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**LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**August 27, 2014**  
**6:00 p.m. - Village of Luther Township New Fire Barn**

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

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

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

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

Absent and excused: Sandy Clarke

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

Commissioner Stenger moved that the minutes from the August 13, 2014 regular meeting be approved, with the correction on page 7 under District Health Department #10 to add “CHMA, Community Health Assessment Programs”, seconded by Commissioner Myers, and by voice vote carried.

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

Roger Peel welcomed the Board and thanked them for having the meeting there.

Introductions of the Board were made.

Mark Balcum, candidate for House Representative, commended the Board for holding meetings in the evening.

Chuck Vayda thanked the board for meeting in the evenings also.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**FINANCE** - Commissioner Carrington-Atkins moved for approval of the conference and training request for John Bennett, Lake County Sheriff’s Department/Road Patrol to attend the National Association of Professional Canine Holders (NAPCH) in Alpena, MI September 27, 2014 – October 2, 2104 for the cost of registration \$400.00, seconded by Commissioner Sloan, roll call vote 6 yes and 1 absent and excused, Commissioner Clarke.

Chairman Walls explained to all in attendance the procedures such as holding the Finance meeting in the morning to review all the bills.

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins moved for approval for the conference and training request for James Holden, Lake County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office, to attend the Crime Victim’s Compensation, ACT/JCT Training in Gaylord, MI September 18, 2014 for the cost of meals \$22.00 and mileage \$143.00

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for a total cost of \$165.00, seconded by Commissioner Myers, roll call vote 6 yes and 1 absent and excused, Commissioner Clarke.

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins moved for approval for the conference and training request for Diana Venema, Lake County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, to attend Introduction to Child Support and MiCSES in Grand Rapids, MI from September 23, 2014 – September 25, 2014 for the cost of meals \$126.00 and mileage \$174.35 for a total cost of \$300.35, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, roll call vote 6 yes and 1 absent and excused Commissioner Clarke.

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins moved for approval for the conference and training request for Diana Venema, Lake County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, to attend the Fall Conference – MI Family Support Council in Harbor Springs, MI from October 8, 2014 – October 10, 2014 for registration cost \$75.00, hotel \$287.50 and mileage \$121.00 for a total cost of \$483.50, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, roll call vote 6 yes and 1 absent and excused Commissioner Clarke.

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins moved for approval for the conference and training request for Belinda Barbier, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, to attend the Fall Conference, MI Family Support Council in Harbor Springs, from October 8, 2014 – October 10, 2014 for registration cost \$75.00, hotel \$287.50 and mileage \$204.60 for a total cost \$567.10, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks.

Discussion - Commissioner Sloan restated his concerns that he posed during the Finance meeting that he does support the training, but with the turnover in the past, he does not support paying for someone from Muskegon and urges his colleges to vote NO. Commissioner Carrington-Atkins stated she has no issues with the training, but does regarding the mileage as there is no policy in place and there are past practices and until there is a policy in place she will vote yes. Roll call vote on the above motion is, 5 yes, 1 NO Commissioner Sloan and 1 absent and excused Commissioner Clarke.

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins moved for approval for the conference and training request for Amy VanDyken and Terry Bramer, Lake County Sheriff's Department/Animal Control to attend the 2014 MPAW-MAACO Animal Welfare Conference in Mt. Pleasant, MI from October 28, 2014 – October 30, 2014 for registration cost \$355.00, hotel cost \$399.04 and meals \$208.00 for a total cost \$962.04, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, roll call vote 6 yes and 1 absent and excused Commissioner Clarke.

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins moved for approval for the conference and training request for Kim Loop, Juvenile Court to attend the NMJOA Fall Training, in Traverse City from September 18, 2014 – September 19, 2014 for registration cost \$35.00, hotel cost \$75.00 and mileage \$94.20 for a total cost of \$204.20, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, roll call vote 6 yes and 1 absent and excused, Commissioner Clarke.

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins moved for approval to move John Kovalcik from Admin Support level step 2 to the step 5 and to be effective September 1, 2014, seconded by Commissioner Myers.

Discussion – Commissioner Sloan restated he does support this raise, but wants it to come at the first of the year. Roll call vote for the above motion is, 2 yes, 4 NO Commissioners Fairbanks, Sloan, Atkins and Chairman Walls and 1 absent and excused Commissioner Clarke, motion fails.

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Commissioner Sloan moved for approval to amend the previous motion to state to be effective January 1, 2015, not September 1, 2014, seconded by Chairman Walls, roll call vote 3 yes, 3 NO Commissioners Myers, Stenger and Atkins, and 1 absent and excused Commissioner Clarke, motion fails.

Discussion – Commissioner Stenger stated she feels that John Kovalcik, IT Coordinator, has stepped up to serve the County and feels he deserves this increase. Commissioner Myers stated Mr. Kovalcik has been exemplary at stepping up with all he does. Commissioner Carrington-Atkins stated the Department Head of his budget came forth and asked for more, this is a good compromise. Chairman Walls stated this is setting precedence therefore is not good at this time. Commissioner Carrington-Atkins asked if this was a unique situation or is this setting precedence. Commissioner Sloan does not feel this and setting up a bad precedence and should come to the Board at budget time. It was decided this should come up at budget time.

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins moved for approval for the repayment of the ISD’s State Payment for the miscalculated millages and special assessments as presented by Equalization director Dan Holland on the 2014 winter tax bills, seconded by Chairman Walls, roll call vote 6 yes and 1 absent and excused Commissioner Clarke.

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins moved for approval for the purchase of the 2011 Chevy Traverse from CMH in the amount not to exceed \$13,157.00, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks.

Discussion – Commissioner Sloan stated he approved the purchase with a policy put in place that whenever possible, employees will use the county vehicle and not be reimbursed mileage, saving considerable money. Roll call vote on the above motion is, 6 yes and 1 absent and excused Commissioner Clarke.

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins moved for approval for the chair sign the letter to the prosecuting attorney regarding the state of Michigan Electronic Grants Admin and management system, seconded by Commissioner Myers, roll call vote 6 yes and 1 absent and excused Commissioner Clarke.

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

General Fund	\$56,046.22
Road Patrol	11,270.92
E911	1,771.81
RRP Center	6,590.57
Friend of the Court	1,411.47
Building Inspection Department	3,944.50
Register of Deeds Automation Fund	1,771.40
E911Service Fund – Wireless	358.00
Law Library	454.50
Child Care-Probate	1,698.45
JABG Grant 2013-2014	7,517.00
Capitol Improvements	20,928.00
Ambulance	105.01
D.H.S. Building	120.00
Commissary Fund	<u>10,259.07</u>
GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$124,246.92</u>

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

**PERSONNEL** – Commissioner Carrington-Atkins reported all items have been discussed and the next meeting is Wednesday September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

### **AGENCY REPORTS**

**BUILDING AUTHORITY** – Commissioner Fairbanks reported on the recent meeting wherein Mark Pressell was present for services rendered for drawings for a stick built/wood frame building.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE** – Commissioner Sloan reported that all three sub-committees are meeting and explained the make-up of these committees. Commissioner Stenger stated the Strategic Planning meetings are going better than expected and are well attended. Commissioner Carrington-Atkins stated her committee is working on a Business Directory, which will include all businesses including home based ones.

**MENTAL HEALTH** – Commissioner Stenger reported they are working on their budgets where in their revenues are declining therefore making serious decisions.

**MICHIGAN NORTHERN COUNTIES** – Commissioner Myers reported that Deanna Bosworth from MAC was present to bring everyone up to date on the recent passing of the PPT issue. At their next meeting, they will be taking a tour of a Timber Bridge Project. He also reported that Miss Kolby urges all to participate in NACO.

**MSU DISTRICT 5 EXTENSION COUNCIL** – Commissioner Fairbanks asked that everyone take a look at mentoring some of our youth in the Tech Wizard Program. Mr. Peel stated they have started this program at the Luther Library, with youths being dropped off at 4:00 p.m. and go until 6:00 p.m.

**NORTHERN MICHIGAN SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES (NMSAS)** – Commissioner Myers commented to those in attendance on how this board works and how their meetings are conducted. He stated they are a 22 County area with Lake County included. They serve all addictions with a substantial budget but only 7% of this goes to the operations, and the rest go to services. Prevention and Treatment Services are available.

**911 COMMITTEE** - Commissioner Fairbanks introduced Dave Sanders, Lake County's 911 Director. Commissioner Sloan explained the Verizon Plan and how it has helped the Northern Counties such as Luther.

Dave Sanders gave a brief update on some of the new changes that are almost finished or in the works in the 911 Center – They are the second County that can receive text messages into 911, which will be implemented within the next two weeks. He also spoke on the recent murder suspect incident that came from Wexford County into Lake County.

### **CORRESPONDENCE** – *see Exhibit "A"*

Item #1 - Commissioner Sloan asked Clerk/Register/CFO Myers to prepare a resolution for the PILT portion, but do not include the EPA portion.

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**APPOINTMENTS** – Commissioner Sloan explained the ORV Promotional Grant Committee, and after speaking with Sheriff Hilts, he is meanable to serve on this committee. Chairman Walls appointed Sheriff Hilts to the ORV Promotional Grant Committee.

**CFO REPORT** – CFO Myers stated she nothing to present at that time, but will bring Budget Amendments to the next meeting and she presented the estimated costs that may be associated with the request from American Waste to amend Lake County’s Solid Waste Plan, and explained these are estimated only and do not include any mileage reimbursements. She had spoken to Laurel Durkin from American Waste, and she asked that the Board only review these costs and because she was unable to attend this meeting, she would like to be on the agenda at the next meeting for more discussion with the Board.

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

Bob Long asked who was in charge of 211 and Chairman Walls stated that United Way was in charge. Mr. Long stated he has contacted 211 for a phone number to the Lake County Road Commission and they did not have it.

**COMMISSIONERS PERSONAL PRIVILEGE**

Commissioner Fairbanks stated he was sorry for his absence last month.

Commissioner Myers stated it was nice meeting in Luther and enjoyed the dinner at the Lion’s Club.

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins invited everyone to attend the next meeting September 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. where Quran Griffin, CTC Coordinator, Lake County Communities That Care, will be in attendance.

Commissioner Sloan thanked the board for coming to Luther.

Commissioner Stenger also thanked everyone and also thanked Dave Sanders for bringing our 911 Central Dispatch up to the 2<sup>nd</sup> placement for the texting to 911.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

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Shelly Myers, Clerk/Register/CFO

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Karl Walls, Chairman of the Board

**Exhibit “A”**

**NUMBERED CORRESPONDENCE**

- #1 Resolution No. 14-113c Huron County**
- #2 Resolution 2014-015 County Of Oscoda**
- #3 Resolution No. 2014-167 Bay County**
- #4 WMSRD August 13, 2014**
- #5 MAC Legislative Update August 15, 2014**
- #6 MAC Legislative Update August 22, 2014**

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