 for the purchase of 6 portable radios to the Lake County Community Foundation and authorizes the Sheriff to sign any and all necessary documents; Commissioner Stenger 2nd; Roll Call Vote with 6 yes and 1 absent and excused.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved for the approval of the grant request in the amount of \$1,794 for the purchase of 6 bullet proof vests to the Lake County Community Foundation and authorizes the Sheriff to sign any and all necessary documents; Commissioner Stenger 2nd; Roll Call Vote with 6 yes and 1 absent and excused.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved for the approval of the Letter of Understanding between Lake County and the Police Officers Association of Michigan for E 911 Dispatch, dated March 9, 2016, to switch to an overtime measurement period of 80 hours over fourteen days and authorize the Board Chair and the County Administrator to sign any and all necessary documents; Commissioner Sloan 2nd; comments were made by Commissioner Sloan regarding spending tens of thousands in overtime and he encourages the County to keep an eye on this, Roll Call Vote with 6 yes and 1 absent and excused.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved for the approval of the training up to Level II Assessor for the current IT Coordinator in anticipation of him moving into the Account Clerk position; Commissioner Sloan 2nd; Roll Call Vote with 6 yes and 1 absent and excused.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved to accept Option #4 from the Administrator's presentation providing authorization to fill the current vacant full-time cleaning position, leave the part-time cleaning position vacant, and allocate approximately \$5,000 to aid in part-time, temporary, seasonal help and/or overtime; Commissioner Sloan 2nd; Commissioner Sloan mentioned the County's structural deficit issue, stating that the County has about \$30,000 in structural savings, the \$5,000 allows for overtime or the hiring of someone from the schools or Michigan Works to get through the summer months; Roll Call Vote with 6 yes and 1 absent and excused.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved for the approval of the FY 2015-2016 Off Road Vehicle Law Enforcement Grant in the amount of \$31,000 to the Board of Commissioners and authorizes the Sheriff to sign any and all necessary documents; Commissioner Vayda 2nd; Roll Call Vote with 6 yes and 1 absent and excused.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved for the approval to appoint the County Administrator as the State Survey and Remonumentation Grant Administrator for the Survey and Remon Program; Commissioner Sloan 2nd; there was a Voice Vote and it was approved.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved for the approval to rescind resolution #01/22/14 1301; creating the County Economic Development Committee; Commissioner Sloan 2nd; Roll Call Vote with 6 yes and 1 absent and excused.

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Commissioner Fairbanks moved for the approval to rescind resolution #4/8/15 1325; creating the Ambulance Adhoc Committee; Commissioner Walls 2nd; Commissioner Stenger was concerned that more time was needed to make a final decision on this. Commissioner Sloan moved to table the rescinding of resolution #4/8/15 1325 until the next Regular Meeting on March 23, 2016; creating the Ambulance Adhoc Committee; Commissioner Stenger 2nd; Roll Call Vote with 6 yes and 1 absent and excused.

NEW BUSINESS

MERS 457 Plan presentation - Tracey Cochran introduced Tom Jordan, Benefit Plan Advisor from MERS regarding the 457 supplemental retirement plan. The MERS 457 is a voluntary supplemental retirement program. Employees can contribute to if they want to and at any rate the employee chooses. The plan can be introduced gradually throughout the county from one department to another.

Commissioner Sloan was concerned that no motion went before the full board with regard to the previous plan with John Hancock. He believes that County employees should have multiple options to choose from. He'd like to see a motion to open up the MERS Plan, but also leave the current plan in place.

Tobi Lake discussed how the previous CFO made the decision to move all employees from their current provider to John Hancock, a local provider out of Ludington.

Commissioner Sloan made the motion to authorize the County's offering of the MERS 457 Plan, and the County Administrator's signature on any and all necessary documents, and prohibit any additional enrollees to the existing John Hancock 457 Plan; Commissioner Fairbanks 2nd.

Commissioner Fairbanks made the friendly amendment to strip the original wording to prohibit any additional enrollees to the existing John Hancock Plan; Commissioner Sloan 2nd; Roll Call Vote with 6 yes and 1 absent and excused.

Graphic Sciences ROD Automation presentation - Janice Brinkert introduced Terry Buchanan, Sales Manager from Graphic Sciences regarding the scanning and digitizing of the Red Books in the Clerk/Register of Deeds Department. The project should take between 9 and 12 weeks to complete.

Recessed for lunch at 11:50 a.m.

Meeting called to order at 1:19 p.m.

Absent and excused: Colleen Carrington-Atkins, Chuck Vayda

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Old Business – No old business

Agency Reports

Personnel – is looking at openings in the Residential Re-entry Program and also in the jail; discussion regarding classifications in the Administration office will take place at the next meeting along with a discussion regarding IT solutions, and the committee plans to revisit the part-time position to be filled in the Treasurer's office in November.

Lake County Parks Committee – Commissioner Stenger is working on getting a resolution to include the Eastside.

Ambulance Adhoc Committee – Commissioner Stenger states that the people of Lake County want this to continue; Commissioner Fairbanks believes that the verbiage in the resolution must be changed. Commissioner Stenger is working on getting a resolution to include the Eastside.

Five Cap – Commissioner Stenger stated that the Walk-For-Warmth was very successful and that the GEO facility donated \$500.

IT Committee – There was discussion regarding the Townships that have paid for the service and those that have not or are not interested. There was over all concern regarding the process/paperwork that is holding up these projects. Currently, there are five townships that have paid for aerials, but still waiting to proceed with the project and six townships have said no to the service. Commissioner Fairbanks wants this issue placed on the agenda for the next full board meeting.

MACC Conference 2016 – Commissioner Brunn talked about the Intruder Alert training he received at the MACC Conference this year. He also talked about any Drones weighing more than ½ pound must be registered with the State of Michigan, and expounded on an evasive device called the Stingray and how it is used by law enforcement.

Commissioner Sloan discussed changes that would be coming up with the MERS system regarding Rate of Return Assumption changes. The rolling 30-year pay down on pensions will be decreasing to 15 years in the future.

Commissioner Fairbanks thought he was going to a conference dealing with ballot issues regarding Gag-Orders, but it turned out to be more about recreational use of marijuana.

Michigan Northern Counties – There will be discussion on finding Equalization Directors.

ORV Promotional Grant Committee – Will go away when the grant is gone.

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Administrator's Report

Ariel Mapping project: Five townships have paid for fly over, but are still waiting for Top Com to produce the data; six townships said no to the service; Pinora and Ellsworth are awaiting invoices to pay for this service

DHS: DHS monthly reports \$8,150 in budget \$2,500 for per diems and expenses related to DHS meetings for DHS

Building Authority update: About \$15,000 over budget and \$1,986 for sprinklers

Land Covenant update: Chief Deputy Dagen is working with the Properties and Safety Committee regarding the land covenant and it's going to the Building Authority

Emergency Management Services: Don submitted a hazardous materials emergency preparedness grant, off sight emergency response plan for a \$1,000

Star Lake Drain meeting: Lake County has two drains at Wolf Lake and Big Star Lake; the Star Lake drain has a reoccurring levy at the local level; the 2014 bill from the Road Commission was never received; there was some damage to the drain that needs to be paid for; the Road Commission is seeking about \$20,000 for the project; a discussion will happen regarding how to obtain the funds to pay for this project

Brenda Kutchinski received a check from DHS for \$6,666, which turned out to be a rent payment; DHS rent payments have increased since January 2016 by 16.67%

Community Mental Health lease has expired

Medical Examiner contract has expired

All leases need to be addressed

Canteen: Lake County has a five-year agreement with Canteen which provides jail meals and commissary goods. The County is looking at a 3-year contract, if Canteen is willing to adopt language to hold Lake County harmless regarding the employee whom was employed and eventually fired by Canteen, and then preceded in suing the County before being let go.

Public Comment – There was no public comment

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Commissioner's Personal Privilege

Commissioner Stenger saw a story on Fox News showcasing Lake County regarding a Polaris promotion that Peacock Ltd. was involved in. The majority of the show talked about the trails in Lake County. Commissioner Stenger wanted to give a big thank you to Jim Faiella from Peacock Ltd. for his involvement in the story.

Commissioner Fairbanks received an email from the Traverse City Opera House. He urges everyone to go see the play "Ernie" regarding the Detroit Tigers and Tiger baseball.

Commissioner Brunn shared a personal story about a time he worked with "Ernie."

Commissioner Sloan announced that after 3 p.m. on Sunday, there will be a St. Patrick's Day party at the North Bar in Luther. Commissioner Sloan will be reciting poetry, and you must bring a dish to pass.

Commissioner Walls reiterated that people should not be lobbying Commissioners when they have a problem and that there is a process that needs be followed.

Adjourned – at 3:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Williams, Clerk to the Board

Karl Walls, Chairman