

LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
May 22, 2013
10:30 a.m.

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

Commissioner Stenger 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, Sandy Clarke, John Fairbanks, Robert Myers and Karl Walls

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins was absent and excused.

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

Commissioner Myers moved that the minutes from the May 8, 2013 regular meeting be approved, seconded by Commissioner Sloan with the correction on page two that Commissioner Sloan's intent was to ask how the Veteran's Trust Fund operates, not questioning why funds are being spent, and by voice vote carried.

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

Bill Gillard, Sauble Township Supervisor, was present and reported they are getting street lights in some areas and there is a presentation at the Baldwin Community Schools May 23, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. to present scholarships to the seniors with those agencies that funded these scholarships and will be by candlelight ceremony.

PERSONS SCHEDULED TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSIONERS

10:30 a.m. Nicolette McClure and Ann Dutcher were present regarding the State's Veterans Trust Fund.

Chairman Walls inquired how this program works.

Ms. Dutcher reported that she is the Director of the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund at the State level. She is a veteran herself and is still active. This fund can use up to \$50 million and currently has \$54 million. Requests for up to \$2000 can be approved by the local board, which are members at the County level. Anything over the \$2000 must go to the State Board for review and approval. The administration of the fund is done by Nicolette McClure and Richard Denney in Lake County. There are many different reasons how a Veteran can receive these benefits, but the benefits go to the vendors or agencies, not to the veteran.

Discussion followed regarding the different items that can be paid and what can't be paid.

Chad Wilson is the Counselor in Lake County and he is located at MIWorks!

Commissioner Sloan left the room at 11:08 a.m.

Commissioner Stenger asked if there were income guidelines for those seeking assistance and Ms. Dutcher responded that there are no guidelines. They look at each situation and make a determination.

Commissioner Sloan returned at 11:10 a.m.

The Board thanked Ms. Dutcher and Ms. McClure for their presentation on the Veterans Trust Fund and especially to Ms. McClure for her dedication to this program as it has received more activity since she has gotten on board in Lake County.

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Clerk/Register/CFO Myers clarified a question that was asked in Finance regarding the M-R Digging Invoice at the Fairgrounds and demolition of a building and at the April 10, 2013 meeting it was approved not to exceed a certain amount which it did not.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

1. Commissioner Clarke moved for approval of the purchase requisition from the Ambulance fund to Hamburg Fencing Co. for a privacy fence for the cost of \$13,706.54, seconded by Commissioner Myers, roll call vote 6 yes, and 1 absent and excused, Commissioner Carrington-Atkins.
2. Commissioner Clarke moved for approval of the purchase requisition from Maintenance to Brian's Sealcoating for repairs to the parking lot areas at the Courthouse, Jail and Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$10,900.00 which \$5,450.00 is due upon signing of the contract and \$11,200 was budgeted for this project, seconded by Commissioner Myers, roll call vote, 6 yes, and 1 absent and excused, Commissioner Carrington-Atkins.

There was discussion regarding receiving bids in 2012 for the 2013 budget for this project.

3. Commissioner Clarke moved for approval of the purchase requisition from Lake County Sheriff's Department/RRP Center to DASH for latex gloves in the total amount of \$1,006.40 plus shipping and handling, seconded by Commissioner Myers, roll call vote 6 yes, and 1 absent and excused, Commissioner Carrington-Atkins
4. Commissioner Clarke moved for payment of bills by fund as follows:

General Fund	\$58,698.86
Road Patrol	8,450.18
E911	9,581.75
RRP Center	53,699.45
Friend of the Court	8.07
Building Inspection Dept.	4,103.48
E911-Wireless	210.00
Law Library	3,579.83
Child Care-Probate	26,440.83
Veterans Trust	2,396.00
JAIBG Grant 2012-2013	456.25
Ambulance	1,111.00
DHS Building	5,391.25
Commissary Fund	<u>6,402.04</u>

GRAND TOTAL \$180,528.99

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

PERSONNEL

Commissioner Clarke had been excused from the last meeting and asked Chairman Walls to report on the meeting.

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Chairman Walls reported they interviewed a candidate, and made a tentative offer of \$52,500 with fringe benefits and requested a call back by May 20, 2013. The candidate called back on May 21, 2013 and stated she wanted more like \$60,000.

Clerk/Register/CFO Myers said they have scheduled a May 23, 2013 meeting at 10:00 a.m. to interview a second candidate.

Discussion followed regarding wage scale and benefits for this position and the possibility of contracting out this position.

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

The Board reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS cont.

PERSONNEL cont.

Commissioner Sloan asked where the county is at on recording the meetings.

Clerk/Register/CFO Myers responded they are still working on this.

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins arrived at 1:17 p.m.

Discussion followed regarding a policy for the recording system.

Commissioner Clarke suggested 10 a.m. to 12 noon on June 5, 2013 to meet to begin reviewing the recording system policy and the Personnel Policy.

PROPERTIES

June 4, 2013 a Safety Meeting is scheduled at 10 a.m.

Commissioner Fairbanks reported on a meeting he had with the Village of Baldwin. The Village of Baldwin, through their Association, has a company that will come through the County Facilities and do water testing at no cost to the County and analyze how much is being spent on water and what to do to lower these costs.

Discussion followed regarding Commissioner Fairbanks to follow through with this request and have them do the three main buildings, Courthouse, RRP Center and Department of Human Services Building.

AGENCY REPORTS

COUNCIL ON AGING

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins reported they are reviewing the by-laws, and the roster of those that are not active. They will have new officers at the next meeting and they discussed volunteers for the RESPITE program.

DISTRICT HEALTH #10

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins reported on the Community Care Grant and would like one of the presenters to attend one of the board meetings.

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Discussion followed regarding this may help with the schools and focus on changes.

HOUSING

Commissioner Clarke reported a representative from the Michigan Housing Commission was present at a meeting with homeowners and discussed Section 3, and explained how this will work with HUD.

HUMAN SERVICES ROUNDTABLE

Commissioner Clarke reported there was a speaker spoke on the obesity in Lake County and put together a program to eat better, health issues and cooking stations and has asked to attend the June 26, 2013 meeting.

MENTAL HEALTH

Chairman Walls reported Mr. VandenHuevel has been offered the position of director of a multi-area Community Mental Health, and he has not made his decision yet.

Clerk/Register/CFO Myers reported that the lease came back from West Michigan Community Mental Health. They have requested a 5 year lease, not a 1 year lease and have other changes. The lease has been sent on to the county attorney to review.

Discussion followed regarding how many years the contract should be for.

MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES - SUB-COMMITTEES

ECONOMIC & TAXATION

Commissioner Myers reported the following issues were discussed: revenue sharing, unfunded liabilities designating road repairs to where sales tax would increase 1% for the roads, taxation for manufactured homes, port authority, PILT, public employee issues where MAC opposes the State to dictate local and government wages.

Discussions followed.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Commissioner Clarke reported that the major discussion was regarding legislature denying the expansion of Medicaid.

TRANSPORTATION

Commissioner Fairbanks reported on MAC's position for a 1% increase for sales tax, which would be dedicated for roads only.

MICHIGAN NORTHERN COUNTIES

Commissioner Myers reported on their meeting regarding lake levels

PERE MARQUETTE ZONING VARIANCE BOARD

Commissioner Carrington reported there were two variances and both were approved.

PLANNING

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There have been numerous suggestions on how to proceed and to use the Lake County Webber Township Community/Family and Youth Park and their plan to build onto that as this park in Webber Township is the core and the Planning Commission should build onto that.

OSCEOLA/LAKE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Commissioner Sloan reported there will be a natural resource/MSU awareness kick-off for maple syrup and other home products and there are several bills to modify the current forest land laws, owners of forest land, non-primary property will exempt up to 16 Mills for non-homestead property.

WEST MICHIGAN SHORELINE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Commissioner Stenger reported on the environmental consultant that works with Brownfield with Lake County and their annual conference is July 16 – July 19 and WMSRDC will pay for the registration.

911

Commissioner Fairbanks reported Dave Sanders is working to consolidate 911 and Lake County is gotten into regional technology through the help of Mr. Sanders and Mr. Fowler.

CORRESPONDENCE – see attachment “A”

There were none for discussion.

CFO REPORT

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

1. Budget Amendments #10317

Commissioner Fairbanks moved for approval of Budget Amendment #10317 as follows:

	BA #10300		
Debit	211-362.00-975.001	Credit	211-362.00-977.013 \$ 500.00
Description:	to cover repair cost for RRP kitchen oven		

Seconded by Commissioner Myers, roll call vote 7 yes

2. Received Certification of the equalized valuation for 2013 which was sent in by Mr. Motzer and believed Mr. Motzer left the County in good shape before he retired.
3. 1st Quarter Treasurers Report and distributed such.

There was discussion and questions and Chairman Walls suggested having the Treasurer attend the next Finance to answer questions and for all to review prior to the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

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There was no new business.

RESOLUTIONS – see Exhibit “B”

Commissioner Fairbanks moved for approval of Resolution #05/22/2013 1289 as presented, seconded by Commissioner Clarke, and by voice vote carried.

COMMISSIONERS PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Commissioner Stenger wondered how many were at the Blessing of the Bikes and Clerk/Register/CFO Myers stated it was reported to her that 2,700 went through the airport.

Commissioner Clarke thanked Commissioner Stenger for replacing her at the Personnel Committee Meeting.

Commissioner Fairbanks thanked Commissioner Clarke for attending the WMSRDC meeting and would like to attend the annual meeting.

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins apologized for missing the Personnel Meeting and thanked Commissioner Stenger for being there in her place and also stated the Lake County Historical Society has a great display.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Lori R. DeWolf, Deputy Clerk

Karl Walls, Chairman of the Board

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Exhibit “A”

NUMBERED CORRESPONDENCE

- #1 WMSRDC – May 8, 2013**
- #2 MAC Legislative Update – May 13, 2013**
- #3 Resolutions 13-09**

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“Exhibit B”

COUNTY OF LAKE
STATE OF MICHIGAN
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE SECOND AMENDMENT

#05/22/2013 1289

Whereas, the Lake County Board of Commissioners wishes to publicly reaffirm their commitment to both the Michigan State and United States Constitutions and, particularly, the right of the People to keep and bear arms. The Second Amendment to the United States Constitution states that “A well-regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.” Article I, Section 6 of the Michigan State Constitution states the “Every person has a right to keep and bear arms for the defense of himself and the state.” Each of the Lake County Board of Commissioners has sworn by solemn oath to uphold both the Michigan State and United States Constitutions.

Therefore be it resolved, that the Lake County Board of Commissioners supports the right of the people to keep and bear arms as set forth in the 2nd Amendment of the United States Constitution and Article I, Section 6 of the Michigan State Constitution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be sent to Governor Rick Snyder, Senator Darwin Booher, Representative Jon Bumstead , the County Clerks of all Michigan Counties, and the Michigan Association of Counties; and,

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 May 22, 2013.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal at Baldwin, Michigan, this 22nd day of May, 2013.

Shelly Myers, Clerk of the Board