

LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
June 26, 2013
10:30 a.m.

Chairman Walls called the meeting to order at 10:30 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:

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

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins moved that the agenda be approved as presented, seconded by Commissioner Sloan, and by voice vote carried.

Commissioner Myers moved that the minutes from the June 12, 2013 regular meeting be approved with a correction on page 2 third paragraph line 3 "constituents" should read "colleagues", seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, and by voice vote carried.

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

Steve Adams of Cherry Valley had questions on the right of way on his two lots. Equalization Director Dan Holland was present and stated he would be willing to meet with Mr. Adams to address the issue. Mr. Adams additionally had concerns about golf carts on secondary roads. The Board advised him to contact Mr. Faiella of Peacock LTD.

Kay Cummings of MSUe was present to request that the MSUe lunch hours be changed from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Clerk/Register/CFO Myers introduced Mr. Dan Holland as the new Equalization Director and introduced the Board to Mr. Holland.

Michigan State Senator Darwin Booher was present to touch base on issues he felt would be of interest to Lake County.

PERSONS SCHEDULED TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSIONERS

10:30 a.m. Ms. Kendra Wills, MSUe, was present to discuss the Community Food Systems. She mentioned that her presentation is available online at www.foodsystemswisc.edu. She also mentioned the Michigan Good Food Charts that can be accessed at www.michiganfood.org.

11:00 a.m. Mr. Steve Kirinovic, Abraham & Gaffney, was present to report on the 2012 Audit Report. Mr. Kirinovic stated that the audit went very smoothly and thanked all the departments for their assistance in providing the necessary information and touched based on a few of the funds.

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

The Board reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

Representative Jon Bumstead was present to discuss issues of importance to Lake County.

1:15 p.m. Tom Czerwinski, Area Agency on Aging, along with Marilyn Burns were present to report on the Annual Report.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Commissioner Clarke moved for approval of the conference and training request for Commissioner Fairbanks to attend the MAC Regional Summit Meeting in Mount Pleasant, August 12, 2013 for the cost of registration \$25.00 and mileage cost of \$95.00 for a total cost of \$120.00, seconded by Commissioner Myers, roll call vote, 7 yes.

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

General Fund	\$30,395.82
Road Patrol	9,243.60
E911	1,478.03
RRP Center	6,095.14
Friend of the Court	305.61
Building Inspection Department	7,085.87
E911-Wireless	10,041.87
Law Library	1,460.95
Child Care-Probate	14,112.86
JAIBG Grant 2012-2013	1,259.63
DHS Building	290.82
Commissary Fund	<u>6,115.59</u>
GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$87,885.79</u>

Seconded by Commissioner Myers, roll call vote 7 yes.

PERSONNEL

Commissioner Clarke reported that there will be no meeting until July 15th and that Clerk/Register/CFO Myers has been receiving suggestions regarding the non-union personnel policies. Chairman Walls requested if any commissioners have suggestions to please submit by July 10.

AGENCY REPORTS

AREA AGENCY ON AGING

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins reported the Annual Plan for 2014 is ready for review and approval and will have copies for all to be voted on at the next meeting.

BROWNFIELD

There has been a new budget update and a request for an extension to spend funds will be submitted. Discussion followed regarding the Brownfield Committee to have an executive Committee.

BUILDING AUTHORITY

The EMS Building has been closed out and they have moved in. The punch list has been completed. The contractor is working on issues that remain to be done.

Commissioner Fairbanks questioned if there was a final cost on the EMS Building with the response being that there was not.

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There was discussion on the Road Patrol Office regarding getting all the parameters drafted up for an architect and a time line drawn up.

HOUSING

Commissioner Clarke reported MSHDA will be at the County on Thursday and Friday to monitor its programs.

IT

A meeting has been scheduled for July 1, 2013.

Commissioner Stenger felt that more than 1 commissioner should sit on this committee.

Discussion followed and Chairman Walls appointed Commissioner Stenger to the IT Committee.

MICHIGAN NORTHERN COUNTIES

Commissioner Myers reported Senator Booher was present along with representatives from the DNR. They discussed why the government has so much land and what is going to be done with the land. The Manistee National Forest is the largest federal land owned east of the Mississippi River.

ORV

There was a discussion concerning fee increases and where these funds will be used. The fees are raising from \$16.25 to \$26.25.

OSCEOLA/LAKE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

The hazardous waste appropriation of \$1,000 was discussed.

Commissioner Sloan moved for approval for the appropriations of \$1,000.00 to Mecosta/Lake/Osceola Hazardous Waste program, seconded by Commissioner Myers, roll call vote 7 yes.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins stated that 2 members of this committee had stated they were resigning: Linda Van Dolsen and Don Arquette. Ms. Van Dolsen had sent a letter and Mr. Arquette tendered his resignation verbally to Clerk/Register/CFO Myers. Commissioner Carrington-Atkins suggested posting these positions in the newspaper.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Fairbanks read Ms. Van Dolsen's resignation letter for the record.

At 2:37 p.m. Chairman Walls opened the Public Hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING

Clerk/Register/CFO Myers spoke about the increase of property taxes due to the Headlee rollbacks. She discussed truth in taxation and explained that if the County does not hold a public hearing we could lose \$19,764.

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Equalization Director Dan Holland stated the county will roll back to the Headlee, but not going back to the full amount. .0384 mills are needed to offset the Headlee rollbacks.

Commissioner Stenger explained if the County would add the wording in their Budget Hearing Notice regarding this, a public hearing is not necessary, unless you override the Headlee Rollback.

Dan explained further how the taxable value increases, which increases revenue.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Clarke, and by voice vote carried.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved for approval for the increase of 0.0348 mills in the operating tax millage rate to be levied on all property in 2013, seconded by Commissioner Myers.

Discussion followed regarding if taxable value of property increases, then the taxes increase, if the taxable value of property decreases, then the taxes decrease and if the taxable value of property stay the same, the taxes do not change.

Roll call vote, 6 yes and 1 NO, Commissioner Sloan.

AGENCY REPORTS cont.

PLANNING COMMISSION cont.

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins stated this will be discussed at the next meeting on what to do with the members and keep the membership to 7 members.

Clerk/Register/CFO Myers stated that those interested in sitting on this Commission, they need to complete a resume form.

Commissioner Sloan questioned what direction the Youth Committee was given and Chairman Walls explained how this committee began and was formed and why. Commissioner Myers stated the Planning Commission is for Lake County, not Webber Township and the Park.

Discussion followed regarding the Planning Commission is to work with the Townships and get their plans for recreation, develop other recreation area and bring all together and coordinate all and integrate into one County Plan.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Fairbanks left the room at 3:14 p.m.

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins stated that after the Master Plan, it was decided to start reviewing the Recreation Plan and Ryan Coffey thought they should concentrate on the area around the Webber Park and was going to be broad and focus on other areas, but the park was going to be the main portion.

Commissioner Fairbanks returned at 3:16 p.m.

A lengthy discussion followed and regretfully accepted Ms. Linda Van Dolsen's resignation letter as she has worked very hard with the Planning Commission and will be missed.

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Description: to move funds to finish furnishing the remainder patrol vehicles with equipment

Seconded by Commissioner Clarke, roll call vote 7 yes.

6. Has an agreement between Lake County Sheriff's Department and Yates Township for part time patrol coverage from July 11, 2013 through October 13, 2013 for wages and fringes plus \$3,360 for mileage.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved for approval for the agreement between Lake County Sheriff's Department and Yates Township for part time patrol coverage from July 11, 2013 through October 13, 2013 for wages and fringes plus \$3,360 for mileage, seconded by Commissioner Myers, roll call vote 8 yes and 1 NO Commissioner Carrington-Atkins.

It was stated, if one of the parties does not sign the agreement, and then there is NO agreement.

7. Received an email from Bruce Micinski regarding Lake County honoring their 30th anniversary of the Lake County Historical Society with an open house July 10th from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in Baldwin Business Center.
8. The new grill that was purchased was used from the signing bonus for the Inmate Phones, and not county funds.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Fairbanks asked if the sub-contractor's from the new Life EMS Ambulance Building got paid as they should have settled and be done Monday, July 9th.

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins mentioned that if there is communications from others, there should be copies to all.

RESOLUTIONS - see Exhibit "B"

Commissioner Myers moved for approval of Resolution #06/26/13 recognizing the Historical First Baptist Church of Idlewild, Yates Township, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, and by voice vote, carried.

COMMISSIONERS PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

There were none.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved for approval for those Commissioners attending the West Michigan County Alliance Meeting July 29th to receive per diems and mileage, seconded by Commissioner Clarke, roll call 7 yes.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

Exhibit “A”

NUMBERED CORRESPONDENCE

- #1 Mason County Planning & Zoning Department**
- #2 WMSRDC- June 17, 2013**
- #3 WMSRDC- June 21, 2013**

