

**LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

*Regular Meeting-DRAFT*  
Wednesday, June 28, 2017  
Ellsworth Township Hall-Luther, MI

Prayer: Karl Walls

Pledge of Allegiance: Commissioner Walls

Chairman Lodholtz called the Meeting to order at: 6:00 pm

County Clerk Patti Pacola called the Roll with the following Commissioners present: Karl Walls, Christine Balulis, Joan Runnels, Katherine Maddox, John Brunn, and Howard Lodholtz  
Absent: Betty Dermeyer

Commissioner Walls moved that the Agenda dated June 14, 2017 be approved; seconded by Commissioner Brunn. Voice vote approved

Commissioner Walls moved that the Minutes from June 14, 2017 be approved; seconded by Commissioner Balulis. Voice vote approved

**Public Comment:**

Bob Long thanked everyone for coming and gave congratulations to the Road Commission for doing a good job and being available immediately when he calls from the Township.  
Edey McCarty ask for the time frame on the hiring of a new custodian. As a County employee McCarty reminded the Commissioners that the Courthouse is a public building and is currently a disgrace especially the bathrooms on every floor.

**Finance, Reports, and Presentations:**

Commissioner Balulis moved to approve the semi-monthly detailed analysis dated June 28, 2017 totaling \$67,080.72; seconded by Commissioner Runnels

*Roll call vote:*

*Ayes: Brunn, Maddox, Runnels, Balulis, Walls, Lodholtz*

*Nays: none*

*All in favor-motion carried*

Commissioner Balulis moved to approve one Department Purchase Requisition in excess of \$1,000 dated June 28, 2017; seconded by Commissioner Brunn

*Roll call vote:*

*Ayes: Runnels, Maddox, Brunn, Walls, Balulis, Lodholtz*

*Nays: none*

*All in favor-motion carried*

Commissioner Balulis moved to approve of the acceptance of three Grants from Lake County Community Foundation for \$2,400 for a ballistic vest, \$2,400 for windows at the Animal Control and \$1,660 for equipment for the dive team; seconded by Commissioner Walls

*Roll call vote:*

*Ayes: Maddox, Balulis, Brunn, Walls, Runnels, Ludholtz*

*Nays: none*

*All in favor-motion carried*

Commissioner Balulis made a motion to approve of authorizing the County Administrator to take any and all necessary steps to purchase property; parcel number 41-003-029-75, located at 1100 Michigan Avenue in Baldwin, MI, at a purchase price; not to include taxes and closing costs. Not to exceed \$40,000 and to amend the Budget accordingly. Money to be dispersed from account 404.000.00.500.000 Capital Improvements Fund Balance; seconded by Commissioner Runnels

Discussion followed as the County Administrator explained that he walked through with his staff and Don Divis and there are many possibilities that could be relocated from the Courthouse to that building in the future.

*Roll call vote:*

*Ayes: Maddox, Brunn, Walls, Runnels*

*Nays: Balulis, Lodholtz*

*Motion carries*

Commissioner Balulis moved to approve Resolution number 1367 approving the project costs and assessment roll for the Big Star Lake Level Project and Pledging the County's full faith and credit to the repayment of the Bonds; seconded by Commissioner Walls

*Roll call vote:*

*Ayes: Balulis, Runnels, Walls, Brunn, Maddox, Lodholtz*

*Nays: none*

*All in favor-motion carried*

Commissioner Balulis moved to approve the appointment of the County Administrator to serve as Lake County's Officer Delegate and the HR/Payroll Coordinator as the alternate for the Munciple Employee's Retirement System (MERS) 2017 annual meeting; seconded by Commissioner Walls

*Roll call vote:*

*Ayes: Brunn, Maddox, Runnels, Balulis, Walls, Lodholtz*

*Nays: none*

*All in favor-motion carried*

### **Committee Reports:**

Commissioner Runnels went to Grayling where they discussed a trail going from Baldwin to the UP.

Commissioner Walls went to a MiWorks meeting where most of the discussion was on funding and a Mental Health meeting where the topic was focused on the old Video Smideo Building that now houses an Autism Facility.

Commissioner Lodholtz went to a Planning Commission meeting where they are working on a Lake County Master Plan. He also shared that 6 Townships and 1 Village in Lake County are zoned.

### **Correspondence:**

#### **New Business:**

Commissioner Balulis made a motion to approve the Board Chairman's appointment of Debbie Russell to the Lake County Land Bank with a term to expire June 30, 2020; seconded by Commissioner Walls

*All in favor-motion carried*

Commissioner Balulis made a motion to approve the Board Chairman's appointment of Kellie Allen to the Lake County Land Bank with a term to expire June 30, 2020; seconded by Commissioner Walls

*All in favor-motion carried*

### **Old Business:**

#### **Administrators Report:**

The Sheriff's Department has been awarded a Burns Justice Grant for a new fitted bullet proof vest.

The County Clerk and Administrator discussed new wedding ceremony prices as follows:

\$50 off grounds during business hours

\$100 out of County, after hours, holidays and Saturdays

At the Clerk's discretion

We had a hack from DZ over the weekend which is associated with ISIS. It Right found the vulnerability and was able to redirect it and have our server back to normal by Monday morning.

Our Annual Audit dead line is Friday and the funds look good so far. In the next 2-4 weeks, the Auditors will come before the Board with a presentation.

Wayne Hawkins has been hired as a part time temp custodian with the possibility of becoming full time with benefits.

Staff has also been made aware that there is possible over time available if they would like to help catch up on the cleaning.

#### **Commissioners Privilege:**

Commissioner Walls discussed the staff shortage in the Prosecutors Office.

#### **Public Comment:**

Edye McCarthy questioned the amount of money the County holds in Capital Outlay and why some isn't being used for building repairs and upkeep.

Barb Stenger also added that the Board approved repairs above the front pillars four years ago but when the Board was not able to contract locally-nothing was ever done-adding that it still needs to be done.

*Meeting adjourned: 7:04 pm*

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Patti Pacola-Clerk to the Board