

**LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**May 28, 2014**  
**6:00 p.m.**

Chairman Walls called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Chairman Walls asked that the Clerk make the introductions.

Commissioner Myers gave the prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Clerk/Register Myers called the roll with the following Commissioners present:

Colleen Carrington-Atkins, John Fairbanks, Bob Myers, Dan Sloan, Barb Stenger and Karl Walls.

Commissioner (s) absent: Sandy Clarke, excused, and will arrive late.

Commissioner Myers moved that the agenda be approved as presented, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, and by voice vote carried.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved that the minutes from the April 23, 2014 regular meeting be approved, seconded by Commissioner Myers, and by voice vote carried.

**BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT** – *Limited to 5 minutes each, please!*

Mr. Chuck Vayda was present and wished to thank the Board for having these evening meetings.

Mr. Larry Treece, of the Big Star Lake Association was present to discuss the issues they are working on with the Lake County Road Commission regarding the Lake Level of Big Star Lake. He stated that every 20 years or so we go through a bad winter/spring where the levels rise above the court ordered levels. He is not completely sure that the current drain is working properly, but it appears that it is now, and then went on to explain what they have faced thus far.

Mr. Treece also commented on the budget for the County Marine Officer, and the need for the officer to be present not only on their lake, but all of the lakes in the County.

The Board explained that this was discussed at the last meeting and dealt with at that time, and they have funded the position thru the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, until the Grant funds become available. The budget amount was \$5000, and will be discussed once these run out, or when the grant funds are made available, whichever comes first.

Chairman Walls thanked everyone for their comments.

**PERSONS SCHEDULED TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSIONERS**

None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**FINANCE**

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Commissioner Carrington-Atkins moved to approve the conference and training request for Debbie Russell, Equalization Department to attend Using GIS with Assessing.net in Bath MI on June 13, 2014 for the cost of registration of \$195.00, total meals \$32.00 and travel \$161.70 for a total cost of \$388.70, seconded by Commissioner Myers, Roll Call Vote, 6 yes, and 1 absent, Commissioner Clarke.

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins moved to approve the conference and training request for Michael Applewhite, Emergency Management to attend the Michigan Emergency Management Association (MEMA) Lunch and Learn in Lansing on June 4, 2014 for no cost to the county with the exception of wages, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, Roll Call Vote, 6 yes, and 1 absent, Commissioner Clarke.

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins moved to approve the conference and training request for Dan Holland, Equalization Department to attend the Michigan Association of Equalization Directors 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in Bay City from July 13, 2014 through July 16, 2014 for the cost of registration \$100.00, hotel cost \$330.00, total meals \$64.00 and mileage \$132.00 for a total cost of \$626.00, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, Roll Call Vote, 6 yes, and 1 absent, Commissioner Clarke.

*Representative Jon Bumstead arrived at 6:15 p.m.*

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins moved to approve to formally commit to repay the Fiscal Year 2011 and 2012 Homeland Security Grant Program funds in the amount of \$2,575.38 as identified in the reimbursement distribution table, for the disallowable cost relating from the audit finding and as identified during the review, seconded by Commissioner Myers, Discussion followed.

Commissioner Sloan moved to have this motion tabled until the next meeting, seconded by Commissioner Myers, Roll Call Vote, 6 yes, and 1 absent, Commissioner Clarke.

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins moved to approve Michael Applewhite, Emergency Management Director, to proceed with the Emergency Preparedness Event, scheduled for Saturday June 21, 2014 with no cost to the County, seconded by Commissioner Myers, Roll Call Vote, 6 yes, and 1 absent, Commissioner Clarke.

Commissioner Myers moved for payment of bills by fund as follows:

101	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	\$64,640.63
207	<b>ROAD PATROL</b>	\$7,437.98
210	<b>EMERGENCY 911</b>	\$9,877.59
211	<b>RRP CENTER</b>	\$23,401.01
215	<b>FRIEND OF THE COURT</b>	\$205.01
249	<b>BUILDING INSPECTION DEPT</b>	\$3,081.53
256	<b>REG.OF DEEDS AUTOMATION</b>	\$4,672.36
261	<b>E911 SERVICE FUND-WIRELESS</b>	\$804.07
269	<b>LAW LIBRARY</b>	\$3,639.50
285	<b>CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING</b>	\$110.18
292	<b>CHILD CARE-PROBATE</b>	\$19,460.80
295	<b>JABG GRANT 2013-2014</b>	\$1,114.98
402	<b>CAPITOL IMPROVEMENTS</b>	\$936.00
505	<b>AMBULANCE</b>	\$105.01
569	<b>DHS BUILDING</b>	\$5,298.17
595	<b>COMMISSARY FUND</b>	\$4,061.21
	<b>TOTAL FOR ALL FUNDS</b>	\$148,846.03

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seconded by Commissioner Sloan, Roll Call Vote, 6 yes and 1 absent, Commissioner Clarke.

### **PROPERTIES/SAFETY**

Next meeting is scheduled for June 3, 2014 at 10 a.m.

### **AGENCY REPORTS**

#### **BUILDING AUTHORITY**

Commissioner Fairbanks reported that they were briefed on the new proposal costs this morning in Finance Committee reports.

Chairman Walls explained that their most recent project is that of the construction of a new Road Patrol office building.

Commissioner Myers wished to report that at this morning's Finance meeting, the Building Official had submitted for the Board to review a list of new fees schedule. This will need to be done to keep up not only with the State Fee structure, but the surrounding counties. This will be up for discussion at the June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### **COUNCIL ON AGING**

Commissioner Sloan wished to give a brief update on the Blessing of the Bikes and some of the after effects of the event. There was an article in the Grand Rapids Press, wherein it stated that the reason behind the original Blessing was so that money could be donated to the St Ann's Meals Program, and that over the years the numbers have been going down, and there continues to be the same, if not a higher need, in the County. After the article, the donations started pouring in to St. Ann's, and was very impressive.

#### **DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT #10**

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins stated the meeting will be held this Friday.

#### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Sloan reported that the last meeting had been cancelled but will be rescheduled. He explained some of the projects they are working on, and reported that they were notified that they have been awarded the \$45,000 USDA Grant to promote Lake County's ORV Trails.

#### **STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE of EDC**

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Commissioner Stenger reported that they will be meeting with Ms. Erin Kuhn of WMSRDC and Mr. Rick Chapla of the Right Group, at the courthouse.

**FIVECAP** Meeting tomorrow.

**IT COMMITTEE** Meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

**MENTAL HEALTH** Meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES SUB-COMMITTEES**

#### **Economic Development and Taxation**

Commissioner Myers reported he will be at a meeting in Lansing and explained the role of this Committee. He read a list of the 2013-2014 Economic Development, Labor and Taxation Platform. (see attached exhibit "A").

#### **Transportation**

Commissioner Fairbanks reported that they reviewed the 1% dedicated sales tax for gasoline, and went on to state some of the other items that will be faced in this area.

Commissioner Sloan stated that he feels that the Legislatures must come up with an equitable plan.

Chairman Walls asked if Representative Jon Bumstead would like to give an update.

Representative Jon Bumstead reported on the following issues they are working on:

1. The budget will be done by the middle of June.
2. Road Funding - the package that is in the Senate is going nowhere. The package that was sent by the House has done some good.
3. The minimum wage issue has passed the House, and He did not support it. This will be implemented within the next 3-4 years.
4. Detroit pensions – also known as the Detroit Bill – the Mayor is working on and he feels that he is doing a great job, but this will take some time. Jon explained issues they are facing and there have been changes and a new plan presented. Everyone is on board, and feels that this is very important and hopes it does not fail.

Questions and Answer session followed.

Chairman Walls thanked Mr. Bumstead for attending the meeting and the updates.

### **MICHIGAN NORTHERN COUNTIES**

Commissioner Myers stated that there is a meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup>, and went on to explain about how the 33 counties are involved with this committee, and the fact that he was voted in as Chair. He reported that Ms. Deanna Bosworth from Michigan Association of Counties was in attendance, and further reported on some of the issues that were discussed. He continued his report by stating that there were 2 persons who

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addressed the committee and spoke on strategic initiatives and explained such as it relates to college costs and the future of the curriculum.

He further reported that there is progress with the work on the lists that were identified by the representation of commissioners at this meeting, with numerous ideas and concerns being presented.

*Commissioner Sandy Clarke arrived at 7:08 p.m.*

### **MICHIGAN WORKS**

Commissioner Sloan reported on the review committee meeting wherein they reviewed the bids that came back from the RFP submission.

### **PINE RIVER ZONING VARIANCE BOARD**

Commissioner Stenger reported that there was a meeting held the previous evening where a recent application was reviewed and approved.

### **PLANNING COMMISSION**

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins reported that the first draft of the Recreational Plan was presented and reviewed. They will be working towards a public hearing to be held in July.

She also asked for any pictures that anyone may have, preferably “action shots” taken while enjoying recreational activities within Lake County.

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins also reported that the MSUe Planning classes are completed, and 4 members passed, with on not taking the course and Lake County will be reimbursed for the cost of the class.

Discussion followed regarding a project that Lake Township is working on with a Bike Path/walking & running trail around Star Lake.

### **WEST MICHIGAN SHORELINE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

Commissioner Sloan reported that Erin Kuhn is now the Executive Director of West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission, and further discussed the repayment of the FEMA grant funds.

### **YATES DIAL A RIDE**

Commissioner Clarke wished to remind everyone once again about the Free Dental Clinic that Yates Dial a Ride is partnering with Ferris State University and offering free transportation to those in need. The clinic runs on May 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **CORRESPONDENCE** – *see Exhibit “B”*

There were no discussions regarding any correspondences.

### **CFO REPORT**

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Clerk/Register/CFO Myers was present to report on the following:

1. Has two budget amendments #11871 and 11872 as follows:

Commissioner Fairbanks moved for approval of Budget Amendments #11871 and #11872 as follows:

<b>BA #11871</b>		
Debit	101-351.00-544.000	\$5,000.00
Credit	101-331.00-702.032	\$2,908.00
Credit	101-331.00-715.000	\$ 223.00
Credit	101-331.00-716.000	\$ 696.00
Credit	101-331.00-717.000	\$ 5.00
Credit	101-331.00-717.001	\$ 49.00
Credit	101-331.00-717.002	\$ 13.00
Credit	101-331.00-717.004	\$ 11.00
Credit	101-331.00-718.000	\$ 407.00
Credit	101-331.00-719.000	\$ 19.00
Credit	101-331.00-721.000	\$ 116.00
Credit	101-331.00-866.000	\$ 553.00

Description: To amend the Marine Budget to add funding approved by LCBC until the Grant \$\$ arrive

<b>BA #11872</b>		
Debit	101-351.00683.026	\$ 586.00
Credit	101-331.00-703.000	\$ 466.00
Credit	101-331.00-715.000	\$ 36.00
Credit	101-331.00-721.000	\$ 16.00
Credit	101-331.00-718.000	\$ 68.00

Description: to amend the budget to carry forward Big Star Lake Funds from 2013

Seconded by Commissioner Myers, roll call vote 7 yes.

2. Presented the Mecosta and Osceola-Lake Conservation Districts Services Agreement and asked for approval to appropriate the budgeted amount of \$1,000 and for the Chairman to sign the same.

Commissioner Sloan moved for approval to accept the Mecosta and Osceola-Lake Conservation Districts Services Agreement, and to appropriate the budgeted amount of \$1,000, and for the Chairman to sign the same, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, roll call vote, 7 yes.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Chairman Walls asked that David Sanders, 911 Director, for an update on the Aerial Photography project.

Commissioner Sloan stated that he is still waiting on the Private Sector Bids that was previously requested.

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Chairman Walls asked Lake Township Supervisor Don Britton if they have had any discussions on this issue at their meetings. Supervisor Britton reported that they have been discussing such and feels that everyone that receives benefits from this project, such as the schools, county, townships, etc., should share in the cost associated with it. “Correction to these minutes (Lake township that they would not receive the value for the cost of the mapping project”)

Discussion followed.

**RESOLUTIONS – See Exhibits “C”**

Commissioner Fairbanks moved for approval for Resolution #05/28/14 1312, Oposing HB-5097 and SB 850, seconded by Commissioner Myers, Discussion Followed.

Commissioner Sloan moved to table the Resolution #05/28/14 1312, until further clarification can be obtained, seconded by Commissioner Carrington-Atkins, Roll Call Vote, 2 Yes, 5 NO. Motion failed.

Roll Call Vote on the motion previous, 7 Yes.

**BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT – Limited to 5 minutes each, please!**

Mr. Steve Steketee, a Lake Township Resident, was present to comment on the issue of the permits, and the possible raising of the current fees, and feels this would hurt the small businesses.

Ms. Debby Vayda was present to comment on the way Commissioner Sloan voted on the resolution and his comments on such.

**COMMISSIONERS PERSONAL PRIVILEGE**

Commissioner Clarke on the Promise Candlelight ceremony that will be held at 9 a.m., and stated that 23 Seniors are graduating, and urged everyone to come out and support them. All 23 Seniors will be attending college.

Commissioner Stenger asked whether or not Lake Township has Broadband available in this area. It was stated that they want it, but currently are using DSL. Commissioner Stenger invited anyone who wished to get more information to contact her and help with the initiative project to receive Broadband throughout the County.

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins and Commissioner Myers thanked everyone for attending this meeting.

Chairman Walls stated that these evening meetings have been well received, and sometimes there is a huge issue with communications with all of the Townships.

Being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

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Shelly Myers, Clerk to the Board

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Karl Walls, Chairman of the Board

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**NUMBERED CORRESPONDENCE**

***Exhibit “B”***

- #1 Resolution No. 14-09 Wexford County**
- #2 Resolution No. 14-61c Huron County**
- #3 MAC Legislative Update-May 16, 2014**
- #4 WMSRDC May 20, 2014**
- #5 MAC Legislative Update-May 23, 2014**
- #6 Resolution #2014-15 Alger County**

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**RESOLUTION OPPOSING HB-5097 AND SB 850**  
**Resolution #05/28/14 1312**

**WHEREAS**, House Bill 5097 (HB 5097) was voted out of the House Committee on Commerce; and

**WHEREAS**, HB 5097 would exempt police and fire unions from the provisions of the Public Employer Relations Act (PERA) that prohibit the awarding of retroactive pay, the passing along of benefit cost increases and the cessation of step pay increases when labor contracts expire before another contract has been agreed upon; and

**WHEREAS**, an identical bill has been introduced in the Senate – Senate Bill 850 (SB 850); and

**WHEREAS**, these bills apply to police and fire unions only; however, since the enactment of changes to PERA in 2011, counties (including Lake County) have been able to settle a majority of their labor contracts prior to the expiration date; and

**WHEREAS**, without this cost saving management tool, there is little incentive for police and fire unions to settle contract disputes prior to the expiration of their contracts.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Lake County Board of Commissioners opposes HB 5097, SB 850 and any similar bills that would reverse the cost management tools put in place by changes to PERA.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the other 82 counties, Representative Jon Bumstead, Senator Booher and the Michigan Association of Counties.

STATE OF MICHIGAN) ) SS  
COUNTY OF LAKE ) )

I, Shelly Myers, Clerk of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Lake, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution passed by the Lake County Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting held on May 28, 2014.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal at Baldwin, Michigan, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014.

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Shelly Myers, Clerk of the Board