

**LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

800 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Baldwin, MI 49656

Remote Meeting (Re COVID-19 Requirement)  
Wednesday March 10, 2021

Prayer: Commissioner moment of silence

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman called the Meeting to order at: 10:00

Present: Martin (present), Arquette (present), Dermeyer (present), Sanders (present), Todd (present), Balulis (home), and Lodholtz (present).

Commissioner Arquette moved that the Agenda be approved; with a second from Commissioner Dermeyer. *Roll call: Balulis-yes, Todd-yes, Sanders-yes, Dermeyer-yes, Arquette-yes, Martin-yes and Lodholtz-yes.*

Commissioner Dermeyer moved that the Minutes, with corrections, dated February 24, 2021 be approved; with a second from Commissioner Martin. *Roll call: Todd-yes, Balulis-yes, Sanders-yes, Dermeyer-yes, Arquette-yes, Martin-yes and Lodholtz-yes.*

**Public Comment:**

None

**Motions:**

1. Commissioner Sanders made a motion to approve the semi-monthly detail analysis dated March 10, 2021 totaling \$121,966.47; with a second from Commissioner Arquette. *Roll call: Sanders-yes, Dermeyer-yes, Balulis-yes, Todd-yes, Arquette-yes, Martin-yes and Lodholtz-yes.*

101	GENERAL FUND	\$56,823.88
205	PARKS AND RECREATION	\$3,842.50
207	SHERIFF ROAD PATROL FUND	\$3,374.24
210	EMERGENCY 911 PROGRAM	\$237.72
211	JAIL T.R.V. PROJECT	\$631.66
215	FRIEND OF THE COURT FUND	\$ 8.00
249	BUILDING INSPECTION FUND	\$4,263.38
256	REG. OF DEEDS AUTOMATION FUND	\$960.12
259	INDIGENT DEFENSE FUND	\$13,837.70
260	CRIME VICTIMS REIMB	\$78.35
261	E911 SERVICE FUND-WIRELESS	\$450.00
263	CONCEALED PISTOL LICENSING	\$244.59
292	CHILD CARE-PROBATE FUND	\$4,451.02
293	SOLDIERS' RELIEF FUND	\$300.00
505	AMBULANCE	\$30,366.15
569	D.H.S. BUILDING	\$588.46
595	COMMISSARY FUND	\$1,508.70
	<b>TOTAL FOR ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$121,966.47</b>

2. Commissioner Sanders made a motion to authorize the Administrator to execute a Letter of Understanding between the P.O.A.M Union for Deputies and the Board of Commissioners to change the notice period given for voluntary separation of employment from 30 days to 14 days in order to receive payout of unused Vacation time; with a second from Commissioner Arquette.  
*Roll call: Dermyer-yes, Balulis-yes, Sanders-yes, Arquette-yes, Todd-yes, Martin-yes and Lodholtz-yes.*

*Discussion: During Union negotiations in the fall of 2020 for the Deputies contract that became effective 1/1/2021, it was agreed upon by the County and the Union to change the notice period given for a voluntary separation of employment from 30 days to 14 days for both Personal and Sick Leave in order to receive payout of unused leave time.*

*Vacation Leave was not covered by the Tentative Agreement that was signed, and remains at 30 days' notice required.*

*This motion was passed out of Personnel Committee.*

3. Commissioner Sanders made a motion to increase the Sheriff's annual salary by 2.25% to \$71,776 to take effect April 1st with the increase to be prorated for the remainder of 2021; with a second from Commissioner Arquette. Roll call: Arquette-yes, Martin-sustained, Todd-yes, Sanders-yes, Balulis-yes, Dermyer-yes and Lodholtz-yes.

*Commissioner Martin sustained with the permission of the Board Chair.*

4. Commissioner Dermyer made a motion to increase the Treasurer's annual salary to \$62,132 to match the Clerk/ROD's to take effect April 1st with the increase to be prorated for the remainder of 2021; with a second from Commissioner Arquette. Roll call: Todd-yes, Dermyer-yes, Sanders-yes, Arquette-yes, Balulis-yes, Martin-yes and Lodholtz-yes.
5. Commissioner Dermyer made a motion to approve of Resolution #2021-04 Pandemic Resolution encouraging the Governor to work with the Legislature to lift restrictions; with a second from Commissioner Arquette.

*This motion is tabled, per the Commissioners, until further suggested changes are made.*

**Presentations:**

Life Ambulance 2020 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report

**Correspondence:**

Lake County Permit Summary for February

**New Business:**

Commissioner Dermyer made a motion to approve the of Judge Wickens's recommendation to re-appoint Jacqueline Patterson to the Jury Board, term ending 4/30/2027; with a second from Commissioner Sanders. Roll call: Dermyer-yes, Arquette-yes, Martin-yes, Balulis-yes, Todd-yes, Sanders-yes and Lodholtz-yes

**Unfinished Business:**

Commissioner Dermyer made a motion to approve of Resolution #2021-03A, authorizing the investment of County funds and approving the County investment Policy, as amended, to include language regarding the ability to invest in state and political subdivision obligations, the Treasurer providing quarterly reports to the Board of Commissioners, and involving the Treasurer consulting

on securities; with a second from Commissioner Sanders. Roll call: Balulis-yes, Todd-yes, Sanders-yes, Dermeyer-yes Arquette-yes, Martin-yes and Lodholtz-yes.

*Discussion: This Resolution was passed at the last board meeting. It is being brought forward for amendments regarding the ability to invest in state or political subdivision obligations, the Treasurer providing quarterly reports to the Board of Commissioners, and language involving the Treasurer consulting on securities.*

**Commissioner Reports:**

Commissioner Dermeyer gave a report from 5Cap and the Board of Health  
Commissioner Arquette gave a report from the County Parks and Recreation  
Commissioner Lodholtz added to the report from the County Parks and Recreation  
Commissioner Martin gave reports from CMH that they are open for face to face effective immediately

**Administrators Report:**

Commissioner Dermeyer made a motion to approve of Resolution #2021-05 creation of an ORV Park and commitment of the county's match without donated funds; with a second from Commissioner Sanders. Roll call: Todd-yes, Sanders-yes, Dermeyer-yes, Arquette-yes, Martin-yes, Balulis-yes and Lodholtz-yes.

Further Reports include:

- GASB Compliance
- Grants
- Servers
- Road Commission
- Tracking the ICE contract
- State recreational marijuana payments to County's and Townships
- Department Heads meeting to open the building. Commissioners choose to leave it up to Department Heads
- Stimulus
- And various other topics

**Public Comment:**

Treasurer Kellie Allen gave a brief report on her department operations including but not limited to:

- Investments
- Commending her staff
- Land Bank that opens in April
- Foreclosure law changes

**Commissioners Privilege:**

Commissioner Sanders spoke of the Wolf Lake Drain  
Commissioner Todd spoke of the 8<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge

**Miscellaneous:**

none

Commissioner Arquette made a motion to adjourn at 11:39; with a second from Commissioner Martin.  
All in favor.

*Meeting adjourned at 11:46*

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Patti Pacola-*Lake County Clerk*