

LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
June 24, 2015
6:00 p.m. – Yates Township Hall

Chairman Walls called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

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

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

Absent and excused: Chuck Vayda

Motion and support to accept the Agenda as presented, with an addition to place the Assistant Prosecuting Attorney on agenda directly after public comment, and by voice vote carried.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved that the minutes from the June 10, 2015 regular meeting be approved with the correction that Commissioner Brunn said the Prayer, seconded by Commissioner Carrington-Atkins, and by voice vote carried. Commissioner Sloan stated that the Commissioners passed a procedure 3 years ago that Public Comments were not to be placed in the minutes unless they were in writing and wishes the board to adhere to that.

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

Ms. Julia Carr was present to ask questions regarding the specific donations to the EDC, and the EDC Board, and wants clarification to such.

Mr. Jon Bumstead was present to bring the board up to date on some issues they are working on.

PERSONS PRESENT TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSIONERS

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Belinda Barbier was present to give everyone a brief update on her background and her position with the County. She stated that since she started she has worked Part Time for her first few months, and requested to be placed at a Full Time status, which was done in January of this year. She explained her workload in the office, and some of the other areas that she provides assistance to. She further explained that approximately 50% of her time is billed to either the Title IV-D grant or the Title IV-E grant, with about 20% of her current salary being reimbursed.

Ms. Barbier stated that at this time she is asking that she be considered to continue her employment at a Full Time Status and at a Full Time Salary, so that she can effectively continue her work with the County.

Commissioner Sloan stated that he would like to move on to the Action Items under Finance as to her request.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

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The Chairman explained that he would like the first action item to be that of the Assistant Prosecutors' request, and it will be Action Item 1A.

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins moved for approval to extend the Assistant Prosecutors Agreement through December 31, 2015, at a Full Time Status with Benefits, seconded by Commissioner Brunn, discussion followed.

Commissioner Sloan presented 2015 Budget Report information relative to Estimated Revenues - All Funds and Appropriations – All Funds, with Net of Revenues/Appropriations – All Funds, and stated that the County is not running a balanced budget according to this information.

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins stated that this is not accurate and thinks the CFO could give the Board a more accurate accounting of the Prosecutors Budget.

Discussion followed.

Roll Call Vote, 5 Yes, 1 NO, Commissioner Sloan, and 1 Absent and Excused, Commissioner Vayda.

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins moved for approval for the purchase requisition from Equalization Department to Great Lakes Office Supply for the purchase of toner to print tax bills for the total cost of \$1175.97. Available in budget \$2473.01, seconded by Commissioner Stenger, Roll Call Vote, 6 Yes, and 1 Absent and Excused, Commissioner Vayda.

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins moved for approval for conference and training for John Bennett, Lake County Road Patrol K/9 to attend USPCA Region 19 Police Dog Patrol Trials in Macomb County on August 6th thru the 9th. Registration is \$85.00, lodging \$249.00, meals \$126.00, using patrol car, totaling \$460.00. Available in budget \$3,016.23, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, Roll Call Vote, 6 Yes, and 1 Absent and Excused, Commissioner Vayda.

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins moved for approval for conference and training for Brad Nixon and Patrick Maddox, Lake County Road Patrol to attend Datamaster DMT in Mt. Pleasant on August 11th. NO registration, NO lodging and NO meals, using patrol car, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, Roll Call Vote, 6 Yes, and 1 Absent and Excused, Commissioner Vayda.

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins moved for approval for conference and training for Jeannie Hall Equalization Dept. to attend Valuation Issues in Cadillac on July 15th working lunch included. Registration cost is \$20.00, NO lodging, NO meals and mileage \$22.82, totaling \$42.82. Available in budget for training \$7775.58 Available in budget for mileage \$2999.62, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, Roll Call Vote, 6 Yes, and 1 Absent and Excused, Commissioner Vayda.

Commissioner Stenger moved for approval for conference and training for Belinda Barbier PA office to attend training for Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving in Lansing July 14th thru July 15th. NO registration, lodging \$168.00, meals \$86.00, taking county car. Totaling \$254.00. Available in budget for training \$2688.33, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks,

Discussion followed. Commissioner Sloan does not think that this is geared towards a Prosecutors Office but more towards the Road Officers, and is voting no on this, and urges his colleagues to follow.

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Commissioner Carrington-Atkins stated that she did take the time to look at the website for this conference, and it does involve the Prosecutors office. Chairman Walls stated that he agrees with Commissioner Sloan on this.

Roll Call Vote, 4 Yes, 2 NO, Commissioner Sloan and Chairman Walls, and 1 Absent and Excused, Commissioner Vayda.

Commissioner Stenger moved for approval for the purchase requisition from the RRP Center to D&M Heating & Cooling for the purchase of 6 repair or replace exhaust fans for the total cost of \$2626.34 Available in budget \$15,784.81, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, Roll Call Vote, 6 Yes, and 1 Absent and Excused, Commissioner Vayda.

Commissioner Stenger moved for approval for conference and training for Adam Sparks Lake County Jail/ and one “to be determined” RRP employee to attend training for Michigan Taser Training in Beulah, July 9th thru July 10th. Registration fee is \$390.00 each, NO lodging, meals \$40 each and using a patrol car for a total of \$430.00 each. Available in budget for Jail \$3,600.00 and available in budget for RRP \$5,500.00, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, Roll Call Vote, 6 Yes, and 1 Absent and Excused, Commissioner Vayda.

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins moved for approval for the payment of per diems to Commissioner Stenger for Five Cap Meetings, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, Roll Call Vote, 6 Yes, and 1 Absent and Excused, Commissioner Vayda.

Commissioner Stenger moved for approval to not extend the IV-E contract for the Prosecuting Attorney’s office for an additional year, at this time, seconded by Commissioner Sloan, Roll Call Vote, 5 Yes, 2 NO, Commissioners Carrington-Atkins and Brunn, and 1 Absent and Excused, Commissioner Vayda.

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins asked to have the previous motion reconsidered at the next Board meeting, and placed on the Agenda.

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

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| General Fund | \$65,658.20 |
| Road Patrol | 4,375.93 |
| E911 | 453.24 |
| RRP Center | 70,023.71 |
| Friend of the Court | 202.19 |
| Building Inspection Department | 3,596.14 |
| E911 Services Fund – Wireless | 978.00 |
| Law Library | 1,737.52 |
| Library Fund | 135,097.25 |
| Child Care-Probate | 10,480.77 |
| Veteran’s Trust | 1,216.57 |
| JABG Grant | 363.23 |
| Capital Improvements | 236.50 |
| Ambulance | 16,835.00 |
| D.H.H.S. Building | 382.60 |

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Commissary Fund

4,462.01

GRAND TOTAL

\$316,098.86

Seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, Roll Call Vote, 6 Yes, and 1 Absent and Excused, Commissioner Vayda.

PERSONNEL - Commissioner Sloan reported that at the last board meeting it was approved to have an Ad placed in the Star requesting applications for a new Emergency Management Director, and a meeting has been scheduled for July 6th to review those applications, and a recommendation will be brought to the Board on July 8th.

He further reported that so far they have received 16 applications for the new Administrators position and by July 13th a report will be forthcoming which will be distributed to all commissioners with the Consultants recommendations. The Consultant is requesting that a Special Session of the Board of Commissioners be called, wherein they will go into a Closed Session to do a preliminary review of those applications.

Commissioner Sloan moved to convene a Special Session of the Board of Commissioners at 10:30 a.m. on July 21st that may or may not be held in a closed session, for the purpose of reviewing the applications for the County Administrator position, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, Roll Call Vote, 6 Yes, and 1 Absent and Excused, Commissioner Vayda.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved for approval that the County Attorney be contacted regarding this Special Session being an open or closed session meeting, seconded by Commissioner Carrington-Atkins, and by voice vote, carried.

Chairman Walls reported that he has received back the Employment Agreement between Mr. Enciso, Lake County Equalization Director, and the Lake County Board of Commissioners, and explained such. He would like a motion to accept the agreement, and for him to sign the same

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins moved for approval to accept the Agreement for Professional Services between the Lake County Board of Commissioners and Mr. Al Enciso, and the Chair to sign the same, 5 Yes, 1 NO, Commissioner Sloan, and 1 Absent and Excused, Commissioner Vayda.

PROPERTY & SAFETY - Commissioner Fairbanks stated that the Contractor that completed the renovations at the North EMS building was given the Punch List and all items have been completed, but wishes to have the Board exercise their right to a One Year Warranty on the carpeting, and moved for approval of the same, seconded by Commissioner Sloan, and by Voice Vote Carried.

AGENCY REPORTS :

PARKS COMMITTEE - Commissioner Brunn inquired as to whether or not anyone knew about any funding opportunities that would be available for their Site Plans. None was discussed.

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BUILDING AUTHORITY - Commissioner Fairbanks stated that the Pre-Bid meeting for the Road Patrol Project was scheduled for tomorrow.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - Commissioner Sloan spoke on the Wolf Lake Tower and gave a brief update on the where this stands with the County acquiring the property with the tower.

He further reported on the status of the EDA grant money coming into Michigan. He spoke on the various partnering commitments and only if we are successful at getting the grant with the partnerships be in effect. He explained the partnerships and how they will work and who are the partners. The establishment of a 501 (c) (3) was discussed.

Discussions followed regarding the amounts that were previously discussed at various meetings for commitments and the enrollment for partnering is now closed for additional partners for the Grant purposes.

MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES SUB-COMMITTEES:

Environmental and Regulatory Affairs: Commissioner Carrington-Atkins reported on various items of discussions such as the Living Wage will be decided in Court due to a pending lawsuit, updates on the PPT and the new legislation that is being proposed, Road Commission Bill is still in the conversation phase, and using General Fund for roads are not favorable and still being discussed, Fracking issues were discussed and the impact fees and how they will affect Michigan versus how they have affected Pennsylvania, and Solid Waste Planning Advisory Board is starting to look at the current law, and will be discussed in a telephone conference and suggests that Commissioner Brunn take part in this discussion on August 14, 2015.

ORV PROMOTIONAL GRANT COMMITTEE - Commissioner Sloan gave an update on their promotions and the positive feedback that they are receiving from the Facebook followings.

PLANNING COMMISSION - Commissioner Carrington-Atkins reported that in keeping with the Lake County Planning Commission Ordinance #25, the following Planning Commission members are assigned to represent the following important segments of the Lake County Community:

Erne Wogatzke – Recreation/Tourism
Don Arquette – Forestry/Agriculture/Natural Resources
Seth Hopkins – Economic Development
Colleen Carrington-Atkins – Government
Gwendolyn Warren – Public at Large, Seniors/Low Income
Kelly Weaver – Education
Tom Ellis - Health

Commissioner Brunn left the room at 7:33 p.m.

Commissioner Sloan left the room at 7:34 p.m.

Discussion followed on Committee Appointments.

Commissioner Sloan returned at 7:35

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CORRESPONDENCE – *see Exhibit “A”*

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Walls opened the floor up to Public Comment.

Commissioner Brunn returned at 7:38 p.m.

Chairman Walls stated that anyone wishing to speak can make comments but it is not a debate time.

Mr. Atkins asked about the seat on the Board under the EDA grant. Commissioner Sloan stated that he would be happy to discuss this with him after the meeting is adjourned.

Mrs. Kyles spoke on various items such as running these meetings under Roberts Rules, the use of the Lake County Star for ALL public notices, Contracts for Services, and the partnerships under the EDA grant.

Lengthy discussion followed regarding the partnerships under the EDA grant.

Belinda Barbier spoke on her current contract and wishes to return to the \$35,000/24 hour per week original contract.

COMMISSIONER PERSONAL PRIVLEDGE

Commissioner Brunn thanked Yates Township for hosting tonight’s meeting.

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins informed every one of the Idlewild 3rd Annual Homecoming Jazz and Blues Festival on August 1.

Commissioner Stenger stated it is an honor to be here tonight with such a good turnout and encourages everyone to come to future meetings.

Commissioner Fairbanks thanked everyone for being in attendance.

Commissioner Sloan extended his apologies to his fellow Commissioner for his comments earlier.

Chairman Walls stated that they keep trying to reach out and make themselves more available to everyone, and he means no disrespect to his fellow Commissioners by calling them by their first names, but the meetings are a bit more relaxed than most.

Being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelly Myers, Clerk to the Board

NUMBERED CORRESPONDENCE

- #1 Annual Accounting Report For Lake County 9-1-1 Service District**
- #2 WMSRDC- June 11, 2015**
- #3 WMSRDC- June 15, 2015**

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