

LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
August 26, 2015
10:30 a.m.

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

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins gave the prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

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

Commissioner Fairbanks moved that the agenda be approved, seconded by Commissioner Stenger, by voice vote carried.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved that the minutes from the August 12, 2015 regular meeting be approved, seconded by Commissioner Stenger, and by voice vote carried.

Commissioner Brunn moved that the minutes from the August 15, 2015 special meeting be approved, seconded by Commissioner Stenger, and by voice vote carried.

Commissioner Stenger moved that the minutes from the August 20, 2015 special meeting be approved, seconded by Commissioner Brunn, and by voice vote carried.

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

Mr. Louis Fitz, Elk Township Supervisor, was present to express his concerns regarding the response time for Emergency Services within their area and the proposed Resolution on the agenda today to reduce the Emergency Medical Services millage for the 2015 winter taxes. He stated this issue will be discussed at the Lake County Township Officers Association meeting Thursday, August 27th and urges those that can attend, to please do so.

A Lake Township resident, who lives on Little Star Lake, was present who also expressed concerns on the response time for Emergency Services and explained one issue that took over an hour for Life EMS to arrive. The main issue with this incident was Life EMS was given the incorrect address. The Lake Association would like this addressed as it's a huge impact to the residents on the lake.

PERSONS SCHEDULED TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSIONERS

10:45 a.m. Joyce Durdel and Armas Soorus, Little Manistee Watershed Conservation Council were present to bring the board up to date with information on developing a Watershed Plan for the Little Manistee River.

Ms. Durdel went over the origin and membership of this council and their Vision and Mission Statement. She explained some of the programs they are doing and the current projects they are involved with.

Mr. Soorus explained the Little Manistee River Watershed Management Plan and why it's so important to get as many agencies, individuals, residents, etc. involved. Mr. Soorus stated who is currently involved and what the next steps are.

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Commissioner Fairbanks moved for approval and authorization of signature that the Chairman of the Board sign the Partnership Agreement for the Little Manistee River Watershed Management Plan, seconded by Commissioner Vayda. Discussion followed regarding partnerships and grant funds. Roll call vote on the above motion is 7 yes.

Commissioner Sloan left the room at 11:06 a.m.

Discussion continued on the different watersheds that are in the county.

Commissioner Sloan returned at 11:08 a.m.

It was stated that Paul Bigford is very involved with the Pere Marquette Watershed and this will be a topic of discussion at the Lake County Township Officers Association meeting tomorrow the 27th. Chairman Walls stated they have support from this Board and wishes them luck.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins moved for approval of the purchase requisition from the Lake County Sheriff's Department/Road Patrol to Decked Products for vehicle equipment in the amount of \$1,113.00, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, roll call vote 7 yes.

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins moved for approval of the purchase requisition from the Lake County Sheriff's Department/Road Patrol to Bill Snethkamp – Fleet for 2 2016 Dodge Chargers in the total amount of \$50,030.00, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, roll call vote 7 yes.

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins moved for approval of the purchase requisition from the Lake County Sheriff's Department/Road Patrol to Advanced Wireless Telecom for a Windows 7 Tough Book in the amount of \$2,350.00, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks. Commissioner Fairbanks stated he was looking at an email, sent recently from Clerk/Register/CFO Myers on HP Book Tough for \$500.00 and US Robinson stated these Tough Books last for years. Clerk/Register/CFO Myers stated she received an email from IT Coordinator Kovalcik for one from Tiger Direct for \$1,199. Roll call vote on the above motion is 7 yes.

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins moved for approval of the conference and training request for John Brunn, Commissioner to attend the 2015 Annual MAC Conference from September 20 – September 22, 2015 in Acme, registration cost \$375.00, hotel cost \$278.00, meals \$32.00 and mileage \$80.85, County vehicle not available for a total cost of \$765.85, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, roll call vote 6 yes and 1 NO, Commissioner Brunn.

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins moved for approval of the conference and training request for Chuck Vayda, Commissioner to attend the 2015 Annual MAC Conference from September 20 – September 22, 2015 in Acme, registration cost \$375.00, hotel cost \$278.00, meals \$32.00 and mileage \$80.85, County vehicle is not available for a total cost of \$765.85, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks. Commissioner Stenger asked Commissioner Vayda since he is not available in the afternoons for meetings, will that be an issue attending this conference and Commissioner Vayda stated it would not as this falls on his days off. Roll call vote on the above motion is 7 yes.

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Commissioner Vayda moved for approval of the conference and training request for Lena Lyles and Jeannie Hall, Equalization, to attend the MAA 70th Annual Education Program from October 6 – October 9, 2015 in Bellaire, registration \$300.00, hotel \$246.00, meals \$252.00 and mileage \$113.41, County vehicle is not available for a total cost of \$911.41, seconded by Commissioner Carrington-Atkins, roll call vote 7 yes.

Commissioner Vayda moved for approval of conference and training request for James Anderlohr, 911, to attend the APCO from September 23 – September 25, 2015 in Tustin, registration cost \$250.00, mileage \$66.00, County vehicle is not available, for a total cost of \$316.00 and is ETSC Approved, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, roll call vote 7 yes.

Commissioner Vayda moved for approval of conference and training request for Pam Sisson, 911, to attend the APCO from September 23 – September 25, 2015 in Tustin, registration cost \$300.00, mileage \$61.60, County vehicle is not available, for a total cost of \$361.60 and is ETSC Approved, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks.

Commissioner Sloan stated this issue came up last year and for the record, he is for the training, but not providing lodging when the training is so close to the County line. Commissioner Stenger stated the Networking is important and sees no issue with the lodging. Chairman Walls stated its \$50.00 additional to provide lodging for one person as opposed to reimbursing mileage. Commissioner Sloan stated they can still network and why they aren't carpooling. It was stated to make a policy regarding this matter. Roll call vote on the above motion is 6 yes and 1 NO Commissioner Sloan.

Commissioner Vayda moved for approval of conference and training request for Tiffany Youngs, 911, to attend the APCO from September 23 – September 25, 2015 in Tustin, registration cost \$250.00, mileage \$34.10, County vehicle is not available, for a total cost of \$284.10 and is ETSC Approved, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, roll call vote 7 yes.

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins apologized for not getting this request in earlier, but she would like to attend the MAC Conference.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved for approval of conference and training request for Colleen Carrington-Atkins, Commissioner to attend the 2015 Annual MAC Conference from September 20 – September 22, 2015 in Acme, registration cost \$375.00, hotel cost \$278.00, meals \$32.00 and mileage \$80.85, County vehicle is not available for a total cost of \$765.85, seconded Commissioner Vayda, roll call vote 7 yes.

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins stated she has contacted the hotel and they do have a room on hold, they are just waiting for a credit card to be called in. Clerk/Register/CFO Myers asked if all her paperwork was completed and Commissioner Carrington-Atkins stated she will have that done after lunch.

Clerk/Register/CFO Myers stated the payment to Lakeshore Regional Entity for the Substance Abuse, was payable to Lakeshore Regional Entity, which is correct.

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

General Fund	\$74,616.59
Road Patrol	8,316.83
E911	1,651.63

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RRP Center	27,204.69	
Friend of the Court	491.34	
Council on Aging	97,105.71	
Building Inspection Department	3,703.25	
E911 Services Fund-Wireless	700.96	
Law Library	674.52	
Library Fund	13.39	
Child Care-Probate	23,694.45	
JABG Grant	323.00	
Ambulance	53.87	
D.H.H.S.	316.17	
Commissary Fund	1,869.50	
GRAND TOTAL		<u>\$240,735.90</u>

Seconded by Commissioner Carrington-Atkins.

Commissioner Sloan stated he has two issues with the bills, but will support the motion. The first issue is the significant payment in Trial Court for the second large trial of the year, lost both and feels information should be in order before a trial is scheduled. The second issue is he is extremely uncomfortable paying Lakeshore Regional Entity the left over Substance Abuse funds that were on the books before forming the new group. Commissioner Fairbanks stated he was uncomfortable also. Clerk/Register/CFO Myers stated she pays invoices when received and this was from a couple of years ago. Commissioner Sloan stated there were two choices the County had on how to use these funds. He wants it for the record that he is uncomfortable with paying this.

Roll call vote on the above motion to pay the bills, 7 yes.

PERSONNEL – Commissioner Sloan requested to report on this Committee after the lunch break.

AGENCY REPORTS

BUILDING AUTHORITY – Commissioner Fairbanks reported the Road Patrol project has started and Clerk/Register/CFO Myers stated everyone is happy.

IT – Commissioner Vayda reported on the recent meeting and one concern was the Emergency Management Director’s phone is not “closed” after hours, so if there is an emergency and he is here after hours; he can use the phone in his office. It was stated the “Night Auto Attendant” automatically turns on a few minutes after 5:00 p.m. Commissioner Vayda reported the mapping will be available in September or October. Discussion followed regarding the mapping project and time line on such. Chairman Walls asked if John Kovalcik could be available to explain this after lunch.

Commissioner Brunn explained to those in the audience this project and how some Townships have committed to participate by contributing. Commissioner Stenger stated she has been in touch with Dave Sanders regarding the Website and there are some things that he can’t change, and IT Right will be at the next IT Meeting, 9/11/15. If anyone has any questions or concerns regarding the Website, to please contact Mr. Sanders so they can be addressed at this meeting.

LAKE COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLANNING – Commissioner Brunn stated we are waiting to hear from the Townships on their approval of the amendment. Commissioner Sloan asked

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for the contact information of Laura Durkin, as she had stated she would attend township meetings to address this and answer questions before they approve the amendment.

ORV PROMOTIONAL GRANT – Commissioner Sloan reported they have partnered with the Sportsman’s Club, Chamber of Commerce and the Radio Model Flyovers Association. With promoting the event held at the airport, 1300 spectators showed up.

PLANNING COMMISSION – Commissioner Carrington-Atkins reported the commission is going through the by-laws and how the Planning and Enabling Act was established.

The board convened for lunch at 11:44 a.m.

The board reconvened at 1:15 a.m.

Commissioner Vayda is excused from the afternoon session.

COMMITTEE REPORTS cont.

PERSONNEL – Commissioner Sloan reported on the recent meeting in which Mr. Tucker was contacted and offered the position and negotiations were held as to what should be in the contract, with a two year contract with annual reviews for extensions.

Commissioner Brunn returned at 1:17 p.m.

Commissioner Sloan continued that Mr. Tucker stated that he currently has 5 weeks’ vacation, and it was agreed to have the contract state that he will receive 4 weeks to begin with, receive 6 sick days then go into the regular schedule at the beginning of the year and 5 personal days and also go into the regular schedule at the beginning of the year. Mr. Tucker requested that dues for International Counties Management Association (ICMA) be paid, and he is totally aware of the “out of state travel”. The contract is also to state that. If let go without cause will receive 6 months’ severance pay and if he were to resign, to give the board at least a 45 days’ notice. He would also receive the elements of the personnel benefits, in line of what is offered to current employees.

Commissioner Sloan stated Mr. Tucker will suffer a significant cut and over all compensation in pay. He was offered \$70,000.00, which was turned down and if the board approved \$75,000.00 Commissioner Sloan feels he would agree to the offer.

Commissioner Stenger moved for approval to offer Mr. Tucker \$75,000.00 with a 2 year contract, seconded by Commissioner Sloan. Commissioner Stenger explained her reasons why he should be offered this amount with the knowledge and experience; he would be a benefit to this County. We are not paying relocation expenses. Commissioner Sloan agrees with Commissioner Stenger and expects Mr. Tucker to save in efficiencies and other ways and more than double his salary in the first year.

Chairman Walls stated this started out with a longer contract, but decided on a shorter one and the concerns Mr. Tucker has with his “domestic partner” and her medical insurance, which is not allowed in the State of Michigan. Commission Sloan stated, it is not in the County Policy.

Commissioner Fairbanks stated he was not here for the interviews and asked the Commissioners if they were satisfied with this person. Commissioner Carrington-Atkins stated she was not at the Personnel meeting to hear all that was discussed and Commissioner Sloan stated Mr. Tucker was her first choice. Commissioner Brunn stated Mr. Tucker was his first choice but is upset over the increase in the salary.

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Commissioner Sloan stated his domestic partner was a concern. It was stated he is moving here and wants to be in the public service, we are not paying for moving expenses and the issue with his domestic partner, the additional \$5,000.00 will offset these and he is taking a pay cut to move here. He is experienced in Economics and has a copy of the County Master Plan and his vision for Lake County is the same as Lake County's.

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins asked if Mr. Tucker stated he would not accept the offer at \$70,000.00 and Commissioner Stenger stated yes, due to his domestic partner and us not paying additional costs. Commissioner Sloan called the question.

Roll call vote on the motion to offer Mr. Tucker \$75,000.00 4 yes, 2 NO Commissioners Carrington-Atkins and Brunn and 1 absent and excused Commissioner Vayda. Commissioner Stenger stated everyone can hold her to this and Mr. Tucker will be worth the entire \$75,000.00.

Commissioner Sloan reported the Personnel Board approved him to work with the County Attorney with the contract and requested Chairman Walls to call for a Special Meeting to review and approve the contract. Chairman Walls asked when Commissioner Sloan would have the contract and he stated by September 1st and Mr. Tucker will be here in time for budgets, his start date would be October 7th. A meeting was scheduled for September 1st at 11:00 a.m.

PERSONS SCHEDULED TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSIONERS

1:30 p.m. Jeff Stockhill, Life EMS was present to review the second quarter report with the board.

Mr. Stockhill reviewed the information that was distributed to all. The staff is the best they have ever had and there are EMT's that are requesting to be transferred to Lake County and this was not the case 6 years ago when he started here.

Mr. Stockhill reported on the Medical Control Authority and the West Michigan Regional Medical Control Consortium. It was a State Mandate to split up in Regions with one Medical Control Authority. Commissioner Sloan asked what consisted of our region and Mr. Stockhill stated Clare County and work across north to Mason County then down to part of Allegan County. Discussion followed.

A lengthy discussion followed regarding the response time and the issues in certain areas of the county. Commissioner Fairbanks questioned the map of Lake County and areas. Mr. Stockhill explained why the two areas were chosen to have Life EMS stations. If there were one in each quarter of the county, additional millage may be needed to cover the cost of personnel. Discussion followed regarding not calling 911 and just driving a person to the hospital themselves.

CORRESPONDENCE – See Exhibit "A"

Commissioner Sloan reported on the Council on Aging report which seems low. Clerk/Register/CFO Myers stated this report is only based on St. Ann's. Shelly Shafer had not received the other Senior Center's reports and usually does not. Commissioner Stenger stated better communication is needed between all Senior Centers.

Ms. Julie Hoffman was present and asked about her email she sent to all the Commissioners, and requesting it be part of the correspondence. Commissioner Sloan stated this was out of order and Chairman Walls stated this was not part of the agenda.

APPOINTMENTS – There were none.

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CFO REPORT – Clerk/Register/CFO Myers was present and reported on the following:

1. Has one budget amendment as follows:

Commissioner Sloan moved for approval for Budget Amendment #13562 as follows:

BA #13562		
Debit	207-890.00-955.000	\$28,905.00
	Credit 207-301.00-809.000	\$20,905.00
	Credit 207-301.00-809.002	\$8,000.00

Description: to cover the cost for the annual MMRMA Liability Ins that was missed at budget time

Seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, roll call vote 6 yes and 1 absent and excused Commissioner Vayda.

2. James Anderlohr approached her regarding the generator at the Wolf Lake Tower. It was hit by lightning and the cost to repair it is \$600-\$800. Discussion followed and Clerk/Register/CFO Myers will tell them to move forward with the repairs and to have this on the Properties agenda for next week's meeting.

Commissioner Fairbanks asked about the letter from Ms. Hoffman and adding it to the minutes. Commissioner Sloan stated it was not introduced in the agenda.

RESOLUTIONS – Commissioner Sloan moved for approval Resolution #08/26/2015 1336, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks. (*See Exhibit "B"*) Commissioner Sloan read the resolution for the record and urges support and stated private funds were raised for the plaque. Roll call vote on the motion is 6 yes and 1 absent and excused Commissioner Vayda.

Resolution #08/12/2015 1335 (*See Exhibit "C"*) was tabled from last week and discussion followed.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved to amend Resolution #08/12/15 1335 to add "only" after "shall be reduced on" in the fifth paragraph, seconded by Commissioner Sloan, and by voice vote carried.

Roll call vote on the motion that was tabled from 8/12/15 for Resolution #08/12/15 1335 is 6 yes and 1 absent and excused Commissioner Vayda.

Clerk/Register/CFO Myers sent all an email regarding leasing or renting a building for Emergency Services and the millage funds can be used for such.

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

Charles Young, Elk Township resident was present and stated if it weren't for Mr. Maiville and Clerk/Register/CFO Myers and others, 911 services would never have been in Lake County. They were very instrumental in getting these services and the RRP center.

Mrs. Kyles was present and commented on some issues the Board of Commissioners don't seem to follow such as their motions, persons they hire and where are they from, list of Commissioner names on the agenda so everyone know what district they are from and requested this be added to the agenda.

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Julie Hoffman was present and wanted to know what she did wrong with the request she sent in an email to all, that it be included in this meeting, what is the policy.

Louis Fitz thanked the board for listening to him and his concerns.

COMMISSIONERS PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Commissioner Sloan thanked everyone for their support.

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins thanked Commissioner Sloan for putting together the resolution honoring Mr. Maiville.

Commissioner Stenger agrees and thanked Commissioner Sloan also for the resolution and this is the start of many thanks for others. For the record to respond to Ms. Hoffman, she did read her email and was going to respond, but decided not to. Her idea of being treated as 100% as the unions, can't be supported and needs to look into the future and feels this is an ideal world, but it's not an ideal world and as far as the new administrator, she read his letter when he applied and found him to be very important and knowledgeable.

Commissioner Fairbanks stated they should have received an email as correspondence and should be inserted into the minutes.

Chairman Walls replied to Mrs. Kyles they all try to keep up and thanked all for being here and he does take notes and tries to get back to those with questions or comments.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Shelly Myers, Clerk of the Board

Karl Walls, Chairman of the Board

Exhibit “A”

NUMBERED CORRESPONDENCE

- #1 Millage Report**
- #2 Steppin’ Out**

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Exhibit “B”

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF LAKE
Resolution #8/26/15 1336**

WHEREAS, Phillip J. Maiville’s ancestors helped settle Lake County in the Luther area; and,

WHEREAS, Phillip J. Maiville, as a young man, preformed heroic duties as a law enforcement officer; and,

WHEREAS, Phillip J. Maiville provided distinguished service to our communities as a Lake County Commissioner; and,

WHEREAS, Phillip J. Maiville, while a Lake County Commissioner, furthered public safety for our residents by leading the establishment of our current 911 and Emergency Services; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lake County Board of Commissioners, with great pride, hereby name the Lake County Emergency Services Building at 792 Washington Street the Phillip J. Maiville Emergency Services Building; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a bronze plaque with the inscription “Phillip J. Maiville Emergency Services Building” be affixed to the building at 792 Washington Street.

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 August 26, 2015.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal at Baldwin, Michigan, this 26th day of August 2015.

Shelly Myers, Clerk of the Board

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Exhibit “C”

Emergency Medical Services
Millage Reduction Resolution
#08/12/2015 1335

WHEREAS, the Lake County Board of Commissioners approved and directed the County Clerk to place the Emergency Medical Services Millage Renewal Proposal on the November 4, 2014 ballot, and

WHEREAS, the voters of Lake County approved the Renewal Proposal of 1.00 Mills for five years and

WHEREAS, the current tax revenues received from this millage exceed the operational costs of the contracted ambulance services, and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Board of Commissioners wishes to lessen the tax burden of our electorate by exercising the County’s rights to NOT levy this millage in full for 2015,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the millage to be levied December 1, 2015, shall be reduced on only the 2015 Tax Rate Request (L-4029) from the original 1.000 mills to .25000 mills.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

) SS

COUNTY OF LAKE)

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