

LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Regular Board Meeting  
September 28, 2016, 6:00 P.M  
Sweetwater Township

Chairman Walls called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

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

Clerk Williams called the Roll with the following Commissioners present: Barb Stenger, John Fairbanks, John Brunn, Dan Sloan, Colleen Carrington-Atkins and Karl Walls.

Absent and excused: Chuck Vayda

Commissioner Fairbanks moved that the agenda dated September 28, 2016 be approved; seconded by Commissioner Brunn. There was a Voice Vote and it was approved.

Commissioner Brunn moved that the minutes from September 14, 2016 be approved; seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks. There was a Voice Vote, and it was approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Paul Bigford announced the Clean Sweep and Household Hazardous Waste Disposal in Lake, Mecosta & Osceola Counties to take place on October 8, 2016, with Lake County collection site being behind Jones Ice cream. He also handed out brochures that gave more details. He mentioned all the support from townships and non-profits. He also mentioned that the contribution from Lake County is a little on the low side compared to the other two counties that kicked in.

**FINANCE**

71a: Commissioner Atkins moved to approve the semi-monthly detail analysis dated September 28, 2016 totaling \$94,220; seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks.

Commissioner Sloan had questions regarding the \$19,698.58 expenditure submitted by the Child Care Probate to pay Pine Rest. He stated that he was not satisfied with the answers he received from Jeff Nadig and the County Administrator. He stated that he put in a question by phone yesterday morning, and the email he received back was unsatisfactory.

Commissioner Sloan moved to separate the \$19,698.58, Child Care-Probate from the semi-monthly detail analysis dated September 28, 2016 totaling \$94,220.00; seconded by Fairbanks.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Fairbanks, Sloan, Brunn, Walls

Nayes: Atkins, Stenger

Absent: Vayda

Motion carried

Commissioner Atkins moved to approve the semi-monthly detail analysis dated September 28, 2016 totaling 74,562.42 as amended; seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nayes:

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Absent: Vayda

Motion carried

71b: Commissioner Atkins moved to approve of the departmental purchase requisition in excess of \$1,000 dated September 28, 2016; seconded by Fairbanks.

Commissioner Brunn had questions about the cost of the 7 replacement cameras. He stated that the cost of cameras have come down over the years. Commissioner Walls advised Commissioner Brunn to speak with the Maintenance Department regarding the specifics of the camera's that were purchased.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nayes: None

Absent: Vayda

Motion carried

71c: Commissioner Atkins moved to approve the DHHS Title IV-D agreement and authorize the Board Chair to sign any and all documents; seconded by Fairbanks.

Commissioner Sloan moved to table the approval of the DHHS Title IV-D agreement until the next meeting, to give the Board of Commissioners, the chance to review it; seconded by Stenger.

Commissioner Sloan had concerns of being given agreements that the Board has not had time to review. Commissioner Atkins questioned if this is an agreement that is normally signed annually and she stated that the dates of the agreement were from October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2029. Commissioner Fairbanks stated that maybe this contract should have been sent out a month ago.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Sloan, Stenger, Fairbanks, Brunn

Nayes: Atkins, Walls

Absent: Vayda

Motion carried

**PRESENTATIONS**

Representative Jon Bumstead presented that the House and Senate passed a bill that says that if a First Responder, firefighter and/or police officer should be killed in the line of duty, his or her spouse and children will retain their health insurance for five years, provided the spouse does not remarry or obtain other insurance.

Jordan DeVries, District Manager & MEAP Technician for the Mason-Lake Conservation District and his Office Manager Dani, discussed how the County's investment has brought measurable value to their projects and programs. The Conservation District helps residents in the county come up with ways to

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reduce pollution to lands and water, and help replenish natural resources. They have also received funding to do restoration projects on the Pere Marquette River. They also participate in hazardous waste pickup, reforestation and invasive species.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Commissioner Sloan stated that there will be a **Personnel** meeting on October 6<sup>th</sup> to address the Commissioner Compensation issue. He also stated that the Court System and 911 requested an exemption to the hiring freeze policy, because someone retired in the Court System and someone left 911.

Commissioner Atkins stated that the **Parks and Recreation Commission** meetings will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday's at 3 p.m.

Commissioner Atkins stated regarding the **Area Agency on Aging**, that St. Ann's will be getting an increase of \$2,811 because they are doing more meals than in the past. She also stated that a portion of the by-laws will be changed to be called Older Adults and Persons with Disabilities instead of Senior Citizens.

Commissioner Atkins stated that at her last meeting with the **Council on Aging**, Tobi Lake was present and explained the relationship between the Council on Aging and the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Atkins stated that the **District Health Department #10** will meet this Friday.

Commissioner Stenger stated that the **Economic Development Alliance** met and had prioritized getting Broad Band for Lake County. There will be a meeting on October 11<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Stenger stated that there will be a meeting at **Five Cap** tomorrow. She said that Five Cap is in need of staff. She also stated that funding for home heating and weatherization is available.

Commissioner Stenger stated that the **Lakeshore Regional Entity Oversight Board** met September 7<sup>th</sup> where a forum was hosted with the West Michigan DHS regarding individuals involved in the System of Care. She discussed the Mental Health system which she stated has been combined with substance abuse.

Commissioner Stenger discussed regarding **Mental Health**, the long term use and side effects of drugs prescribed to individuals with behavioral issues. The goal is to teach skills instead of using pills.

Commissioner Atkins reported regarding the **MSU District 5 Extension Council**, that the Heritage Trail is being worked on in Yates Township and will stretch all the way to Mason County.

Commissioner Stenger stated that at the **West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission** meeting, they discussed rewriting the CEDS (Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy).

Commissioner Atkins stated regarding the **Yates Dial-A-Ride Advisory Board**, that Yates Dial-a-Ride purchased a new bus that is wheelchair accessible. They also received a plaque for 40 years of service.

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**CORRESPONDENCE** – None

**NEW BUSINESS** – None

**OLD BUSINESS** – None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Paul Bigford recapped on the Mason-Lake Conservation District’s report earlier in this meeting, and reiterated how they have been operating on a shoestring budget. He stated that even with the minimal support that Lake County provides they do a tremendous amount of work. He stated that our contribution is about \$1,000 and Mason County’s is about \$18,000.

**MISCELLENEOUS** – Commissioner’s Personal Privilege

Commissioner Sloan Stated that the county’s budget is still not balanced, though the County has been working hard at it.

Commissioner Stenger stated that she was concerned about the decision she made regarding the two items presented earlier concerning children’s services and children’s support. She hopes that she made the right decisions, because of the people they are affecting.

Commissioner Atkins stated that she was happy to see everyone.

Commissioner Fairbanks stated that he was looking forward to discussing the Commissioner’s pay at the next meeting.

Commissioner Brunn thanked Sweetwater Township for having us.

*Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 P.M.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

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*Lisa Williams, Clerk to the Board*

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*Karl Walls, Chairman of the Board*