

LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Regular Meeting-**DRAFT**  
Wednesday, July 26, 2017

Prayer: Betty Dermyer

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Lodholtz called the Meeting to order at: 10:04 am

Commissioner Runnels moved that the Agenda dated July 12, 2017 be approved; seconded by Commissioner Dermyer. Voice vote approved

Commissioner Balulis moved that the Minutes dated July 12, 2017 be approved; seconded by Commissioner Runnels with the changes stated below. Voice vote approved

Per Commissioner Runnels: Changes to be made under Commissioners Report: "Northern Michigan Association" should be "Northern Counties Association" "private property" should be "State property"

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

Brunn	Balulis
Dermyer	Walls
Maddox	Lodhokltz
Runnels	

Absent: none

**Public Comment:** none

**Presentations:**

Steven Kirinovic from Abraham & Gaffney, P.C. to discuss the Annual Audit and the change in company name. Abraham & Gaffney, P.C. will no longer be doing Government Audits. They will however have a spin off company that will be doing them: Stevens, Kirinovic & Tucker, P.C. (SKT). As our three-year contract is up soon-there will be a presentation in a couple of weeks to discuss the topic further. A letter of release and contractual agreements with Abraham & Gaffney P.C. was presented. Some of the topics of the Presentation; referring to the Audit, included:

- Auditors Report (pg. i-iii)
- Statement of Net Position (pg. 1)
- Statement of Activities (pg. 2)
- Fund Balance (pg. 3-4)
- 5-year Analysis
- Revenues and Expenditures

Financial highlights of the Audit included:

Assets exceeded liabilities at the close of 2016 by \$16,333,770 (net position) 2016 ending fund balances of \$11,466,131; a net increase of \$860,730 (8.1%) more than the prior year.

State Senator Darwin Booher was present to give a legislative update on the following topics:

- 2018 Budget is complete and 800 pages long
- \$200 million has been paid down on the Michigan Public School Employee Retirement System dept. The debt is expected to be paid off by the year 2038.
- \$155 million was cut from the Governor's budget to start a new Michigan Public School Employee Retirement System.
- Lowest funded schools will receive up to twice the money as the highest funded schools. As it stands there is only a \$600 difference between the two.
- \$250 million has been put in place for transportation.
- \$2.2 million has been set aside to set 150 new State Police Troopers to school.
- Parks, recreation and maintenance will also have focus in the Budget.
- \$3 million has been added to the Budget for the DNR to improve trails.
- Topics that will be discussed include: Medical Marijuana, Townships on the verge of bankruptcy, and capital improvements needed in prisons.

Booher also shared that he is still trying to move forward with the GEO Prison but the asking price right now is \$100 million and the State is not willing to pay that amount. Booher assured the Commissioners that he will continue to try and find the answers for Lake County.

**Motions:**

Commissioner Balulis made a motion to approve the semi-monthly detailed analysis dated July 26, 2017 totaling \$149,443.44; with a second from Commissioner Dermeyer.

*Roll call vote:*

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

*Nays: none*

*All in favor-motion carried*

Commissioner Balulis made a motion to approve of making the Assistant Prosecutors position a FT exempt position at 37.5 hours per week with benefits contingent upon the revenue from the Title IV-D from the Prosecutor's Office remaining above \$45,000 per year and that the position is to only receive cost of living increases; in future years, effective as early as September 1, 2017; with a second from Commissioner Dermeyer.

Discussion followed. Commissioner Walls stated that he: "supports the position but with reservations" as there has been no increase in productivity from the Prosecutors Office.

*Roll call vote:*

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

*Nays: none*

*All in favor-motion carried*

Commissioner Walls made a motion to approve of the fiscal year 2016 Annual Audit as presented; with a second from Commissioner Balulis.

*Roll call vote:*

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

*Nays: none*

*All in favor-motion carried*

**Correspondence:**

Lake County MDHHS Board Monthly Commissioners Report for May 31, 2017 (balance of \$5,247.67) and June 30, 2017 (balance of \$4,997.57).

Summaries of Counties in Michigan (PILT) payments in lieu of taxes. \$2.44 per acre goes directly into General Fund.

**Commissioner Reports:**

Commissioner Dermyer: Dial-A-Ride has a new sign paid for from grant funding. Their parking lot has also been paved and Senator Bohoor will be taking a tour of their progress.

District 10 Health has approved insurance.

Commissioner Dermyer also stated that 911 is making plans for the new building purchased without Commissioners approval. Administrator Lake explained that this has been discussed at past meetings. Emergency Management has been approved.

Commissioner Runnels reported that she went to the Northern Michigan Counties Association where they discussed broadband and the necessity to accommodate plug in cars.

Commissioner Loholtz reported that the Planning Commission is still working on their Master Plan.

**New Business:** none

**Old Business:** none

**Administrators Report:**

Discussion on the possibility of sharing Indigent Defense with other Counties.

The TRV contract is up at the end of December and they are talking about a 3-year contract with a 2-year extension instead of a 10 year.

Working with ASTI to move the trailer from the parking lot to their property where they will try to sell it as the County no longer needs it.

They have interviewed five prospective candidates for the Building Inspector position.

Administrator Lake also gave a Bond update for Big Star Lake.

**Public Comment:** none

**Commissioners Privilege:**

Commissioners thanked everyone for coming.

*Meeting adjourned at 11:54*

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Patti Pacola-Lake County Clerk