

LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
April 23, 2014
10:30 a.m.

Chairman Walls called the meeting to order at 10:38 a.m.

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

Deputy Clerk/Register DeWolf called the roll with the following Commissioners present:

Dan Sloan, Barb Stenger, Colleen Carrington-Atkins, Sandy Clarke, John Fairbanks, Bob Myers and Karl Walls.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved that the agenda be approved with the additions under old business and under Appointments, seconded by Commissioner Carrington-Atkins, and by voice vote carried.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved that the minutes from the April 9, 2014 regular meeting be approved, seconded by Commissioner Stenger, and by voice vote carried.

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

House Representative Jon Bumstead was present to report to the Board some of the issues going on at the State level.

Seth Hopkins, MSUE 4-H Coordinator was present and reported on what has been happening and upcoming events through MSUE and the Lake County Family & Youth Programs.

PERSONS SCHEDULED TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSIONERS

10:50 a.m. **Linda VanGills, Health Officer with District #10 Health Department,** was present to report on the 2013 annual report and distributed information regarding this. She discussed the health rankings between Lake County and the State of Michigan and reported they are beginning a “Live Well Campaign” and distributed information regarding such.

The Board thanked Ms. VanGills for her update.

11:15 a.m. **Tim McGuire, Executive Director and Kami Smith, Director of Membership Services, from Michigan Association of Counties (MAC),** were present and distributed information on services that MAC offers and provides. Mr. McGuire thanked many that were present for their involvement, support and help with MAC, which is very beneficial. Ms. Smith reported on regional workshops that are available and can be found on their website.

The Board thanked Mr. McGuire and Ms. Smith for their updates reports.

11:25 a.m. **Linda VanDolsen, MSU District 5 Extension Council,** was present and gave an overview of the packet the Commissioners received earlier and discussed all that is happening within Lake County, and the future for the youth.

The Board thanked Ms. VanDolsen for her update.

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:45 a.m.

The Board reconvened at 1:17 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

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Commissioner Fairbanks moved for approval for the conference and Training request from Craig Cooper, Prosecuting Attorney to attend the Michigan Elder Justice At-Risk Adult Summit in Lansing on May 1, 2014, for the cost of hotel \$84.75, meals \$44.00 and mileage \$188.10 for a total cost of \$316.85, seconded by Commissioner Carrington-Atkins, roll call vote 7 yes.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved for approval for the conference and training request from Amanda Sodergren, Crime Victims' Rights Advocate in Prosecutor's Department to attend Domestic Violence Lethality and Victims at McGuire's in Cadillac, MI on April 24, 2014 for the cost of mileage only \$34.10, seconded by Commissioner Myers, roll call vote 7 yes.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved for approval for the conference and training request from Jeannie Hall, Equalization Department to attend the Assessors Land Value Modeling in West Branch on April 25, 2014 for the cost of registration \$40.00 and mileage \$49.01 for a total cost \$89.01, seconded by Commissioner Myers, roll call vote 7 yes.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved for approval for the purchase requisition from Maintenance to USA Trailer Sales for the purchase of a 16' utility with brakes landscape trailer for the total cost of \$1,799.00 and to be paid from sales of vehicles, seconded by Commissioner Stenger, roll call vote 7 yes.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved for approval for the purchase requisition from Lake County Sheriff's Department/Jail to Tele-Rad for equipment for the Jail vehicle for the total cost of \$1,849.00, and to be paid from sales of vehicles, seconded by Commissioner Stenger, roll call vote 7 yes.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved for approval and authorization for signature for the three (3) L-4024's for 2014 Personal and Real Property Totals, Real Equalized Valuations and Real Assessed Valuations, seconded by Commissioner Stenger, roll call vote 7 yes.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved for approval for Lena Lyles, Equalization Clerk, to carry the County Flag during the Christmas Parade on November 22, 2014 with no cost to the County, seconded by Commissioner Clarke, roll call vote 7 yes.

Discussion followed regarding the bills and the concern of 911 funds paying for information regarding 911 to go to the students to learn more about the importance of 911.

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

General Fund	\$35,976.44
Road Patrol	6,065.77
E911	933.61
RRP Center	47,827.47
Friend of the Court	157.27
Council on Aging	75,189.75
Building Inspection Department	1,850.77
Register of Deeds Automation Fund	4,003.29
E911 Wireless Fund	90.20
Law Library	317.01
Criminal Justice Training Act	166.50
Child Care-Probate	25,364.98
Veteran's Trust	698.43
JABG Grant 2013-2014	119.00
Commissary Fund	<u>8,974.05</u>
GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$207,734.54</u>

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Seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, roll call vote 7 yes.

PERSONS SCHEDULED TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSIONERS

1:30 p.m. Jeff Stockhill, Operations Director for Life EMS, was present to give the board an update for the first quarter of 2014, January – March. Mr. Stockhill reported on the response time for some areas in the County and due to the bad weather and the road conditions the response time was longer than usual.

Discussion followed regarding an ambulance station closer to the north/east area of the County and first responders.

Clerk/Register/CFO Myers requested the Properties Committee to look at the North Ambulance Base and things that need to be done at that building, with the garage doors being one issue. Mr. Stockhill stated the North Base does need significant work done.

The board thanked Mr. Stockhill for his report.

Dave Sanders was present regarding the issue with using 911 millage funds for promoting 911 and he explained it is okay as he uses this for educational purposes for the public and it's his interpretation, that it is allowed.

2:00 p.m. Lisa Hotovy, Executive Director of West Michigan Community Mental Health, was present to update the board that beginning April 1, 2014, Healthy Michigan Enrollment began for the Medicaid Expansion and for those at the 133% poverty level who aren't enrolled in any insurance or the exchange. Anyone know anybody that falls into this category, should contact DHS. CMH is asking for support with this program. Ms. Hotovy stated the board should receive a letter to appoint a board member to the Substance Abuse Oversight Policy Board and it was stated a letter had been sent to Mr. VandenHeuvel with Commissioner Myers being the County Representative.

Discussion followed regarding Walk A Mile Rally on May 14, 2014 and this will promote awareness.

The Resolution #04/23/14 1310 May is Mental Health Month was presented and read.

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins moved for approval for Resolution #04/23/14 1310, seconded by Commissioner Myers, roll call vote 7 yes. *See Exhibit "B"*.

The board thanked Ms. Hotovy for her report.

The board took a break at 2:35 p.m.

The board reconvened at 2:45 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS cont.

PERSONNEL AND BOARD RULES

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins reported all have received the Commissioners Handbook with the revisions and would like more time for everyone to review and have this on the agenda for the next Full Board Meeting. Commissioner Sloan commended the Personnel and Board Rules Committee on their time with the revisions.

PROPERTIES

Commissioner Fairbanks reported there may be some issues at the North Ambulance Barn and will stop in and check things out and if a meeting is necessary, he will call for one.

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AGENCY REPORTS

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Commissioner Stenger reported she met with Mr. Chapla regarding the sub committees.

IT

Commissioner Sloan questioned the website and items that are on there that should come off and items that should be on the website, which this was discussed at an IT meeting.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the aerial maps and what direction should Mr. Holland go at the Lake County Township Officers Association meeting on 4/24/14.

Commissioner Sloan moved for approval for Mr. Holland, Equalization Director, to pursue this project with the State of Michigan for 12" color photos and present this information at the meeting on 4/24/14, seconded by Commissioner Myers.

Discussion followed and Commissioner Sloan moved to withdraw his motion, seconded by Commissioner Myers.

Commissioner Sloan moved for approval for Mr. Holland, Equalization Director, to pursue getting competitive bids from the private sector, 12" color flyover aerials, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, roll call vote 5 yes and 2 NO Commissioner Clarke and Chairman Walls.

MICHIGAN NORTHERN COUNTIES

Commissioner Myers reported on all the projects and legislative proposals that are going through the house.

MICHIGAN WORKS!

Commissioner Sloan reported on their recent meeting, which was an oversight committee meeting and discussed the potential vendor/contractor that will need to go out for bids. Clerk/Register/CFO Myers asked when the final decision is on who they hire, to please get her their contact information.

LAKE COUNTY FAMILY AND YOUTH PROGRAMS

Clerk/Register/CFO Myers reported the asbestos testing was done on all the buildings on the property and was told by the company that did the test felt there was nothing to worry about, with the exception of the tile floor. Discussion followed regarding the asbestos and lead based paint and a demolition permit can't be pulled until both have been tested.

PINE RIVER ZONING VARIANCE BOARD

Commissioner Stenger reported there are two variances, but they are not for Lake County. Discussion followed regarding Commissioner Stenger to attend the meetings.

WEST MICHIGAN SHORELINE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (WMSRDC) AND COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (CEDs)

Commissioner Sloan reported they will begin on the preliminary upcoming projects, and amend the CEDs list to include the Community Center and if an Economic Development Committee is formed, even with an alliance, we could get funds up to three years to start and we have to be on the CEDs list to get funding and we are on an appendix at this time.

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Discussion followed.

CORRESPONDENCE – see Exhibit “A”

There were no discussions regarding any correspondences.

Discussion followed regarding the upcoming Road Officers Building.

APPOINTMENTS

There were no appointments at this meeting.

CFO REPORT

Clerk/Register/CFO Myers was present to report on the following:

1. Has three budget amendments #11735, #11755 and #11796 as follows:

Commissioner Fairbanks moved for approval of Budget Amendments #11735, #11755 and #11796 as follows:

BA #11735

Debit	292-000.00-561.001		\$2,892.33	
		Credit	292-668.00-802.000	\$1,575.00
		Credit	292-668.00-727.000	\$600.00
		Credit	292-668.00-860.000	\$717.33

Description: To amend the Children’s Trust Fund to what was received by the State which is 100% funded

BA #11755

Debit	295-000.00-562.001		\$50,468.00	
		Credit	295-666.01-727.000	\$2,495.00
		Credit	295-666.01-802.000	\$18,730.00
		Credit	295-666.01-860.000	\$743.00
		Credit	295-666.01-863.007	\$28,500.00

Description: to amend the budget for the new IHC Rural Grant that was received through Kim Loop

BA #11796

Debit	295-000.00-562.000		\$24,291.00	
		Credit	295-666.00-727.008	\$2,273.00
		Credit	295-666.00-802.000	\$731.00
		Credit	295-666.00-802.032	\$1,160.00
		Credit	295-666.00-812.006	\$13,755.00
		Credit	295-666.00-849.005	\$4,500.00
		Credit	295-666.00-922.001	\$1,872.00

Description: To carry forward funds from 2013 as grant is from Oct 1, 2013 – September 30, 2014.

Seconded by Commissioner Sloan, roll call vote 7 yes.

2. Drafted a letter of Support to the Village of Baldwin for their grant for the bridge on 8th Street and is requesting approval and authorization for signature.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved for approval and authorization of signature on the letter of support to the Village of Baldwin for their grant for the bridge on 8th street, seconded by Commissioner Carrington-Atkins, roll call vote 7 yes.

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3. Asbestos and lead base paint have been tested and Chief Deputy Dagen wants to know what is next and if Properties should schedule a meeting.
4. County Alliance meeting is Monday April 28th and thanked Commissioner Carrington-Atkins for all her help. This begins at 6:00 p.m.
5. Clerk/Register/CFO Myers called for an election for the recall of Certain Officers of the Chase Township Board and it will be held at the November Election. Discussion followed.
6. Distributed the Treasurer's Report for the first Quarter, January – March 2014. Discussion followed

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Fairbanks made note to not let Emergency Management go down the FEMA flood plains avenue. There are many issues with this. Clerk/Register/CFO Myers thanked Commissioner Fairbanks for stating this.

RESOLUTIONS – *See Exhibits "C, D & E"*

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins moved for approval for Resolution #04/23/14 1309 Honoring Mabel R. Williams, seconded by Commissioner Sloan, roll call vote 7 yes.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved for approval for Resolutions #04/23/14 1307 Supporting restoration of the funding for Public Health and #04/23/14 1308, Adopting the 2014 Lake County Equalization Valuations, seconded by Commissioner Myers, roll call vote 7 yes.

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

There was no one present who wished to speak.

COMMISSIONERS PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Commissioner Stenger requested the Board of Commissioners write a letter of support to the Baldwin Schools for the grant and to add this to the next agenda.

Commissioner Clarke announced she will not be running for Commissioner in the upcoming election.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 a.m.

Lori R. DeWolf, Deputy Clerk to the Board

Karl Walls, Chairman of the Board

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Exhibit "A"

NUMBERED CORRESPONDENCE

#1 WMSRDC- April 15, 2014

#2 WMSRDC- April 17, 2014

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Exhibit “B”

**LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WEST MICHIGAN COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH
MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH
#04/23/14 1310**

Whereas, May is Mental Health Month; and

Whereas, stigma associated with mental illness and developmental disabilities creates one of the primary barriers to individuals seeking needed services; and

Whereas, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Lake recognize that stigma associated with mental illness and developmental disabilities creates one of the primary barriers to individuals seeking needed services; and

Whereas, citizens of Lake, Mason and Oceana County, in coordination with West Michigan Community Mental Health and the Michigan Association of Community Mental Health Boards, will be representing their home counties in an event titled “Walk a Mile in My Shoes” at the State Capitol on May 14, 2014 to promote awareness and reduce stigma associated with mental illness and developmental disabilities.

Therefore be it Resolved, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Lake recognizes May as Mental Health Month and supports the efforts of the citizens of Lake County participating in the “Walk a Mile in My Shoes” event to promote awareness of, and to reduce the stigma associated with mental illness and developmental disabilities in Lake County.

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 23, 2014.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal at Baldwin, Michigan, this 23rd day of April, 2014.

Shelly Myers, Clerk of the Board

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Exhibit “C”

**LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MABEL R. WILLIAMS RESOLUTION
Resolution #04/23/14 1309**

WHEREAS, Mabel Williams and her husband, Robert, made their home in Lake County, Michigan in 1969, over forty-five (45) years ago, and
WHEREAS, prior to moving to Lake County, the couple founded a newspaper, THE CRUSADER, and a radio program, Radio Free Dixie, which broadcasted from Cuba and aired throughout the south, and
WHEREAS, prior to Robert’s death in 1996, they worked together promoting human rights and raising awareness, and
WHEREAS, Mabel is leaving a legacy of educating and sharing the wealth of experience she amassed during her remarkable lifetime, and
WHEREAS, her work included serving as an active member of St. Ann’s Catholic Church serving on the finance board and as a Lector and Minister of the Eucharist, and
WHEREAS, Mabel, also served on the board of Five Cap, Inc. Board of Directors advocating for low-income families, and
WHEREAS, for many years she was the project director for the St. Ann’s Lake County Senior Meals Program and helped plan for the positive growth of the community as a member of the Lake County Community Foundation, and
WHEREAS, Mabel was instrumental in promoting the legacy of Idlewild, the historic African American resort community, and
WHEREAS, she served on the Advisory Board of the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan, the Deputy Clerk for Yates Township, and in various other Lake County positions, and
WHEREAS, Mabel was loved by many and will be remembered in the Lake County community as a remarkable person passionate about the rights and well-being of others, and
BE IT RESOLVED, that on this Twenty-Third day of April, 2014, the Lake County Commissioners wish to recognize and honor the life of Mabel R. Williams and the many lives she touched while giving service to the Lake County community.

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Exhibit “D”

**LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SUPPORT FOR RESTORATION OF THE FUNDING FOR PUBLIC HEALTH
Resolution #04/23/14 1307**

Whereas, Michigan’s local public health departments support the provision of quality public health services mandated to be provided on a statewide basis; and

Whereas, the funding provided by the Michigan Departments of Agriculture, Community Health, and Environmental Quality to conduct these mandated services has not kept pace with inflation rates for the past ten years and has experienced several reductions; and

Whereas, Section 333.2475 of the Michigan Public Health Code of 1978 requires a 50-50 cost sharing of these mandated services; and

Whereas, local funds appropriated to support the delivery of these mandated services now comprise over 70% of the total funding for these services; and

Whereas, public health services have a documented return on investment of at least four dollars for every dollar spent on public health; and

Whereas, through legislative leadership 2 million dollars was restored to this unfunded mandate for FY 2014, and

Therefore Be It Resolved; the Lake County Board of Commissioners urges the Governor and Michigan Legislature to restore the remaining \$2 million dollars cut from the Essential Local Public Health Services line item, this will place funding for mandated services at FY2000 level and

Therefore Be It Further Resolved, the Michigan legislature appropriate sufficient dollars to comply with PA 368 of 1978, and establish a funding mechanism to support this mandated service requirement going into the future to assure a strong and viable local public health system which is addressing population health outcomes.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
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Exhibit “E”

**LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Adoption of the 2014 Lake County Equalized Valuations
Resolution #04/23/14 1308**

WHEREAS, The Lake County Equalization Department has established the various valuations of each of the townships of Lake County, and

WHEREAS, each of the fifteen (15) townships have had the opportunity to review the equalization factors with the Equalization Department, and

WHEREAS, this Board of Commissioners feels that these valuations are in order,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lake County Board of Commissioners has adopted the 2014 equalized valuations for each township recommended by the Lake County Equalization Director, as contained in this report, pursuant to Sec. 211.34 MCL 1948, as amended.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

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Shelly Myers, Clerk of the Board

Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners