

LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
April 24, 2013
10:30 a.m.

Chairman Walls called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m.

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

Deputy Clerk Lori DeWolf called the roll with the following Commissioners present:

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

There were no Commissioners absent.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved that the agenda be approved as presented, seconded by Commissioner Myers, and by voice vote carried.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved that the minutes from the April 10, 2013 regular meeting be approved as presented seconded by Commissioner Stenger and by voice vote carried.

Commissioner Myers stated he would like to ask why his comments from the last meeting, which were made during the Personnel report, were not included in the minutes.

Clerk/Register/CFO Myers explained why some things are omitted and what is necessary to be in the minutes. She also stated if someone wants something to be stated in the minutes, to please state "for the record".

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

Kay Cummings, MSUe reported Christina Curell is working on a full program for farmers in September. There are grant opportunities, businesses opportunities, etc. at this September 13 to 14 event. Kay also introduced Mike Krauch, the new finance and home owners' consultant for District 5. Mr. Krauch gave a brief history and background of himself and what his plans are.

Commissioner Clarke stated the Housing Committee meets the second Tuesday of every month and requested that Mr. Krauch attend.

Clerk/Register/CFO Myers stated she would have the director of Habitat for Humanity contact Mr. Krauch regarding housing.

Larry Collier asked why does this board have committees and the full board doesn't have the confidence to agree with the recommendations and discussion from the committees, and then pay them to meet? He continued to state he is upset this board did not support the 2nd Amendment and asked if the two AVL Antennas were returned and Mr. Sanders stated they were.

Chuck Vayda was present and asked why the Commissioners can't meet in the evenings to accommodate those who work daily and who would like to attend the meetings and Chairman Walls stated they will look into this request.

PERSONS SCHEDULED TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSIONERS

11:00 a.m. Seth Hopkins was present and reported spring training has started. The first game is May 6th. A club has been formed called the Lake County 4-H Little League.

Mr. Hopkins also spoke on the 4-H Capitol Experience. In March 4 students were taken to Lansing for a 4 day event that included 3 main topics and meetings.

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Three of the four students were present and each spoke of their trip and what they learned.

Chairman Walls reported there were some IT questions in Finance and asked John Kovalcik who was present if he could answer these questions.

Commissioner Stenger questioned the faster speed for the internet and John reported on his findings between CARR Internet and AT&T and the difference in cost and both Dave Sanders and John Kovalcik stated the county would benefit with higher internet speed.

Discussion followed and Chairman Walls asked that Lora Jones contact Abilita and ask that they contact CARR Internet regarding this issue.

Commissioner Sloan left the room at 11:25 a.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Sloan returned at 11:26 a.m.

FINANCE

1. Commissioner Clarke moved for approval and authorization for signature on the License Agreement between Lake County and Alltel Communications Wireless, d/b/a Verizon Wireless for five (5) years with no cost to the County, seconded by Commissioner Stenger, roll call vote 7 yes.
2. Commissioner Clarke moved for approval for the conference and training request for Pam Sisson, 911 to attend the TAC Class in Walker, MI on May 14th for the cost of meals \$42.00 and mileage in the amount of \$108.00 for a total cost of \$150.00, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, roll call vote 7 yes.
3. Commissioner Clarke moved for approval for the conference and training request for James Holden, Prosecutor's Office to attend the New Employee Training – MiCSES in Lansing from May 16th to May 17th for the cost of hotel \$75.00 plus taxes, meals \$42.00 and mileage of \$132.00 for total cost of \$249.00, seconded by Commissioner Myers, roll call vote 7 yes.
4. Commissioner Clarke moved for approval for the purchase requisition from Lake County Sheriff's Department/Road Patrol to Winder Police Equipment for a Partition for the 2013 Dodge Durango for the total cost of \$1,148.30 with a reimbursement of \$1,013.34 from the balance of the USDA Grant in 2012 purchase for this vehicle, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, roll call vote 7 yes.

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

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|---------------------------|---------------------|
| General Fund | \$60,657.05 |
| Road Patrol | 5,791.10 |
| E911 | 40,100.11 |
| RRP Center | 57,196.68 |
| Friend of the Court | 27.62 |
| Council on Aging | 79,442.21 |
| Building Inspection Dept. | 1,393.60 |
| Law Library | 355.40 |
| Child Care-Probate | 1,510.18 |
| Veterans Trust | 2,396.00 |
| Commissary Fund | <u>10,889.23</u> |
| GRAND TOTAL | <u>\$259,759.18</u> |

Seconded by Commissioner Myers, roll call vote 7 yes.

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PERSONNEL

Discussion concerning supervision of Department Heads and how Clerk/Register/CFO Myers received the authority to handle personnel issues of non-elected department heads.

The Procedures & Personnel Manual will be reviewed on May 7, 2013 at 9:30 a.m.

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:47 a.m.

The Board reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

PROPERTY/SAFETY

Commissioner Fairbanks moved for approval for the Panic/Duress Alarm Operations and Testing Procedures, seconded by Commissioner Myers, roll call vote 7 yes.

Commissioner Stenger moved for approval supporting Commissioner Fairbanks to have an open dialogue with the Village of Baldwin regarding water issues related to the County, seconded by Commissioner Clarke, and by voice vote carried.

AGENCY REPORTS

AREA AGENCY ON AGING

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins reported the annual meeting and luncheon was so well attend, they were unable to accommodate everyone who showed up to attend and a presentation for Care Givers and how special they are along with information program conquering the kitchen for male Care Givers in Grand Rapids.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AD-HOC COMMITTEE

Commissioner Sloan reported on all the upcoming presentation regarding getting started with assistance from MSUe, MAC and Northern Area of Michigan.

APPOINTMENTS WITH THE BOARD

1:30 pm. Jeff Stockhill of Life EMS presented the 1st Quarter Report and discussed some issues with response time.

AGENCY REPORTS (Cont'd)

HOUSING

Commissioner Clarke reported on May 14, 2013 there will be a breakfast with MSHDA and contractors. Funds won't be released until July and for those who can't wait, Lake Osceola State Bank has funds available that can be applied for.

MASON/LAKE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Commissioner Clarke stated they are working on tree sales and looking for additional funding.

MENTAL HEALTH

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Chairman Walls stated that if anyone has a specific question to ask regarding Mental Health, please see him and continued that the board is still discussing the consolidation of Counties, which Rich VandenHuevel is in charge of this consolidation and there is a minimum of two years before the merge.

ECONOMIC & TAXATION

Commissioner Myers reported on revenue sharing and a presentation by the Assistant Attorney General regarding Indian Casinos.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins spoke on the presentation for the free Webinar in May.

MI NORTHERN COUNTIES

Commissioner Myers reported on a presentation by Dan Bodkins and John Armory spoke on concerns regarding trust and how people do business together.

MSU DISTRICT 5 EXTENSION COUNCIL

Commission Fairbanks spoke about a grant that was received along with donations for an incubator for businesses, which is located in Oceana County and would like to see something similar in Lake County. A business group is working with MSU to get a program going in Lake County.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Commission Carrington-Atkins reported on the classes she is attending in Big Rapids and will bring this information back to the planning board. She also stated the board needs training to determine what they would like to see in our community, and to get grants to achieve their goals.

Discussion followed.

YATES DIAL-A-RIDE ADVISORY BOARD

Clerk/Register/CFO Myers reported Yates Dial-A-Ride is going to be unionized and asked whose employees are they as they are being told they are municipality employees.

Discussion followed and Commissioner Fairbanks stated he will get this information at their next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE – *see Exhibit "A"*

None

APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Walls reappointed Marilyn Burns to the Jury Board with the term ending April 30, 2016.

CFO REPORT

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

1. Budget Amendments #10242 and #10243:

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Commissioner Stenger moved for approval Budget Amendments #10242 and #10243 as follows:

BA #10242

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| Debit | | Credit | 101-253.00-702.030 | \$17,004.00 |
| Debit | | Credit | 101-253.00-715.000 | \$ 1,300.00 |
| Debit | | Credit | 101-253.00-716.000 | \$ 5,348.00 |
| Debit | | Credit | 101-253.00-717.000 | \$ 90.00 |
| Debit | | Credit | 101-253.00-717.001 | \$ 238.00 |
| Debit | | Credit | 101-253.00-717.002 | \$ 116.00 |
| Debit | | Credit | 101-253.00-717.004 | \$ 99.00 |
| Debit | | Credit | 101-253.00-718.000 | \$ 2,289.00 |
| Debit | | Credit | 101-253.00-719.000 | \$ 115.00 |
| Debit | | Credit | 101-253.00-719.000 | \$ 69.00 |
| Debit | 101-253.01-703.000 | Credit | | \$ 9,211.00 |
| Debit | 101-253.01-715.000 | Credit | | \$ 704.00 |
| Debit | 101-253.01-719.000 | Credit | | \$ 115.00 |
| Debit | 101-253.01-721.000 | Credit | | \$ 42.00 |
| Debit | 101-890.00-955.000 | Credit | | \$14,823.00 |
| Debit | 101-000.00-684.584 | Credit | | \$ 1,773.00 |
| Debit | 584-254.00-983.007 | Credit | 584-000.00-999.101 | \$ 1,773.00 |

Description: to amend for part time employee in Treasurer's Office to go full time as LCBC approved 4/10/2013.

BA #10243

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|-------|--------------------|--------|--------------------|-------------|
| Debit | 101-648.00-707.000 | Credit | | \$ 2583.00 |
| Debit | 101-648.00-727.000 | Credit | | \$ 250.00 |
| Debit | 101-648.00-732.000 | Credit | | \$ 180.00 |
| Debit | | Credit | 101-648.00-802.000 | \$ 2,580.00 |
| Debit | | Credit | 101-648.00-805.006 | \$ 8,479.00 |
| Debit | 101-648.00-815.000 | Credit | | \$ 1,041.00 |
| Debit | 101-648.00-830.000 | Credit | | \$ 250.00 |
| Debit | 101-648.00-850.000 | Credit | | \$ 900.00 |
| Debit | 101-648.00-860.000 | Credit | | \$ 975.00 |
| Debit | 101-648.00-863.000 | Credit | | \$ 3,600.00 |
| Debit | 101-648.00-955.000 | Credit | | \$ 1,810.00 |
| Debit | | Credit | | \$ 520.00 |

Description: to amend per agreement with Medical Examiner's Admin Assistant

Seconded by Commissioner Myers, roll call vote 7 yes.

Clerk/Register/CFO Myers explained that there currently is no deputy in the Treasurer's Office and asked to have Brenda Kutchinski added to the Agenda for the Personnel Meeting.

Clerk/Register/CFO Myers presented the L4046 for Equalization and is requesting approval and authorization for signature.

Commissioner Myers moved for approval and authorization for approval for the L4046 as presented, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, roll call vote 7 yes.

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OLD BUSINESS

There was discussion regarding the resolution concerning the 2nd amendment right to bear arms. The Commissioners wanted to make it clear they voted against the resolution due to the verbiage and not against the 2nd amendment itself.

Discussion followed regarding Committee recommendations.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

RESOLUTION – *see Exhibit “B”*

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins moved for approve for Resolution #04/24/13 1284, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Myers, and by voice vote carried.

Resolution #04/24/13 1285 was discussed at length.

Commissioner Myers moved for approval for Resolution #04/24/13 1285, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Stenger, roll call vote 2 yes and 5 NO Commissioners Sloan, Carrington-Atkins, Clarke, Fairbanks, and Chairman Walls. Motion fails.

COMMISSIONERS PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins thanked the Board for allowing her to attend the classes in Big Rapids regarding planning.

Commissioner Myers stated he is still upset over a Personnel issue and stated he is embarrassed to say he is a Commissioner on this Board.

Commissioner Clarke distributed a letter concerning the Baldwin Promise, supporting the young.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:23 p.m.

Lori R. DeWolf, Deputy Clerk

Karl Walls, Chairman of the Board

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Exhibit “A”

NUMBERED CORRESPONDENCE

- #1 WMSRDC- April 3, 2013**
- #2 Letter From Seth Hopkins Regarding The 4-H Capital Experience**
- #3 WMSRDC- April 12, 2013**
- #4 MAC Legislative Update- April 15, 2013**
- #5 WMSRDC- April 15, 2013**
- #6 West Michigan Community Mental Health System- Resolution**
- #7 WMSRDC- April 15, 2013**
- #8 MAC Legislative Update- April 22, 2013**
- #9 Conference Report From Kim Loop**

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Exhibit “B”

WEST MICHIGAN COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM

Office of the Executive Director

Resolution #04/24/13 1284

Whereas, May is Mental Health Month; and

Whereas, stigma associated with Mental Illness 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 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 System 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 8, 2013 to promote awareness and reduce stigma associated with Mental Illness.

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 in Lake County.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

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COUNTY OF LAKE)

I, Lori R. DeWolf, Deputy 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 24, 2013.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal at Baldwin, Michigan, this 24th day of April, 2013.

Lori R. DeWolf, Deputy Clerk of the Board