

LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

800 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
 Baldwin, MI 49656  
 Proposed Minutes  
 Wednesday July 27, 2022

Prayer: Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman called the Meeting to order at: 10:15

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

Absent: Dermeyer

Commissioner Arquette moved that the agenda be approved; with a second from Commissioner Sanders. Commissioner Todd suggested that g-j be removed-with no support. All in favor (with no changes)- motion carried.

Commissioner Martin moved that the Minutes dated July 13, 2022 be approved; with a second from Commissioner Balulis. All in favor-motion carried.

Presentations:

Public Comment:

Jodi Nicoles for ARPA

Motions:

Commissioner Arquette made a motion to approve of the semi-monthly detail analysis dated July 27, 2022 totaling \$111,468; with a second from Commissioner Sanders. Roll call vote: Arquette-yes, Martin-yes, Balulis-yes, Todd-yes, Sanders-yes, and Lodholtz-yes. Motion carried.

101 GENERAL FUND	\$25,536.23
207 SHERIFF ROAD PATROL FUND	\$9,713.23 208
PARKS AND RECREATION	\$4,729.53
215 FRIEND OF THE COURT	\$340.76
216 COUNCIL ON AGING	\$27,543.00
220 HOLLISTER SENIOR CENTER FUND	\$6,246.48
251 EMERGENCY 911 PROGRAM	\$24,985.09
258 DISASTER CONTINGENCY FUND	\$3,716.25
261 E911 SERVICE FUND-WIRELESS	\$133.79
269 LAW LIBRARY	\$763.24
292 CHILD CARE-PROBATE	\$6,388.09
293 SOLDIER'S RELIEF FUND	\$500.00
505 AMBULANCE	\$708.17
569 D.H.S. BUILDING	\$165.00
<b>TOTAL FOR ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 111,468.86</b>

Commissioner Arquette made a motion to approve the proposal by Master Tech Roof Management for observation services for the upcoming roof project, at a cost not to exceed \$10,000, money to be spend out of Building Repairs (404-904-00-935), and to authorize the County Administrator to execute the proposal and amend the budget accordingly; with a second from Commissioner Sanders. Roll call vote: Arquette-yes, Martin-yes, Balulis-yes, Todd-yes, Sanders-yes and Lodholtz-yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Arquette made a motion to allow the Sheriff to hire a Deputy into the vacant Road Sergeant position through September 1, 2023 and to approach both unions to get Letters of Understanding, with the amendment of: An amendment was made to this motion from Commissioner Todd that the above motion is contingent with the modification of the Union Contract agreement and letters of understanding before action is taken; with a second from Commissioner Martin. Roll call vote: Martin-yes, Balulis-yes, Todd-yes, Sanders-yes, Arquette-yes, and Lodholtz-yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Arquette made a motion to authorize the Administrator to develop Letters of Understanding with the Unions to give up to an extra 2% cost of living adjustment for 1/1/2023 to sunset on 12/31/2023; with a second from Commissioner Balulis. Roll call: Balulis-yes, Todd-yes, Sanders-yes, Arquette-yes, Martin-yes and Lodholtz-yes. Motion carried.

*This motion is to create and execute Letters of Understandings with the five unions to award cost of Living Adjustments for 2023 of up to 2%. This amount would be in addition to what they will already receive under contract and would sunset at the end of 2023 (They would have to negotiate next summer to keep the increase in the new contract).*

*Currently under contract they will receive the following:*

<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>		
<i>Corrections</i>		<i>1.25%</i>	<i>1.50%</i>
<i>Corrections Command</i>		<i>1.25%</i>	<i>1.50%</i>
<i>Road Deputy</i>		<i>1.50%</i>	<i>1.75%</i>
<i>Road Command</i>		<i>1%</i>	<i>1.50%</i>
<i>911</i>		<i>1%*</i>	<i>1%*</i>

*(\*1% Steps 1 - 4; 2% step 5)*

Commissioner Martin made a motion to authorize the Administrator to make changes to the Personnel Manuals and to develop Letters of Understanding with the unions effective 1/1/2023 to increase Retiree Health Care Savings amount to \$40 per pay, to increase the pre-65 retiree health insurance contribution to \$625 per month, and to increase the post-65 amount to \$165 per month; with a second from Commissioner Arquette. Roll call vote: Todd-yes, Sanders-yes, Arquette-yes, Martin-yes, Balulis-yes and Lodholtz-yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Martin made a motion to approve merit compensation to the Lake County Administrator. Starting 7/1/2022 – 6/30/2023, \$600 per month to be paid into the Administrator’s 457 retirement account. Starting 7/1/2023 – 6/30/2024, \$700 per month to be paid into the Administrator’s 457 retirement account. Starting 7/1/2024 – until retirement, \$800 per month to be paid into the Administrator’s 457 retirement account; with a second from Commissioner Arquette. Roll call: Sanders-no, Arquette-no, Martin-no, Balulis-no, Todd-no and Lodholtz-no. Motion failed.

*Discussion:*

*Commissioners discussed researching this further and coming up with a plan that will include everyone. A Personnel meeting will be scheduled at a later date for further discussion.*

Commissioner Martin made a motion to award the scores and rankings to the grant applicants as recommended by the ARPA Committee:

- Five CAP 69
- Webber Township 42
- Baldwin DDA 61
- Historical Museum 41
- Rotary 60
- Newkirk /Ellsworth Townships 41
- Village of Luther 58
- Grier World Cultural Communications 38
- Chase Township 53
- Pathfinder Library 33
- Luther Lions 53
- Sportsmen’s Club-well 33
- Newkirk /Ellsworth Townships – Jaws 50
- Sportsmen’s Club-hardscape 33
- Habitat for Humanity 49
- Lake Co. Modelers & Flyers-center 31
- Lake Fellowship Ministry 48
- 1st Neighbors 31
- Bread of Life Food Pantry 47
- Baldwin Schools 29
- Baldwin Family Care 44
- Lake Co. Modelers & Flyers- drone 29

With a second from Commissioner Balulis. Roll call vote: Arquette-yes, Martin-yes, Balulis-yes, Todd-yes, Sanders-yes, and Lodholtz-yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Martin made a motion to pay \$2 million of the funds originating from ARPA to pay down the bond debt on the RRP facility and authorize the County Administrator to any steps necessary to effectuate this out; with a second from Commissioner Sanders. Roll call vote: Arquette-yes, Martin-yes, Balulis-yes, Todd-no, Sanders-yes, and Lodholtz-yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Todd made a motion to award and fund the following applications with the amounts and stipulations noted; and to authorize the County Administrator to effectuate any steps necessary to carry this out, including any necessary budget amendments and the creation and execution of grant agreements on behalf of the county; with a second from Commissioner Balulis. Roll call vote: Martin-yes, Balulis-yes, Todd-yes, Sanders-yes, Arquette-yes, and Lodholtz-yes. Motion carried.

- Five CAP Housing Market Analysis and Support \$ 135,000.00\* \*\*\$50,000 to Five CAP for market analysis; \$85,000 to County to reserve for Housing Plan implementation
- Baldwin DDA visioning for multiple projects \$ 20,000.00
- Rotary Backpack Food Program at Baldwin Schools \$ 12,700.00
- Village of Luther beautification project / pickleball \$ 35,000.00
- Chase Township playground \$ 25,679.00

Luther Lions Facility Renovations \$ 15,184.95

Newkirk /Ellsworth Townships Jaws system for fire dept \$ 11,466.75

Habitat for Humanity \*If can be used for home rehab/repair/blight elimination; otherwise add to County reserve for housing plan implementation \$ 47,275.00\*

Commissioner Todd made a motion to approve Resolution #2022-10 submitting to a vote of the electorate at the November General Election the renewal millage for Emergency Telephone Service-Central Dispatch 91; with a second from Commissioner Arquette. Roll call vote: Balulis-yes, Todd-yes, Sanders-yes, Arquette-yes, Martin-yes and Lodholtz-yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Todd made a motion to approve Resolution #2022-11 submitting to a vote of the electorate at the November General Election the renewal millage for Services for Senior Citizens – Council on Aging; with a second from Commissioner Arquette. Roll call vote: Todd-yes, Sanders-yes, Arquette-yes, Martin-yes, Balulis-yes and Lodholtz-yes. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

None

New Business:

Commissioner Sanders made a motion to amend Led Todd's appointment to the Pine River Zoning Variance Board from Alternate to primary - No term; with a second from Commissioner Martin. All in favor-motion carried.

Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Todd: Conservation Resource Alliance

Commissioner Martin: Mental Health

Unfinished Business:

None

Administrators Report:

Various reports and updates. No motions.

Public Comment:

None

Miscellaneous:

None

*Meeting adjourned at 12:10 am*

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Patti Pacola-Lake County Clerk