

LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

800 10th Street
 Baldwin, MI 49656

Remote Meeting (Re COVID-19 Requirement)
 Wednesday April 14, 2021

Prayer: Commissioner Dermyer

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman called the Meeting to order at: 10:03

Present: Martin, Dermyer, Sanders, Todd, Balulis and Lodholtz.

Absent: Arquette

Commissioner Martin moved that the Agenda be approved; with a second from Commissioner Balulis. *All in favor-motion passed*

Commissioner Dermyer moved that the Minutes dated March 24, 2021 be approved with corrections; with a second from Commissioner Martin. *All in favor-motion passed*

Public Comment:

None

Motions:

Commissioner Sanders made a motion to approve the semi-monthly detail analysis dated April 14, 2021 totaling \$169,136.22; with a second from Commissioner Martin. Roll call: Todd-yes, Balulis-yes, Sanders-yes, Dermyer-yes, Martin-yes and Lodholtz-yes.

101	GENERAL FUND	\$70,927.66
207	SHERIFF ROAD PATROL FUND	\$5,741.54
210	EMERGENCY 911 PROGRAM	\$8,127.57
211	JAIL T.R.V. PROJECT	\$1,122.66
215	FRIEND OF THE COURT FUND	\$121.11
249	BUILDING INSPECTION FUND	\$5,717.58
256	REG. OF DEEDS AUTOMATION FUND	\$2,634.00
258	DISASTER CONTINGENCY FUND	\$20,385.00
259	INDIGENT DEFENSE FUND	\$16,847.20
260	CRIME VICTIMS REIMB	\$253.20
263	CONCEALED PISTOL LICENSING	\$74.00
292	CHILD CARE-PROBATE FUND	\$3,672.20
293	SOLDIERS' RELIEF FUND	\$1,000.00
505	AMBULANCE	\$30,366.15
569	D.H.S. BUILDING	\$396.35
636	INFORMATION SERVICES	\$1750.00
	TOTAL FOR ALL FUNDS	\$169,136.22

Commissioner Sanders made a motion to approve that Deputy Rose to be hired in at the 2-year rate, effective 4/14/2021; with a second from Commissioner Balulis. Roll call: Todd-yes, Balulis-yes, Dermeyer-yes, Martin-yes, Sanders-yes and Lodholtz-yes.

Discussion:

Commissioner Lodholtz and Commissioner Sanders were in agreeance to let this request bypass the Personnel Committee.

Joshua Rose has been hired as a full time Road Patrol Deputy with a hire date of 4/14/2021. The Sheriff would like to request to hire him, at the 2-year level, based on his experience, education, and qualifications.

Joshua has nearly 4 years of law enforcement experience as a Public Safety Officer in Benton Harbor, MI as well as 4 years as a Reserve Police Officer and 3 years as a Reserve Fire Fighter. In addition, he is already received certifications for Glock Armorer, AR Armorer, Basic/Advanced Evidence Technician, and Taser Instructor among many others.

Undersheriff Wes Burling added some background and that he is from Benton Harbor.

Commissioner Sanders made a motion to approve that Deputy Pat Hedlund to be hired in at the 2-year rate, effective 4/13/2021; with a second from Commissioner Balulis. Roll call: Dermeyer-yes, Balulis-yes, Todd-yes, Martin-yes, Sanders-yes and Lodholtz-yes.

Commissioner Lodholtz and Commissioner Sanders were in agreeance to let this request bypass the Personnel Committee.

Discussion:

Patrick Hedlund is being rehired as a part time Road Deputy effective 4/13/2021. The Sheriff would like to request to hire him at the 2-year level, based on his experience, education, and qualifications.

Commissioner Martin made a motion to approve the amendment to the Lakeshore Regional Entity Oversight Policy Board Intergovernmental Contract dated January 1 2021 to December 31 2022 and authorize the County Administrator to sign any and all necessary documents; with a second from Commissioner Sanders. Roll call: Balulis-yes, Todd-yes, Sanders-yes, Dermeyer-yes, Martin and Lodholtz.

Commissioner Martin made a motion to approve of Commissioners expenses related to the attendance of the virtual MAC Legislative Conference, April 28-29 2021, by Commissioner Arquette. Money to come from 101-872-861; with a second from Commissioner Sanders. Roll call: Todd-yes, Sanders-yes, Dermeyer-yes, Martin-yes, Balulis-yes and Lodholtz-yes.

Discussion:

Approval of expenses to attend the 2021 MAC Legislative Conference that is going to be held virtually April 28-29, 2021.

The fee per participant is \$100.00

Commissioner Martin made a motion to accept the 2021 Lake County Equalization Report; with a second from Commissioner Sanders. Roll call: Sanders-yes, Todd-yes, Balulis-yes, Martin-yes, Dermeyer-yes and Lodholtz-yes.

Commissioner Martin made a motion to approve of the extension of the Lake County COVID-19 Sick Leave Policy through 6/30/2021 and to authorize the Administrator to execute a Letter of Understanding with each of the 5 Collective Bargaining units to do the same; with a second from Commissioner Dermeyer. Roll call: Dermeyer-yes, Martin-yes, Balulis-yes, Todd-yes, Sanders-yes and Lodholtz-yes.

Discussion:

In March 2020 the Federal CARES act was enacted that required employers to provide Emergency Paid Sick Leave (EPSL) and Emergency Family Medical Leave (EFML) to all employees beginning on 4/2/2020 that were absent due to COVID. The Federal requirement to provide this leave expired on 12/31/2020.

However, the latest COVID relief bill that was passed in late December 2020 included an optional extension to EPSL and EFML from 1/1/2021 through 3/31/2021. After discussion, the Board voted in January to extend this to 3/31/2020.

Although this extension is not required by employers, we would like to extend the EPSL to employees through 6/30/2021. This will not provide additional paid days to employees that have already used their 10 days of paid COVID sick leave; however, for those employees that have not used these days, this benefit would be available to them should they become affected by COVID through 6/30/2021.

We are not requesting an extension of the Emergency Family Medical Leave (EFML).

Can only be used once-one event.

Presentation:

Equalization Director, Casey Guthrie, presented the 2021 Equalization Report

Committee Reports:

- Commissioner Balulis: Dial-A-Ride and MI. Works
- Commissioner Todd: WMSRDC
- Commissioner Sanders-Personnel
- Commissioner Dermeyer-Five Cap
- Commissioner Lodholtz

Correspondence:

Lake County Permit Summary for March 2021

New Business:

None

Unfinished Business:

none

Administrators Report:

1. Yates Township has filed a State of Emergency to continue virtual meetings
2. Auditors will be virtual via email and phone
3. Recovery Plan: most counties are waiting for the Treasury to give directions and/or guidelines
4. CFA for Federal reward
5. Sheriff donations for new kennels at Animal Control

Public Comment:

None

Miscellaneous/Commissioners Privilege:

Commissioner Balulis: prayers to the Brunn family

Commissioner Todd: Village of Baldwin cleanup/runway improvements

Commissioner Dermeyer made a motion to adjourn at 11:06; with a second from Commissioner Sanders. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 11:46

Patti Pacola-Lake County Clerk