

LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
April 8, 2015
10:30 a.m.

Chairman Walls called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

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

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

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

Absent and excused: John Brunn

Commissioner Sloan moved that the agenda be approved with an amendment to add two Resolutions as presented at this time, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, by voice vote carried.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved that the minutes from the March 25, 2015 regular meeting be approved with the corrections on page 5 under Personal Privileges, Commissioner Carrington Atkins stated from \$26,000 to \$16,000, NOT \$25,000 and on page 3 under Economic Development Committee, Commissioner Sloan to include the list of township payments and will email this list to Clerk/Register/CFO Myers and will be an attachment to those minutes as: – Exhibit “B”, voice vote carried.

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

Kellie Allen wished to address statements made in the local paper and doesn't feel that the statements make the County look good as a whole when it is stated that we are in a million dollar deficit. As a concerned resident, she doesn't think it makes a good impression when we portray ourselves as the “POOREST” County and we need to advertise our good points.

Jan Brinkert read a statement, which she has provided for public record, see *“Exhibit “B”*.

PERSONS SCHEDULED TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSIONERS

10:45 a.m. Linda VanGills, District Health Department #10 (DHD 10), was present to review the 2014 Annual Report that was distributed previously. Ms. VanGills reported she will be retiring at the end of May and Kevin Hughes will be stepping into her role as Health Officer. Ms. VanGills reported on the Lake County Grant and gave the Board an update regarding the Prescription for Health that is set to kick off in May and, that Lake County clinical providers (Community Mental Health, Family Health Care, DHD 10) will be prescribing fruits and vegetables to patients with chronic diseases risk during this time.

Ms. VanGills touched on the following areas: a)Strategic Plan Update, b)PHAB, c)Health Insurance Outreach Education & Enrollment, d)Administrative Services, including staffing, e) Emergency Preparedness, f)Communicable Diseases & Reporting, g)and finished with 2014 DHD#10 District Data.

All this information is available in the clerk's office for review.

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Commissioner Carrington-Atkins asked Ms. VanGills to report on the recent Community Health Needs Assessment meetings. Ms. VanGills stated they have had good participation with these meetings and the outcome will be comprised of local data. Commissioner Carrington-Atkins thanked Ms. VanGills for her service and leadership. The board thanked Ms. VanGills for her presentation.

Commissioner Vayda left the room at 11:03.

11:00 a.m. Jay Syrewicze, Lake County Road Commission, was present to bring to the Board information regarding the 2015 Proposal #1 and a power point presentation was viewed. The power point showed where the MTF Funds come from as of 2008, with gas tax 44.6%, misc. revenue 3.1%, diesel carrier tax & licenses 1.9%, diesel fuel tax 5.3% and vehicle registration fees 45.1% and revenues have remained the same since 1998. Mr. Syrewicze explained what Proposal 1 can do for the local Road Commissions and residents that, there will be an additional \$100 million in revenue sharing to cities, villages, townships and counties, additional \$300 million for education (K-12, community colleges) and will allow for \$1.2 billion in road and bridge repairs.

Commissioner Vayda returned at 11:08 a.m.

Benefits to Lake County will bring \$1,862,755 constitutionally-protected county road funding, \$290,655 constitutionally-protected city, village road funding, and \$300 million to education, constitutionally-protected, \$111,235 constitutionally-protected local revenue sharing, giving Lake County a total return of \$2,264,665 in addition to the current funding.

Discussion followed on some of the roads that have deteriorated greatly within our county. Questions and answers followed. The board thanked Mr. Syrewicze for his presentation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The L-4024 was presented for approval and authorization for signature.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved for approval and authorization for signature for the L-4024 for 2015, seconded by Commissioner Sloan, roll call vote 6 yes and 1 absent and excused Commissioner Brunn.

FINANCE

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins moved for approval to pay per diems and mileage for those Commissioners that attend the West Central Michigan County Alliance Meeting April 27th in Newaygo County, seconded by Commissioner Vayda, roll call vote 5 yes, 1 NO Commissioner Fairbanks and 1 absent and excused Commissioner Brunn.

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins moved for approval of the purchase requisition from Juvenile Court to Positive Action for 12 family kits and 1 8th Grade Teachers Manual for a total cost of \$1,457.50 and this is 100% grant funded/reimbursed, seconded by Commissioner Sloan, roll call vote 6 yes and 1 absent and excused Commissioner Brunn.

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins moved for approval of the purchase requisition from 911 Central Dispatch to Libertel for headsets, batteries, ear cushions, wireless remote, charger and shipping and

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handling for a total cost of \$1,528.35, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, roll call vote 6 yes and 1 absent and excused, Commissioner Brunn.

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins moved for approval to reimburse Assistant PA Belinda Barbier lunch from a conference she attended March 23, 2015 in the amount of \$10.00, as originally she was told it would be provided and was not approved with original conference request, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, roll call vote 6 yes and 1 absent and excused Commissioner Brunn.

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins moved for approval of the conference and training request from Debbie Russell, Equalization to attend Property Tax Exemptions in Cadillac on April 30, 2015, for registration fee of \$15.00 and mileage \$47.30, as the county vehicle is not available, for a total cost of \$62.30, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, roll call vote 6 yes and 1 absent and excused Commissioner Brunn.

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins moved for approval of the conference and training request from Jeannie Hall, Equalization to attend Property Tax Exemptions in Cadillac on April 30, 2015, for registration fee of \$15.00 and mileage \$26.48, as the county vehicle is not available, for a total cost of \$41.48, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, roll call vote 6 yes and 1 absent and excused Commissioner Brunn.

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins moved for approval of the conference and training request from Kim Loop, Juvenile Court, to attend Adoption and Permanency Forum on June 18th, cost of lodging \$75.00 plus tax, which is 100% reimbursed, meals \$64.00 for a total cost of \$139.00 and is driving with DHS personnel, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, roll call vote 6 yes and 1 absent Commissioner Brunn.

Commissioner Vayda moved for approval of the conference and training request from Brian Singer, Barbra Catania and John Latimer, Lake County Sheriff's Department/RRP Center to attend Local Correctional Academy in Scottville from May 8th – June 5th for registration cost \$3,600.00 and meals \$600.00 for a total cost of \$4,200.00, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, roll call vote 6 yes and 1 absent and excused Commissioner Brunn.

Commissioner Vayda moved for approval of the conference and training request from Fredrick Hull, Bradley Nixon, Mickeal Ashker and Robert Meyers, Lake County Sheriff's Department/Road Patrol, to attend Police Precision Driving in South Haven from April 13th – April 14th for the total cost of meals \$40.00, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, roll call vote 6 yes and 1 absent and excused Commissioner Brunn.

Commissioner Vayda moved for approval of the conference and training request for 40 correction officers from the Lake County Sheriff's Department/RRP Center to attend CPR & AED, dates to be determined, for the cost of registration only \$800.00, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, roll call vote 6 yes and 1 absent and excused Commissioner Brunn.

Commissioner Vayda moved for approval of the conference and training request for 15 correction officers from the Lake County Sheriff's Department/Jail to attend CPR & AED, dates to be determined, for the cost of registration only \$300.00, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, roll call vote 6 yes and 1 absent and excused Commissioner Brunn.

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

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General Fund	\$69,441.14
Road Patrol	5,471.92
E911	499.27
RRP Center	43,324.32
Friend of the Court	14.05
Council on Aging	47.91
Building Inspection Department	2,718.08
Register of Deeds Automation Fund	750.00
E911 Services Fund-Wireless	1,500.00
Law Library	238.50
Library Fund	18.41
Child Care-Probate	27,385.03
Veteran's Trust	951.03
JABG Grant	2,886.52
Capitol Improvements	72.00
Ambulance	27,831.59
Commissary Fund	9,053.62
GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$192,203.39</u>

Seconded by Commissioner Carrington-Atkins.

The board recessed for lunch at 11:43 a.m.

The board reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

FINANACE cont.

Comments to the payment of the bills: Commissioner Sloan stated he feels that the Local Businesses would appreciate hosting the training instead of out of county restaurants, roll call vote 6 yes and 1 absent and excused Commissioner Brunn.

PERSONNEL – Commissioner Sloan reported on the RFP's to five (5) search firms, three in MI and two in ILL and received three responses, one from MI and two from ILL. The Personnel Committee held conference calls with two firms and will present this at the next Personnel meeting, April 21st as the Committee authorized the Chair of Personnel to negotiate a "deal" with the one firm that was chosen, the one from ILL.

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins asked why we didn't try advertising ourselves. Commissioner Sloan stated that no one in here is in the position to negotiate for these positions. Commissioner Carrington-Atkins feels that we haven't done all of our research on this to save money.

Discussion followed regarding the search firms, and the costs, etc. and the difficulty in filling these positions. Commissioner Sloan gave a brief update on the list of firms that were used and narrowed down to the two that were contacted.

Commissioner Stenger concurs with the Committee as this gives us a broader spectrum of applicants. She explained some of the time frames and the expertise that they offer. Commissioner Vayda asked why we

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didn't use MAC for advertising, and it was stated that nothing was received through that avenue. Commissioner Vayda asked where the money will come from and Commissioner Sloan reported that it was stated during Public Comment that the funds would come from Health & Welfare Fund and that is false, and explained we have funds left over in the Equalization Director Position line item. Discussion followed.

CFO Myers stated she would like the Commissioners to reconsider the proposal that was presented by the employees, and To Look at the Health Care packet that is equal for all employees. Commissioner Fairbanks and Commissioner Carrington-Atkins both agreed that all employees should be treated equally, especially in the Health Care Insurance needs.

PROPERTIES – Commissioner Fairbanks reported there is a meeting scheduled for Monday April 13th at 10:00 a.m.

The board took a break at 1:58 p.m.

The board reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

AGENCY REPORTS

BUILDING AUTHORITY – Commissioner Fairbanks reported on the last meeting where they discussed the Covenant and stated that at the next full board meeting on April 22, 2015, all parties will be on the agenda. Discussion followed. CFO Myers stated she is working on this and if there is an issue, then those members of all involved will not attend the meeting on the 22nd until things are right.

DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT #10 – Commissioner Carrington-Atkins reported that she would like everyone to take copies of the “Walk to Live Well” and the “Let’s Fight Child”, to their townships.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – Commissioner Sloan reported they are moving forward with seeking the Local Match. Commissioner Stenger reported that she would like to see in the minutes that she has the greatest respect for Commissioner Sloan and regardless whether or not an entity, pay or not, everyone will be represented at this board. Commissioner Carrington-Atkins stated she will be asked again, that townships are paying different amounts and feel that if they don't pay the \$1,000, they won't have a seat at the table. She asked if this was true and can she tell them this? Commissioner Sloan stated no, the Board will be started with people who contribute and as the board expands, others will be invited to have a seat at the board.

Commissioner Stenger stated that isn't what she thought or said, she says to be qualified to sit on the board; you need to be totally dedicated to representing the whole of Lake County. Chairman Walls stated that it sounds like both “sides” are not on board with the same ideas.

MICHIGAN WORKS - Commissioner Sloan reported on the Over-Site Committee Meeting and the contracts that they are working on for the two service providers within the region, and the meeting following they accepted the renewal with the 2 contracts.

MSU DISTRICT 5 EXTENSION COUNCIL – Commissioner Fairbanks asked to be removed from this committee due to other obligations. Discussion followed.

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ORV PROMOTIONAL GRANT COMMITTEE – Commissioner Sloan stated the next meeting is April 28th and gave a brief update on where they are, and what they have accomplished. The early roll out for social media will be next week, platform will be in May and the app to download will be after Memorial Day.

Rack Cards have been ordered and the Racks are now needed, and CFO Myers asked for the Commissioners to look at cardboard ones to purchase or if anyone knows of any that can be used to please get with her.

YATES DIAL-A-RIDE – Commissioner Carrington-Atkins reported on the meeting, that she attended and discussions were held regarding Proposal 1.

It was stated there is a Solid Waste Management Planning Committee meeting Thursday the 9th at 10:00 a.m.

APPOINTMENTS – Chairman Walls re-appointed Barb Maiville to the Jury Board with a term ending 4/30/18 and Janet LaRose to the Economic Development Committee Sub-Committee Business Directory.

CORRESPONDENCE – *see Exhibit “A”*

CFO REPORT – Clerk/Register/CFO Myers was present and reported on the following:

1. Has Budget Amendments #12988, #13043 and #13044 and explained each. It was stated to table Budget Amendments #12988 and #13044 until there is clarification for both.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved for approval the following Budget Amendment:

BA #13043		
Debit	249-371.00-702.028	\$15,755.00
Credit	249-371.00-703.000	\$15,498.00
Credit	249-371.00-719.000	\$257.00

Description: to moved funds from full time position to part time for new employee to replace employee who retired.

Seconded by Commissioner Carrington-Atkins, roll call vote 6 yes and 1 absent and excused Commissioner Brunn

2. Reported there is an open part time position in the Prosecutor’s office and they have advertised. Discussion followed and the possibility of conducting exit interviews.

NEW BUSINESS – Commissioner Stenger reported on the Library Board meeting and will get all information to the Clerk’s office to post on the website and on the Public Bulletin Board if possible.

RESOLUTIONS- See Exhibit “C & D” – Commissioner Sloan moved for approval to support the North Lake Correctional Facility, GEO Resolution #04/08/15 1324, seconded by Commissioner Stenger, roll call vote 3 yes, 3 NO Commissioners Vayda, Carrington-Atkins and Fairbanks and 1 absent and excused Commissioner Brunn, motion fails.

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Discussion followed regarding what type of prisoners, who's going to be responsible for them, such as legal issues, health issues and things for which we have no answers. The Positive impact to the County for the high employment was discussed. Discussion followed regarding why this resolution was just presented to the board for approval and should have been sent to them prior to the meeting. Commissioner Carrington-Atkins stated that the reason she voted "no" was due to lack of information received.

Commissioner Sloan moved for reconsideration at the next meeting.

Commissioner Sloan moved for approval Resolution #04/08/15 1325 Establishing an Ad-Hoc Committee to study the feasibility of basing an EMS Facility on the east side of the County, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, roll call vote 6 yes and 1 absent and excused Commissioner Brunn.

Discussion followed regarding the study and looking at the County as a whole.

Appointments to the Ad-Hoc Committee, Bob Hilts, Dave Sanders, Jeff Stockhill, with three Commissioners all to be done in the near future.

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

Tracey Cochran stated they are not trying to overstep the Personnel Committee and they will get the information requested as soon it is available, and just wants everyone to understand the importance of our request because it affects them just as much as it affects the non-union employees.

Julie Hoffman stated that at the last Personnel meeting Commissioner Sloan threw out figures somewhere in the amounts of \$10,000 to \$20,000, for the Search Firms, and she knows an applicant that applied is very qualified and only lacks a background check.

Kellie Allen stated that MIWorks is a great assistant and asked if anyone contacted Paul Griffith to see if he has any resources. She stated it seems like a lot of money to hire a search firm and feels that there are qualified individuals in the County.

COMMISSIONERS PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Commissioner Stenger stated that anyone in Lake County will be able to apply for the jobs even if we hire this search firm. We need to make sure that we get the right person the first time around. Secondly, we need to start putting out positive comments regarding Lake County.

Commissioner Fairbanks apologized to Commissioner Sloan for not being able to sit on this new Ad-Hoc Committee and secondly, he would like to see ALL gentlemen have their hats off when they enter the courthouse and pay respect to this.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Shelly Myers, Clerk of the Board

Karl Walls, Chairman of the Board

Exhibit “A”

NUMBERED CORRESPONDENCE

- #1 WMSRDC- March 23, 2015**
- #2 WMSRDC- March 27, 2015**
- #3 Lake County Permit Summary Report For March 2015**
- #4 WMSRDC- April 3, 2015**

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Exhibit “B”

I would like to address the full board concerning the employees of this County. I am providing a copy of my comments, so that they may be included in the public record.

The non-union employees of this County have asked for the same insurance benefits enjoyed by the union employees. The Board has denied this, saying that the union employees have worked hard for this benefit and pay union dues. I would like to point out that this is a Right to Work State and NO employee is required to pay union dues.

Over my 10 years working for this County, I and many others have stood by the County over and over again when the County raided our paychecks and benefits to balance the budget.

For more than one year our hours were cut so low Blue Cross argued we should have no insurance benefit because we were all part time employees. This loss in hours affected not only our insurance, but also our retirement contribution and our social security wages and lowered our vacation time. Hurting us not only for the present, but for the future as well. We all stood by the County.

When we asked the County Commissioners to allow employees to be vested at 6 years instead of 10, the Commissioners voted this benefit for themselves, but did not allow it for employees for 2 more years. We all stood by the County.

Numerous years we received no pay increase at all, or a very minimal increase. We all stood by the County.

Commissioner Sloan stated in the Personnel Meeting yesterday that the money needed to hire a search firm to replace the County CFO and Equalization Director would come from the Human Resources budget. I believe this. Because every time the County has gone looking for money, it has come out of its employees back pockets.

I would like this Full Board to explain to me why the non-union employees of this County are consistently treated like an ugly stepsister.

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Exhibit “C”

“FAILED”

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF LAKE
Resolution #04/08/15 1324**

WHEREAS, the Lake County Board of Commissioners have an interest in furthering economic development and creating jobs in Lake County; and,

WHEREAS, Lake County has for decades faced chronic high unemployment and high poverty rates; and,

WHEREAS, The GEO Groups, Inc. has begun the process of re-opening the North Lake Correctional Facility in order to house out of state prisoners; and,

WHEREAS, the initial opening of the North Lake Correctional Facility will bring over 150 jobs to Lake County; and

WHEREAS, these jobs will have an immediate positive impact upon the economy of Lake County; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lake County Board of Commissioners strongly supports The GEO Group, Inc. re-opening of the North Lake Correctional Facility; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Lake County Board of Commissioners encourages the State of Michigan to provide whatever support may be needed to facilitate the re-opening of the North Lake Correctional Facility and the immediate improvement of the economy in Lake County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution is provided to Governor Rick Snyder, State Senator Darwin Booher, and State Representative Jon Bumstead.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) SS
COUNTY OF LAKE)

I, Shelly Myers, Clerk of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Lake, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution passed by the Lake County Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting held on April 8, 2015.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal at Baldwin, Michigan, this 8th day of April, 2015.

Shelly Myers, Clerk of the Board

Exhibit “D”

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF LAKE
Resolution #4/8/15 1325**

WHEREAS, the citizens of Lake County support ambulance services with a dedicated millage; and,

WHEREAS, the Lake County Board of Commissioners support EMS services to all county residents; and,

WHEREAS, Lake County currently has two ambulance facilities based in the west side of the County; and,

WHEREAS, the projected median age for Lake County for 2020 is 60 years; and

WHEREAS, this high median age indicates a general need for increased access to ambulance and EMS services; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lake County Board of Commissioners establish an Ad-Hoc Committee to study the feasibility of basing an EMS facility on the east side of the County; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Ad-Hoc Committee be comprised of three Commissioners, the County 911 Director, a representative of the County Sheriff Department and a representative of Life EMS; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ad-Hoc Committee presents a report on its finding to the Lake County Board of Commissioners within twelve months.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

) SS

COUNTY OF LAKE)

I, Shelly Myers, Clerk of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Lake, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution passed by the Lake County Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting held on April 8, 2015.

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Shelly Myers, Clerk of the Board