

LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

800 10th Street
Baldwin, MI 49656

Regular Meeting-**APPROVED**
Wednesday May 22, 2019

Chairman Lodholtz called the Meeting to order at 10:01 am

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

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

Commissioner Walls made a motion to accept the Minutes dated May 8, 2019; with a second from Commissioner Sanders. *All in favor-motion carried.*

Public Comment:

None

Motions:

Commissioner Dermyer made a motion to approve of the semi-monthly detail analysis dated May 22, 2019 totaling \$130,821.76; with a second from Commissioner Arquette. Roll call vote: Martin-yes, Arquette-yes, Dermyer-yes, Sanders-yes, Walls-yes, Balulis-yes, and Lohdoltz-yes. *Motion carried.*

Commissioner Dermyer made a motion to approve, based on a decrease in revenues from state per diems at the RRP, the Board authorizes the Administrator under sections 6, 13 and 20 of the Budget Appropriations Resolution 1817, to effectuate staffing reductions within the Correctional Officer bargaining unit for five positions at the RRP in accordance with the terms of the collective bargaining agreement. Further; the Administrator is authorized to take steps as necessary to arrive at a partial or full voluntary reduction and amend the budget accordingly; with a second from Commissioner Arquette.

Discussion: Commissioner Walls gave a brief history of the RRP and what brought them to this decision. The problem has been there much longer than the current Sheriff so there is no blame going in that direction nor where the problems ignored.

Roll call vote: Balulis-yes, Walls-yes, Sanders-yes, Dermyer-yes, Arquette-yes, Martin-yes and Lodholtz-yes. *Motion carried.*

Commissioner Dermyer made a motion to approve of Resolution 1905-Stepping Up To Reduce the Number of People with Mental Illness in Jails; with a second from Commissioner Arquette. Roll call vote: Martin-yes, Arquette-yes, Sanders-yes, Walls-yes, Balulis-yes, Dermyer-yes, and Lodholtz-yes. *Motion carried.*

Commissioner Dermyer made a motion to approve the amendment of Resolution 1816 to reduce the number of positions on the Veterans Affairs Committee from 6 to 5; with a second from Commissioner Arquette. Roll call vote: Arquette-yes, Martin-yes, Dermyer-yes, Balulis-yes, Walls-yes, Sanders-yes and Lodholtz-yes. *Motion carried.*

Presentations:

Jeff Stockhill-Life EMS
James Kelly-MSUE District Director
Marilyn Burns-AAAWM

Correspondence:

Medical Examiner Report
Gift of Life Letter

New Business:

Commissioner Dermyer made a motion to approve the resignation letter from Judy Ashbaugh from the Lake County Jury Board; with a second from Commissioner Walls. *All in favor-motion carried.*

Commissioner Dermyer made a motion to approve the Board Chairman's appointment of Jacqueline Patterson to the Lake County Jury Board with a term ending April 30, 2021; with a second from Commissioner Arquette. *All in favor-motion carried.*

Commissioner Dermyer made a motion to approve the Board Chairman's appointment of Jay Barnhart to the Veterans Affairs Committee Boars with a term ending December 31, 2022; with a second from Commissioner Arquette. *All in favor-motion carried.*

The Commissioners did a group phone interview with Equalization candidate one, Casey Guthrie, asking various questions.

Commissioner Dermyer made a motion to select Casey Guthrie as a full time (37.5 hrs/wk) Lake County Equalization Director, contingent upon successful completion of a background check, physical and drug test, and authorize the County Administrator to enter into negotiations for compensation up to the top Step within Grade 8 based on education and experience (30.38 or 59,468.85/63,433.44); with a second from Commissioner Walls. Roll call vote: Martin-yes, Arquette-yes, Sanders-yes, Walls-yes, Balulis-yes and Loholtz-yes. *Motion carried.*

Unfinished Business

None

Public Comment:

Georgia Simpson was present to discuss Jury Board changes.

Administrators Report:

School and Sheriff meeting report-they are putting together a written plan with a goal of July first for a start date.

Audit report-\$1000 off with the Treasurers Office and they are working on getting that to balance.

911 Tower update-Great Lakes had a transformer blow.

Mental Health building repairs are done.

The third floor (new) Conference Room is finished.

Hazardous litigation-we need a plan because ours expires in 2019 or 2020. It can take 2-4 years to complete. Grants are available for the cost. All local units must write a letter of support.

Holister building has a new Director with a list of repairs. Administrator Lake suggested a lease because there is not one in place. The building was given to the County to be used specifically for a Seniors center.

Brownfield report-all committee terms have expired and we have a project coming up.

Commissioners Reports and Privilege:

Balulis-meetings are coming up

Walls-Medical Examiner Report

Sanders-RRP report

Dermeyer-Dial A Ride report: they are working on getting five new buses to replace old ones.

They also have a slow and new tow truck bought through a grant funding.

Arquette-Planning Commission report: they are looking into building a Housing Commission/Authority. Lake County is number five for poorest paved roads in Michigan.

Martin-Community Mental Health, Board of Health and Ambulance report.

Lodholtz-Parks and Recreation report.

Adjournment: 12:07

Patti Pacola-Lake County Clerk

These Minutes are in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Public Act 267 of 1976, as amended, and the Americans With Disabilities Act.