

LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

800 10th Street
Baldwin, MI 49656

Regular Meeting-**Approved**
Wednesday March 27, 2019

Chairman Lodholtz called the Meeting to order at 6:00

Present: Martin, Arquette, Dermyer, Sanders, Walls, Balulis, and Lodhotz

Commissioner Walls made a motion to accept the Agenda; with a second from Commissioner Sanders. *All in favor-motion carried.*

Commissioner Balulis made a motion to accept the Minutes dated March 13, 2019; with a second from Commissioner Walls. *All in favor-motion carried.*

Public Comment:

none

Motions:

Commissioner Dermyer made a motion to approval of the semi-monthly detail analysis dated March 27, 2019 totaling \$62,363.70; with a second from Commissioner Sanders. Roll call: Arquette-yes, Dermyer-yes, Sanders-yes, Walls-yes, Balulis-yes, Martin-yes and Lodholtz-yes. Motion carried.

Discussion-Commissioner Balulis questioned the amount for Sailors and Solders and if this function will change with the Veterans Affairs Committee. Commissioner Martin questioned \$11,000 (plus) amount on the full report.

Commissioner Dermyer made a motion to approve the adoption of the Lake County Disposal Policy dated March 27, 2019; with a second from Commissioner Arquette. Roll call: Dermyer-yes, Sanders-yes, Walls-yes, Balulis-yes, Martin-yes, Arquette-yes and Lodholtz-yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Dermyer made a motion to approve the adoption of the Lake County Purchasing Policy dated March 27, 2019; with a second from Commissioner Balulis. Commissioner Sanders made a motion to amend the motion and change the Department Heads limit to \$3,000; with a second from Commissioner Martin. Roll call: Sanders-yes, Walls-no, Balulis-yes, Martin-yes, Arquette-yes, Dermyer-no, and Lodholtz-no. Motion carried.

Discussion: Department Heading spending limit moved from \$1,000 to 2,000 with the Administrator allowed to approve up to \$10,000 without Board permission. Commissioner Lodholtz would like to see it changed to \$2,500. Commissioner Sanders, Martin, Balulis, and Arquette would like to see it moved to \$3,000.

Commissioner Dermyer made a motion to approve of contracting with Jim Kutchinski Builders to complete repairs and renovations on the Community Mental Health Building at 1190 Michigan Ave. at a price not to exceed \$40,125 and authorize the County Administrator to sign any and all documents and amend the Budget accordingly; with a second from Commissioner Walls. Roll call: Walls-yes, Balulis-yes, Martin-yes, Arquette-yes, Dermyer-yes, Sanders-yes and Lodholtz-yes. Motion carried

Discussion: Administrator Lake explained that this building brings in approx. \$20,000 a year on the lease and there was some insurance refund for damages. Commissioner Sanders explained that (for transparency purposes) this is the husband of Lake County Treasurer Brenda Kutchinski and that they had the best price in the bid requests received.

Unfinished Business

None

Public Comment:

Ernie gave an MSU Extension update. MSU will be holding Planning classes at Webber Township Hall.

Gail Raad ask the Commissioners to speak with Township Clerks before they decide on having an election and thanked Commissioners Dermyer, Arquette, Sanders and Martin for their transparency in the discussion and decision not to combine the Emergency Manager and 911 Deputy positions.

Jennifer Smetzer gave a brief over view of the Task Force Veterans Out Patient Care. They would like to put a clinic in Manistee that would benefit all surrounding Counties.

Administrators Report:

- Conference update
- Legislation update
- Unemployment Rankings
- ALICE Poverty Report (Lake County is the only one above 60% meaning we need more resources).
- Health Rankings: we are 74 of 83
- Emergency Declaration: asking the Governor for help
- Ambulance renewal
- Auditor will be here in a couple of weeks
- Veterans Affairs update: five candidates for interviews

Commissioners:

Commissioner Dermyer shared that Governor Whitmer is going to raise gas taxes .45

Commissioner Sanders thanked Tobi and Howie for all their work

Commissioner Lodholtz thanked the Village of Luther for inviting them

Commissioner Martin gave a report from Community Mental Health

Commissioner Balulis gave a report from Economic Development Alliance. May 3: there will be a three-hour ORV legislative ride in Lake County

Commissioner Arquette gave a Planning Commission Report and shared that they are talking about making a Housing Commission

Commissioner Dermyer gave a conference update and she went to DC with FiveCap

Commissioner Lodholtz gave a MAC conference report

Adjournment: 5:40

Patti Pacola-Lake County Clerk