

LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

800 Tenth Street
Baldwin, MI 49304

Organizational Meeting-Proposed
Wednesday, January 6, 2021

Prayer by Commissioner Dermyer

Pledge of Allegiance

County Clerk Patti Pacola called the meeting to order at 10:01 am

Present: Balulis, Sanders, Todd, Dermyer, Arquette, Martin and Lodholtz
Absent:

Commissioner Martin made a motion to accept the agenda dated January 6, 2021;
Commissioner Sanders seconded. *Roll call: Balulis-yes, Todd-yes, Sanders-yes, Dermyer-yes, Arquette-yes, Martin-yes and Lodholtz-yes*

Public Comment:

None

Motions:

Commissioner Martin made a nomination for Howard Lodholtz to be the Commissioners Chairperson with no other nominations.

Commissioner Martin made a motion to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Howard Lodholtz as the Chairperson; with a second from Commissioner Balulis. *Roll call: Martin-yes, Arquette-yes, Dermyer-yes, Sanders-yes, Lodholtz-yes, Todd-yes and Balulis-yes. Motion carried.*

Commissioner Balulis made a nomination for Commissioner Sanders to be Vice Chair for 2021 with no other nominations.

Commissioner Dermyer made a motion to close the nominations and cast unanimous ballot for Commissioner Sanders as the Vice Chairperson for 2021; with a second from Commissioner Balulis. *Roll call: Balulis-yes, Sanders-yes, Todd-yes, Dermyer-yes, Arquette-yes, Martin-yes and Lodholtz-yes. Motion carried*

Commissioner Sanders made a nomination for Commissioner Martin to be Vice Chairperson Pro-tem for 2021 with no other nominations.

Commissioner Balulis made a motion to close the nominations and cast an unanimous ballot for Commissioner Martin as Vice Chairperson Pro-tem for 2021; with a second from Commissioner Dermyer. *Roll call: Sanders-yes, Dermyer-yes, Martin-yes, Arquette-yes, Balulis-yes, Todd-yes and Lodholtz-yes. Motion carried.*

Commissioner Sanders made a motion to approve of the 2021 Finance and Full Board meeting schedule as presented; with a second from Commissioner Arquette. *Roll call: Balulis-yes, Todd-yes, Sanders-yes, Dermeyer-yes, Arquette-yes, Martin-yes and Lodholtz-yes. Motion carried.*

Discussion: Commissioner Balulis ask what happened to night time meetings and Administrator Lake responded that the constant COVID changes it is futile and can be changed if needed.

Commissioner Dermeyer made a motion to approve of the 2021 Board Rules as presented; with a second from Commissioner Martin. *Roll call: Sanders-yes, Balulis-yes, Martin-yes, Todd-yes, Arquette-yes, Dermeyer-yes and Lodholtz-yes. Motion carried.*

Discussion: Commissioner Sanders questioned a statement in the Board Rules that states: "all Board members have to vote unless approved by the Chair". He suggested a Conflict of Interest insert. Commissioner Martin and Commissioner Todd agreed. Administrator Lake suggested getting an Attorney Opinion before moving forward.

Commissioner Sanders made a motion to approve of the 2021 Board Per Diem and Mileage Policy and procedure as presented; with a second from Commissioner Arquette. Roll call: Sanders-yes, Todd-yes, Dermeyer-yes, Arquette-yes, Martin-yes, Balulis-yes and Lodholtz-yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Sanders made a motion to approve of the Board Chair's appointments and committee assignments as presented; with a second from Commissioner Arquette. Roll call: Martin-yes, Arquette-yes, Dermeyer-yes, Sanders-yes, Todd-yes, Balulis-yes and Lodholtz-yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Martin made a motion to approve of the Pecuniary Interest Disclosure forms submitted under the Lake County Conflict of Interest Policy and MCL 15.323; with a second from Commissioner Balulis. Roll call: Arquette-yes, Dermeyer-yes, Sanders-yes, Todd-yes, Martin-yes, Balulis-yes and Lodholtz-yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Martin made a motion to make all Board of Commission and subcommittee meeting, under the terms of the Board Rules Section V.O and PA 254 of 2020, virtual through March 31, 2021; with a second from Commissioner Dermeyer. Roll call: Balulis-yes, Todd-yes, Sanders-yes, Martin-yes, Arquette-yes, Dermeyer-yes and Lodholtz-yes. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

None

Commissioners Privilege:

Commissioner Martin welcomed Commissioner Todd to the group.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Dermeyer made a motion to adjourn at 11:10 am; with a second from Commissioner Sanders. Roll call: Martin-yes, Arquette-yes, Dermeyer-yes, Sanders-yes, Todd-yes, Balulis-yes and Lodholtz-yes. Motion carried.

Patti Pacola
Lake County Clerk/ROD