

LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
Wednesday November 22, 2017

Prayer: Commissioner Maddox

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Lodholtz called the Meeting to order at: 10:05 am

Commissioner Walls moved that the Agenda dated November 22, 2017 be approved; seconded by Commissioner Dermyer. *All in favor-motion carried*

Commissioner Walls moved that the Minutes dated November 8, 2017 be approved; seconded by Commissioner Balulis. All in favor-motion carried

Lake County Clerk Patti Pacola called the roll with the following Commissioners present:

Balulis	
Dermyer	Walls
Maddox	Lodholtz
Runnels	

Absent: Brunn came in at 10:15

Public Comment:

none

Motions:

- a) Commissioner Balulis moved to recommend to the Board of Commissioners the approval of the semi-monthly detail analysis dated November 22, 2017 totaling \$236,881.83; with a second from Commissioner Runnels. *Roll call vote-all in favor-motion carried.*
- b) Commissioner Balulis made a motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners the approval of the Public Defender (Juvenile Court Contract) Agreement with Christine Clancy Frisbie starting January 1, 2018 and authorize the Board Chair to sign any and all necessary documents; with a second from Commissioner Maddox. *Roll call vote-all in favor-motion carried.*
- c) Commissioner Balulis made a motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners the approval of the Public Defender (Juvenile Court Contract) Agreement with Mark Schropp starting January 1, 2018 and authorize the Board Chair to sign any and all necessary documents; with a second from Commissioner Runnels. *Roll call vote-all in favor-motion carried.*

- d) Commissioner Balulis made a motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners the approval of the Public Defender (Juvenile Court Contract) Agreement with Greer and Dykman starting January 1, 2018 and authorize the Board Chair to sign any and all necessary documents; with a second from Commissioner Dermeyer. *Roll call vote-all in favor-motion carried.*
- e) Commissioner Balulis made a motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners the approval of the Public Defender (District and Circuit Court Contract) Agreement with Christine Clancy Frisbie starting January 1, 2018 and authorize the Board Chair to sign any and all necessary documents; with a second from Commissioner Runnels. *Roll call vote-all in favor-motion carried.*
- f) Commissioner Balulis made a motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners the approval of the Public Defender (District and Circuit Court Contract) Agreement with Mark Schropp starting January 1, 2018 and authorize the Board Chair to sign any and all necessary documents; with a second from Commissioner Dermeyer. *Roll call vote-all in favor-motion carried.*
- g) Commissioner Balulis made a motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners the approval of the Public Defender (district and Circuit Court Contract) Agreement with Greer and Dykman starting January 1, 2018 and authorize the Board Chair to sign any and all necessary documents; with a second from Commissioner Maddox. *Roll call vote-all in favor-motion carried.*
- h) Commissioner Balulis made a motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners the approval of the agreement with Velvo Law-a collection agency for housing fees; with a second from Commissioner Walls.

Discussion: Velvo Law is a firm and collection agency. They will attempt to collect for outstanding housing fees and file court action seeking a judgement against those failing to pay. This will cost the county: 35% of money collected with no court action and 45% of money collected with court action. If nothing is collected-we owe nothing.

Roll call vote-all in favor-motion carried.

- i) Commissioners Balulis made a motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners the approval of the 2018 Survey and Remonumentation Grant Application to the State of Michigan-Office of Land Survey in the amount of \$43,932.00 and authorize the County Administrator; as Grant Administrator, to sign any and all necessary documents; with a second from Commissioner Walls. *Roll call vote-all in favor-motion carried.*
- j) Commissioner Balulis made a motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners to grant an exception to Resolution #1299 dated 10-23-2013; No Out of State Conferences, Training, Meetings, for the Sheriff to attend ALICE (Alert-Lockdown-Inform-Counter-Evacuate) Certification Training out of State (in Wisconsin); with a second from Commissioner Walls.

Discussion: this will be a one-time approval for a two-day conference including meals, gas, and lodging.

Roll call vote-all in favor-motion carried.

- k) Commissioner Balulis made a motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners the approval of the Lakeshore Regional Entity Oversight Policy Board Intergovernmental Contract and authorize the County Administrator to sign any and all necessary documents; with a second from Commissioners Runnels. *Roll call vote-all in favor-motion carried.*

Presentations:

Stephen Currie-Executive Director-MI Association of Counties-did not show up
 Patrick Johnson-County Survey: discussion of the 41 Corners in Lake County to be completed by 2018.

Budget to include:

3 members at 3 meetings	\$900 per meeting=\$2,700
Monumentation	\$950 per corner (41 corners) =\$38,950
Administration	11% of Grant= \$5,282
County Administrator	\$2,641
County Rep	\$2,641

Patrick also explained that Corner Monuments used in 1836-37 where wood posts used for property markers. This program is to remark with 2 ft. pipes with a certificate filed with the County Clerk.

Correspondence:

44 North Open Enrollment meetings

New Business:

Commissioner Walls discussed the County 911 tower and would like to see a policy and application for use put in place.

Unfinished Business:

None

Administrators Report:

Three Budget requests where made during Budget hearings that Administrator Lake needs guidance with. Those three include:

The Sheriff’s Office has requested approx. \$90,000 for jail records and management software to be used at the RRP and Jail. Braekdown includes: \$30,000 for jail and \$60,000 for RRP. The current software maintenance costs approx. \$1,500 a year (\$750 for the jail and \$750 for the RRP). The new software would cost approx. \$8,000 per year (\$2,500 for the jail and \$5,500 for the RRP).

Discussion: Maddox-no, Runnels-no, Balulis and Dermyer would like to see more research and Walls suggested maybe re-evaluating next year.

The MSU Extension Director has requested partial funding to be returned to the operations of the Extension Office. His request is for an additional \$20,700 in addition to the MOA of \$38,2019. Breakdown of expenses include:
 \$15,000 for wages

\$1,500 for phone
\$600 for internet
\$3,600 for utilities and rent

Discussion: Walls-no, Maddox-no, Brunn would like to keep a base pay, Dermeyer-no Balulis-no, Balulis suggested maybe sharing an office with another County, Commissioners all agreed more data is needed to show community involvement. Commissioner Runnels stated they are doing more with the community and Commissioner Brunn would like to keep them.

The DHHS Board has requested additional funding of \$2,650 for programs such as Early Childhood/Family, Capital Experience and the Christmas Program. Commissioner Walls stated that no reports have been shown; as suggested last year, to show accountability. Administrator Lake suggested giving them a flexible line item Budget. Runnels and Dermeyer would like it to stay at \$5,500 and Walls, Maddox, and Balulis would like to increase it to \$6,500.

Administrator Lake also added that Maintenance worker Steve is retiring on January 12, 2018. A meeting has been scheduled with the Sheriff for January 19, 2018 to discuss cross training (clocking out from one position and into another).

A couple of months ago the Commissioner had approved the purchase of a Dodge Truck for \$32,375 for the Sheriff's Department which was cancelled because the specs did not meet requirements. Administrator Lake approved an Explorer that does meet required specs for \$1,100 more.

Reports:

Commissioner Maddox-none

Commissioner Runnels reported from various committees such as the MAC Environmental Committee and N. MI Counties.

Commissioner Balulis-none

Commissioner Brunn reported from a conference call with MAC

Commissioner Walls has a MiWorks meeting on Dec. 2

Commissioner Dermeyer discussed a meeting with District Health stating there has been a Hepatitis outbreak that can last a painful 3 months.

Commissioner Lodholtz attended a meeting with Winzerdic where the topics included county population.

Public Comment:

Tim Smith spoke of his concerns for retired employee benefits and he doesn't think it is fair that they are not getting what they were promised upon hire.

Nicolette shared concerns that children turn to drugs when they have nothing to do. Taking away 4H (MSU) isn't going to help.

She also wished the Commissioners Happy Holidays and ask them to pray for others while giving themselves raises.

Other public discussion shared concerns about becoming a business only community if our programs keep getting cut.

Commissioners Privilege:

Commissioner Lodholtz share a document showing the statistics for Lake County. Commissioner Maddox would like to find a way to give back some of what is going to be lost with MSU and shared that a visitor has been going to Township meetings misinforming the public.

Commissioner Runnels stated she will be sorry to have 4H go and she attended a Township meeting where she was badgered and disrespected with only one person standing up for her defense.

Commissioner Balulis wished everyone safe and happy holidays. Commissioner Brunn also wished every one safe and happy holidays and stated he would like to keep MSU.

Meeting adjourned at 12:16

Patti Pacola-Lake County Clerk