

LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Board Meeting
August 24, 2016 – 10:00 A.M.

Chairman Walls called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

Chairman Walls gave the prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Deputy Clerk Keefer called the Roll with the following Commissioners present:

John Fairbanks, John Brunn, Dan Sloan, Barb Stenger, Karl Walls

Absent and Excused: Chuck Vayda and Colleen Carrington-Atkins (Colleen Carrington-Atkins arrived at 10:20 a.m.)

Commissioner Fairbanks moved that the agenda dated August 24, 2016 be approved; seconded by Commissioner Stenger. Commissioner Fairbanks requested to add an item to the agenda to discuss Commissioner's Compensation. Commissioner Brunn requested to add an item to the agenda to discuss an undisclosed matter. Voice Vote approved, with changes.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved that the minutes from August 10, 2016 be approved; seconded by Commissioner Stenger. Commissioner Sloan requested that "and excused" be added after absent on the minutes of August 10, 2016. Voice vote approved, with changes.

PUBLIC COMMENT None

FINANCE

71A: Commissioner Fairbanks moved to approve the semi-monthly detail analysis dated August 24, 2016 totaling \$97,753.05; seconded by Commissioner Sloan.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Brunn, Fairbanks, Stenger, Sloan, Walls

Nays: None

Absent: Vayda, Atkins

Motion carried

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins arrived at 10:20 a.m.

71B: Commissioner Sloan moved to approve to amend the Non-Union Personnel Manual to create a section that allows for a new employee to start out at one higher step (hourly rate) than normal, based on experience, training, and education. The request has to be brought by the Department Head to the County Administrator to review and approve, then moved to the Board of Commissioners for final review and approval; seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Fairbanks, Stenger, Sloan, Atkins, Brunn, Walls

Nays: None

Absent: Vayda

Motion carried

71C: Commissioner Fairbanks moved to change the Post 65 Retiree Health Insurance Medicare Group Supplement provider and Seniors Choice to The Hartford with plan Option F, effective January 1, 2017, and to authorize the County Administrator to sign any and all necessary documents; seconded by Chairman Walls. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Stenger stepped out at 10:21 a.m. – not present during Roll Call Vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Sloan, Brunn, Atkins, Fairbanks, Walls

Nays: None

Absent: Vayda, Stenger

Motion carried

71D: Commissioner Fairbanks moved to approve the Engagement Letter with Roger Swets, of Dickinson Wright, PLLC, to serve as Bond Counsel related to the Big Star Lake Level Project and authorize the County Administrator to sign any and all necessary documents.

Commissioner Stenger not present during Roll Call Vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Sloan, Brunn, Atkins, Fairbanks, Walls

Nays: None

Absent: Vayda, Stenger

Motion carried

Commissioner Stenger returned at 10:27 a.m.

71E: Commissioner Sloan moved to transfer the Lake County ORV Promotional Project to the Lake County ORV Foundation, effective September 1, 2016 and that the web platform remains open to the public; seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks. Discussion followed.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Sloan, Fairbanks, Stenger, Brunn, Atkins, Walls

Nays:

Absent: Vayda

Motion carried

Commissioner Stenger stated that she commended Commissioner Sloan on the work he's done on this project.

71f: Commissioner Fairbanks moved to approve FY2017 Secondary Road Patrol and Traffic Accident Prevention Program Grant Application in the amount of \$39,246 and authorize the Board Chair, Sheriff, and County Administrator to sign any and all necessary documents; seconded by Commissioner Sloan.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Brunn, Fairbanks, Sloan, Stenger, Atkins, Walls

Nays: None

Absent: Vayda

Motion carried

Ila: Jeff Stockhill – Life EMS:

Mr. Stockhill presented to the board the Life EMS Ambulance of Lake County Ambulance Report for the first quarter, January 1 through March 31, 2016.

Discussion was held regarding the issue of changing the use of lights and sirens in travel and transport. Commissioner Sloan stated that he intended to present a resolution at the next board meeting to send to the state government on this issue.

Mr. Stockhill presented his report for the second quarter for Life EMS, from April 1 through June 30, 2016.

Commissioner Sloan left the room at 11:02 a.m. to make copies of amended motions to give to Administrator Lake. He returned at 11:07 a.m.

Ilb: Director of the Area Agency on Aging, Jackie O’Connor, presented a hand out to the board members. Marilyn Burns introduced Jackie to the board. Report was presented to the Board and discussion and questions followed.

Committee Reports:

Parks and Recreation Commission: Commissioner Atkins reported that the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting is set at 3:00 pm on Sept 12, 2016.

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins left at 11:34 a.m.

Personnel Committee: Commissioner Sloan reported draft changes to the job descriptions. He instructed the board to review and present any changes to the county administrator.

A Personnel Committee meeting was scheduled for September 1, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. This meeting will be held to address the hiring freeze issue in terms of the prosecutor’s office that is now in need of a full time position. Another item to be discussed will be the issue of compensation regarding the land bank in the treasurer’s office.

John Brunn left room at 11:40 a.m.

Building Authority: Reported that the new building is still unoccupied. Discussion held of what is holding up the move in.

Five Cap: Commissioner Stenger reported that FiveCap has funding for summer fuel fill up as well as weatherization programs. FiveCap still has not found an accounting representative; they need teachers, bus drivers, teacher's aides, and kitchen aides.

IT Committee: Meeting scheduled for September 9, 2016.

John Brunn returned at 11:49 a.m.

Correspondence: None

Old Business: None

Dan Sloan left the room at 11:52 a.m.

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Commissioner's Privilege:

Commissioner Fairbanks moved to have the County Administrator look into changing the Commissioner compensation to reflect lack of attendance at meetings. This motion was not seconded. Motion failed.

Discussion followed regarding attendance at board meetings and reducing pay for those that do not attend meetings. Administrator Lake will look into this issue and the legalities of it.

Commissioner Brunn stated that he has been contacted by his constituents regarding the following: They live on West Pine Tree Drive and at the end of this dead end road is a two track that allows them to get onto the trail system. They are reporting that a DNR officer sits at the end of this trail to issue tickets. Commissioner Sloan suggested to Commissioner Brunn that he contact Representative Bumstead to present it to the DNR. It was also stated that the county has no control over this issue.

Administrator Report:

Administrator Lake discussed issues with courthouse security such as panic buttons, telephone systems, key swipes, and our security policy. He went on to discuss troubleshooting and possible solutions.

He reported that financial planning for the upcoming budget is being worked on.

The Big Star Lake Bond Counsel was discussed. This could cost upwards of approximately \$300,000.00. He also discussed possible bonding, fronting the cost, and finding ways to fund this.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MISCELLANEOUS: None

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Williams, Clerk for the Board

Karl Walls, Chairman