

LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
800 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Baldwin, MI 49656

Regular Meeting-**APPROVED**  
Wednesday January 9,2019

Prayer: Commissioner Balulis

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman called the Meeting to order at: 10:00 am

Commissioner Walls moved that the Agenda dated January 9, 2019 be approved; with a second from Commissioner Arquette. *All in favor-motion carried.*

Commissioner Walls moved that the Minutes dated December 12, 2018 and the January 2, 2019 Organizational Minutes be approved with corrections; seconded by Commissioner Arquette. *All in favor-motion carried.*

Lake County Clerk Patti Pacola called the roll with the following Commissioners present: Martin, Arquette, Balulis, Dermeyer, Sanders, Walls, and Lodholtz.

**Public Comment:**

Undersheriff Berling suggested a \$2,000-3,000 or higher on the Purchasing Policy so that Department Heads can take care of business faster.

Laurie from MSU was able to get a Gerber Grant from Gerber for 4H-making all children free of charge.

**Presentations:**

Commissioner Dermeyer gave a Yates Dial A Ride report.

**Motions:**

Commissioner Dermeyer made a motion to approve of the semi-monthly detail analysis dated January 9, 2019 totaling \$230,904.19; with a second from Commissioner Walls. Roll call: Balulis-yes, Walls-yes, Sanders-yes, Dermeyer-yes, Arquette-yes, Martin-yes and Lodholtz-yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Dermeyer made a motion to approve of three (3) Departmental Purchase Requisition in excess of \$1,000 dated January 9, 2019; with a second from Commissioner Walls. Roll call: Walls-yes, Dermeyer-yes, Sanders-yes, Arquette-yes, Martin-yes, Balulis-yes and Lodholtz-yes. Motion carried.

Discussion: Commissioner Walls commended Dave for his research.

Commissioner Dermyer made a motion to approve of purchasing 6 HP laptops, 6 carry cases and Microsoft Office licenses for the Lake County Board of Commissioners; at a cost not to exceed \$3,050.00; with a second from Commissioner Walls. Roll call: Arquette-yes, Dermyer-yes, Martin-yes, Balulis-yes, Walls-yes, Sanders-yes and Lodholtz-yes. Motion carried.

Discussion: Sanders suggested Commissioners go paperless and not print. Commissioner Walls has his own computer and will not need one.

Commissioner Dermyer made a motion to approve of the 2019 MSU Agreement in the amount of \$57,647 and authorize the Board Chair to sign any and all necessary documents; with a second from Commissioner Sanders. Roll call: Sanders-yes, Walls-yes, Balulis-yes, Martin-yes, Arquette-yes, Dermyer-yes and Lodholtz-yes. Motion carried.

Discussion: Commissioner Walls expressed the history of MSU.

Commissioner Dermyer made a motion to approve of the Pecuniary Disclosure for Commissioner Karl D. Walls for work with the Medical Examiners Office; with a second from Commissioner Arquette. Roll call: Balulis-yes, Walls-abstained, Sanders-yes, Dermyer-yes, Arquette-yes, Martin-yes and Lodholtz-yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Dermyer made a motion to approve of the Pecuniary Interest Disclosure for Commissioner Sanders for work serving papers for various Departments; with a second from Commissioner Walls. Roll call: Martin-yes, Dermyer-yes, Arquette-yes, Balulis-yes, Walls-yes, Sanders-abstain and Lodholtz-yes. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:**

Lake County Permit Summary Report for December 2018

**New Business:**

Commissioner Dermyer made a motion to approve the Board Chairman's appointment of Patti Pacola to the Lake County Parks and Recreation Committee term ending 1-1-2020; with a second from Commissioner Walls. All in favor-motion carried.

Commissioner Dermyer made a motion to approve the Board Chairman's appointment of Joan Runnels to the Lake County Planning Commission with a term ending 12-31-2019; with a second from Commissioner Walls. All in favor-motion carried.

Commissioner Dermyer made a motion to approve the Board Chairman's appointment of Patti Pacola to the Lake County Ambulance Committee with a term ending 12-31-2020; with a second from Commissioner Balulis. All in favor-motion carried.

Commissioner Loholtz ask why the Commissioners do not have County ID's and suggested they see they County Clerk to get one.

Commissioner Lodholtz ask why there was an email on the Open Meeting Act shared last meeting with no name on it. Commissioner Dermyer explained.

Commissioner Sanders ask that they keep the "Purchasing Policy" topic open so that it doesn't get dropped.

**Unfinished Business:**

None

**Administrators Report:**

Administrator Lake shared:

- There are five (5) lawsuits to be discussed at the next meeting.
- Top Con is closing.
- The Emergency Management position needs to be filled.
- The Equalization Director may be leaving.
- The Mental Health building is in need of repairs.
- Veterans Grant funding: there has been a new Bill amending funding that will double the amount originally in place from \$25,000 to \$50,000. We are now just waiting for that funding so that the Board can get started.
- Indigent Defense: we are on the second round in the hiring stages for an Administrator.
- March 1, 2020 we will need to revise the Survey and Remon County Plan to be approved by the State.
- Legislation has now determined that we must have a County Assessor.
- Our Auditors are merging with another company and the name will change.
- Kids where caught in the County smoking shack
- The Grant covering Marijuana has changed and can now only be used for educational purposes. The County will get the Grant and pass it on to the Health Department.
- Unemployment ranking: we are 67 of 83 counties in Michigan.
- Emergency Management position: this is the County Commissioners responsibility to appoint according to law. Interview process has to be done in the public. A possibility is to have Don Divis perform both and hire an Assistant 911 Director. Howie suggested Personnel take on the task. Commissioner Balulis ask if there is a Job Description for the Emergency Manager and Administrator Lake responded that he will look. The position is part time and Grant funded.
- In the Absence of the Emergency Manager-the Board Chair (Commissioner Lodholtz) assumes the position according to law.

**Public Comment:**

Dani from Mason/Lake Conservation was present to do a minor report.

**Commissioners Comments:**

Commissioner Arquette thanked everyone for coming

Commissioner Dermyer questioned the Veterans Resolution that passed and why the Board members where not discussed separate.

Dial A Ride is hiring.

Commissioner Walls added that Commissioners can attend the Personnel meeting and explained how it works.

Commissioner Sanders had Ambulance Committee questions.

Expressed a concern that he is hearing complaints from the public about the Building Department that need to be addressed.

Discussion of the Chain of Command followed. Commissioners goals where also discussed and need to be implemented. Both short and long term. Commissioner Balulis suggested Workshops so that it does not cost the County money.

*Meeting adjourned at 11:18 am*

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Patti Pacola-Lake County Clerk