

LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

Chairman Lodholtz called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

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

Deputy Clerk Keefer called the Roll with the following Commissioners present: Betty Dermyer, Karl Walls, Joan Runnels, Katherine Maddox, Christine Balulis, Howard Lodholtz

Commissioner John Brunn arrived at 10:05 a.m.

Commissioner Dermyer moved that the agenda dated March 8, 2017 be approved; seconded by Commissioner Walls. Voice Vote approved.

Commissioner Walls moved that the minutes from February 22, 2017 be approved; seconded by Commissioner Dermyer. Voice vote approved.

Public Comment – None

Ray Franz has filed for the Senate seat for 35th District for 2018. He introduced himself to the board and gave a brief history of his experience and encouraged questions after the meeting.

Deputy Martin thanked the board for considering the budget requests presented. He stated that this county wants change and this often requires not cutting corners and putting things to the side. These decisions are for improvements for a better department and for the county.

Finance

7a: Commissioner Balulis moved to approve the semi-monthly detail analysis dated March 8, 2017 totaling \$270,328.16.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Runnels, Brunn, Balulis, Dermyer, Walls, Maddox, Lodholtz

Nays: None

7b: Commissioner Balulis moved to approve of the (2) Departmental Purchase Requisition in excess of \$1,000 dated March 8, 2017; seconded by Commissioner Walls.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Brunn, Maddox, Walls, Runnels, Dermyer, Balulis, Lodholtz

Nays: None

7c: Commissioner Balulis moved to approve the Commissioners' expenses related to attendance of the MAC Legislative Conference, March 27-29, 2017. Money to come from 101-872-861; seconded by Commissioner Walls.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Balulis, Maddox, Dermyer, Runnels, Brunn, Walls, Lodholtz

Nays: None

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7d: Commissioner Balulis moved to approve of the 2017 US Forest Cooperative Law Enforcement Plan, between the US Forest and County Sheriff Department, in the amount of \$5,000.00 and authorize the County Board Chair to sign any and all necessary documents; seconded by Commissioner Walls.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Maddox, Dermyer, Walls, Brunn, Balulis, Runnels, Lodholtz

Nays: None

7e: Commissioner Balulis moved to approve the quote from Brook's Security for \$32,000 for the purchase and installation of 20 card swipes for at the Sheriff's Road Patrol Building, money to come from the Capital Improvements Fund's fund balance (404.000.00.500.000) and amend the budget accordingly; seconded by Commissioner Dermyer. Extensive discussion followed.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Brunn, Maddox, Balulis, Dermyer, Lodholtz

Nays: Walls, Runnels

5 Ayes – 2 Nays. Motion carried.

7f: Commissioner Balulis moved to approve the quote from Reed City Glass for \$4,826.50 for the purchase and installation of bullet resistant glass at the Sheriff's Road Patrol Building, money to come from the Capital Improvements Fund's fund balance (404.000.00.500.000) and amend the budget accordingly; seconded by Commissioner Walls.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Dermyer, Brunn, Balulis, Walls, Maddox

Nays: Runnels, Lodholtz

5 Ayes – 2 Nays. Motion carried.

7g: Commissioner Balulis moved to approve the quote from Gilbert's Carpet and Tile for \$3,687.00 for the purchase of carpet mats and runners for the Sheriff's Road Patrol Building, money to come from the CTI Fund's fund balance (404.000.00.500.000) and amend the budget accordingly; seconded by Commissioner Walls.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Brunn, Walls, Dermyer, Maddox, Balulis, Lodholtz

Nays: Runnels

6 Ayes – 1 Nay: Motion carried

Miscellaneous – None

Committee Reports

Commissioner Runnels toured Lakeshore Region Entity and will be attending a medical marijuana class in Ottawa County.

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Commissioner Balulis attended MAC Conference - Health and Human Services on the "Go To" on her phone. She was pleased with the presentation.

Commissioner Brunn attended the Properties and Safety Meeting. He also attended the MAC Conference.

Commissioner Walls attended MMRMA . A big topic of discussion was townships being in control of marijuana dispensaries. He discussed training of department heads and motivational speakers. Discussion also focused on county investments.

Commissioner Dermeyer attended Area Agency on Aging and Five Cap – discussed budgeting. She felt a little lost as a new member.

Chairman Lodholtz briefly reported on the latest Planning Commission meeting. The committee is working on a Master Plan and will be attending WMSRDC in Mason County.

Correspondence:

Commissioner Dermeyer shared a letter from the Treasurer's Office requesting safety glass on their windows to protect them from angry tax payers, etc. The Board agreed this should be moved onto a future Personnel or Properties and Safety meeting.

New Business: None

Old Business: None

Administrator's Report:

Administrator Lake announced that tablets will be available to the board members by next week.

He explained that some lights were not working at the RRP. These lights have a lifetime warranty, but the company has gone out of business. Currently looking at a different company to maintain these lights. He will keep the board informed.

Discussed Indigent defense issues. State will require counties to propose a plan; should this law pass. These areas include: education and training of defense counsel, initial interview, investigation and experts, and counsel is at first appearance and at all critical stages. More requirements will be coming in the near future.

April 12th from 1-3 pm there will be retirement, benefit training for commissioners.

Public Comment:

Sheriff Martin spoke of the fundraisers for Deputy Kane and Deputy Maiville. Animal Control/Dog Pound will be accepting volunteers. Volunteers will be required to complete a background check, interview and acceptance process. He also discussed the Law Enforcement Advisory Committee.

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Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobbi Keefer, Clerk to the Board

Howard Lodholtz, Chairman of the Board

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