

LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
May 8, 2013
10:30 a.m.

Chairman Walls called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

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

Deputy Clerk Lori DeWolf called the roll with the following Commissioners present:

Colleen Carrington-Atkins, Sandy Clarke, Robert Myers, Dan Sloan, Barb Stenger and Karl Walls.

Commissioner Fairbanks was absent and excused.

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins moved that the agenda be approved as presented, seconded by Commissioner Clarke, and by voice vote carried.

Commissioner Stenger moved that the minutes from the April 24, 2013 regular meeting be approved as presented seconded by Commissioner Clarke and by voice vote carried.

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

No one was present who wished to speak.

PERSONS SCHEDULED TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSIONERS

10:30 a.m. Linda Van Gills, Health Officer, and Kevin Hughes, Deputy Health Officer, District Health Department #10, presented the Annual Report.

Medical Director Dr. Wilson is resigning and they are looking for a replacement.

There was discussion regarding physical activity, cooking matters, community gardens, etc.

11:00 a.m. Kay Cummings, MSUE Director, presented the 2012 Annual Report.

Ms. Cummings reported there is a wealth of information regarding MSUE on their website, www.msue.msu.edu.

Discussion followed regarding the multiple resources that are available for the county at MSUE.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

1. Commissioner Clarke moved for approval of the conference and training request for Jeannie Hall, Lena Lyles and Marlene Stroop, Lake County Equalization, to attend the Oil & Gas Well Valuation in Cadillac on June 6, 2013 for the total cost of registration in the amount of \$21.00 and mileage for an approximate cost of \$82.00, for a total cost of \$103.00, seconded by Commissioner Myers, roll call vote 6 yes, and 1 absent and excused, Commissioner Fairbanks.
2. Commissioner Clarke moved for approval of the conference and training request for John Bennett, Road Patrol/K-9 to attend the PD2 Trials in Ludington May 19th - May 22nd for the total registration cost of \$85.00 and total cost of meals \$168.00 for a total cost of \$253.00, seconded by Commissioner Myers, roll call vote, 6 yes, and 1 absent and excused, Commissioner Fairbanks.

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3. Commissioner Clarke moved for approval of the conference and training request for Jan Brinkert and Gail Kidder, Register of Deeds/Clerk to attend the National Passport Training in Mt. Pleasant on June 5th for total cost of meals \$40.00 and mileage cost of \$75.00 for a total cost of \$115.00, seconded by Commissioner Myers, roll call vote 6 yes, and 1 absent and excused, Commissioner Fairbanks.

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

General Fund	\$93,090.07
Road Patrol	4,697.45
E911	233.82
RRP Center	22,160.69
Friend of the Court	1,000.00
Council on Aging	0.01
Building Inspection Dept.	2,682.50
Register of Deeds	3,000.00
Law Library	53.49
Child Care-Probate	21,956.18
Veterans Trust	1,240.95
JAIBG Grant 2012-2013	182.75
Ambulance	26,016.72
DHS Building	491.64
Commissary Fund	<u>3,196.35</u>
 GRAND TOTAL	 <u>\$180,002.62</u>

Seconded by Commissioner Myers.

Commissioner Sloan ~~questioned~~ “Corrections to these minutes from the 5/22/13 meeting as follows, (asked how”) the Veteran’s Trust Fund (and “operates”) and the amount being paid for repairs to a vehicle. Chairman Walls stated Ms. McClure and the State Representative are scheduled to be at the next meeting to explain this fund.

Roll call vote 6 yes and 1 absent and excused, Commissioner Fairbanks.

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:45 a.m.

The Board reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS cont.

PERSONNEL

Commissioner Clarke presented information which supported Treasurer Kutchinski position that Lake County is not required, per an Attorney General’s opinion, to have a Deputy Treasurer.

Discussion followed regarding the incompatibility of holding the position of Deputy County Treasurer while performing the duties of a Township Treasurer.

Discussion followed regarding the current pay scale and wages being frozen at this time.

There was additional discussion regarding the resolution to have Clerk/Register/CFO Myers oversee the Non-Elected Department Heads and if there were any issues, CFO Myers would bring these to the Personnel Committee.

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Commissioner Clarke reported on the two interviews for the Equalization Director.

Discussion followed regarding qualifications of both applicants and wages and scheduling another meeting to discuss the salary options. May 15th at 10:00 was agreed to hold another meeting to discuss all possibilities.

AGENCY REPORTS

AREA AGENCY ON AGING

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins reported on the 2013 contract awards in Lake County and the County Match of \$750.00 is based on the 2010 census.

DISTRICT HEALTH

This was discussed earlier, but Commissioner Carrington-Atkins added that Spectrum Health put together a Community Health Needs Assessment update related to health issues in Lake County and the need for a plan of action.

EDC

Commissioner Sloan reported they had a presentation from a Michigan Association of Counties grant specialist and there are free services to counties and help to townships, if the Commissioner would request the help.

FIVE CAP

Commissioner Stenger reported they are still dealing with budget cuts, and will close 8 days earlier, still have funds for a bus and will close a class room, most likely in Newaygo County.

There is a program through FiveCAP, Inc. Lake County Young Ambassador & Art of Leadership Program), YAAOL which gives summer job opportunities for Baldwin High School Students. Applications are available at the Baldwin High School Principals' office or FiveCAP, Inc. Office. This gives students the opportunity to save money for an education and receive minimum of 25% of earnings to be placed in a Matched Savings Fund.

Discussion followed.

A letter of support for Five Cap was presented for approval and authorization.

Commissioner Myers moved for approval and authorization for signature on a letter of support for FiveCAP, seconded by Commissioner Clarke, and by voice vote carried.

HOUSING

Commissioner Clarke reported they are moving forward with the end of the program and getting ready for the next year's grant program.

AGRICULTURE & TOURISM

Commissioner Sloan spoke on competitive grants for food/farmers markets, rural development funds, and Pure Michigan. Future agenda ideas were discussed.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

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Commissioner Myers reported on the number of people who use this program and information on the proposal for the Federal government to take over paying for Medicaid.

CORRESPONDENCE – see Exhibit “A”

Item #4 Commissioner Clarke requested support from all of the Commissioners for the Shrine of the Pines Open House on May 14, 2013 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

CFO REPORT

Chief Deputy Lori DeWolf was present to report on the following in CFO Myers absence:

1. Budget Amendments #10300

Commissioner Myers moved for approval of Budget Amendment #10300 as follows:

		BA #10300	
Debit	101-351.00-975.001	Credit	101-351.00-722.000 \$ 300.00
Description:	to cover the cost for additional physicals not budgeted for		

Seconded by Commissioner Carrington-Atkins, roll call vote 6 yes, 1 absent and excused, Commissioner Fairbanks.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Stenger asked if the resolution requesting the legislature to implement a plan to improve Michigan roads and highways was changed for this meeting. Discussion followed with it being suggested if someone would like to get with CFO Myers or Chief Deputy DeWolf to re-word the resolution for the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

RESOLUTIONS – see Exhibit “B, C and D”

Commissioner Myers moved for approval of Resolution #05/08/2013 1286 as presented, seconded by Commissioner Sloan, roll call vote 6 yes, and 1 absent and excused, Commissioner Fairbanks.

Commissioner Sloan moved for approval of Resolution #05/08/2013 1287 as presented, seconded by Commissioner Stenger, roll call vote 6 yes, and 1 absent and excused, Commissioner Fairbanks.

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins moved for approval of Resolution #05/08/2013 1288 as presented, seconded by Commissioner Clarke, roll call vote 6 yes, and 1 absent and excused, Commissioner Fairbanks.

COMMISSIONERS PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Commissioner Clarke stated there were 19 students graduating and 4 are college bound and they worked with the Housing/CDBG program. These were wonderful students to work with last summer and she hopes to have more in the future. May 1 was the celebration day at school and 19 were accepted to schools or the military.

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins reminded all that next Sunday is Mother’s Day and by the hard work of Julia Ward Howe, who also wrote “The Battle Hymn of the Republic,” Mother’s Day was first proclaimed in 1870.

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Commissioner Myers reported that May 10, 2013 was his 39th anniversary of continued sobriety and association with Alcoholics Anonymous.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

Lori R. DeWolf, Deputy Clerk

Karl Walls, Chairman of the Board

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Exhibit “A”

NUMBERED CORRESPONDENCE

- #1 Informational Letter Regarding the Lawsuit Meister vs. U.S. Department of Agriculture**
- #2 Resolution – Ottawa County**
- #3 Lake County Permit Summary Report – April 2013**
- #4 Shrine of the Pines Open House – May 14, 2013 (5-7 p.m.)**
- #5 Invite for a Special Key Leader Training Event – May 22, 2013**

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Exhibit “B”

**LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Resolution Supporting the Reopening of the
North Lake Correctional Facility in Baldwin Michigan
#05/08/13 1286**

Whereas, the North Lake Correctional Facility is a modern state of the art correctional facility that is currently not being utilized; and

Whereas, the reopening of the North Lake Correctional Facility will save Michigan taxpayers several millions of dollars that can be used for other important issues such as education; and

Whereas, the North Lake Correctional Facility will provide 400 well paying positions to individuals in the region; and

Whereas, veterans, who have defended our country, will be given consideration for hiring at the North Lake Correctional Facility; and

Whereas, unlike so many other projects, the North Lake Correctional Facility was built with NO tax credits from taxpayers; and

Whereas, this region desperately needs new employment options due to one of the highest unemployment rates in the State of Michigan; and

Whereas, local units of government have provided utility services to the North Lake Correctional Facility that are currently not being fully utilized; and

Whereas, property taxes paid by the North Lake Correctional Facility help fund the Baldwin Promise which assists area residents with scholarships to attend college; and

Whereas, our region is FULLY committed to supporting the reopening of the North Lake Correctional Facility;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the Lake County Board of Commissioners, we do hereby urge Governor Rick Snyder, the Michigan Legislature and the Michigan Department of Corrections to do everything possible to reopen the North Lake Correctional Facility.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

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COUNTY OF LAKE)

I, Lori R. DeWolf, Deputy 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 8, 2013.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal at Baldwin, Michigan, this 8th day of May, 2013.

Lori R. DeWolf, Deputy Clerk of the Board

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Exhibit “C”

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STATE OF MICHIGAN

Resolution #05/08/13 1287

WHEREAS, for more than 200 years, municipal bonds have allowed state and local governments in the United States to make the investments necessary to provide for their communities’ well-being, growth and economic development. In a series of cases in the 1800’s, the United States Supreme Court determined that these bond issuances were a constitutionally protected exercise of governmental authority, and that the federal government could not tax state and local bonds. As a result, when the federal income tax was enacted in 1913, it excluded from income the interest earned by investors in municipal bonds; and,

WHEREAS, due in substantial part to their tax-exempt status, municipal bonds are an important tool in the United States for financing investments in schools, roads, water and sewer systems, airports, bridges and other vital infrastructure. State and local governments financed more than \$1.65 trillion of infrastructure investments over the last decade (2003 – 2012) through the tax-exempt bond market. During that decade, \$514 billion of primary and secondary schools were built with financing from tax exempt bonds; nearly \$288 billion of financing went to general acute care hospitals; nearly \$258 billion to water and sewer facilities; nearly \$178 billion to roads, highways and streets; nearly \$147 billion to public power projects; and \$105.6 billion to public transit. These categories represent 90 percent of the total amount of municipal bonds used to finance infrastructure between 2003 and 2012. In 2012 alone, more than 6,600 tax-exempt municipal bond issues were made, financing over \$179 billion worth of infrastructure projects; and,

WHEREAS, tax-exempt financing encourages states and local governments to independently determine the infrastructure and services needed in their respective states and localities, and to raise the capital necessary to provide the infrastructure and services, free from federal tax on the interest paid on such bonds; and,

WHEREAS, the exclusion of interest on state and local obligations from federal gross income provides important financing opportunities for the State of Michigan, at a time where job creation and rebuilding infrastructure are critical to residents, and to those local governments still recovering from the effects of unemployment and recession; and,

WHEREAS, members of the current Administration, members of the United States Congress, and certain policy advisors have recently advocated the elimination of or limitations upon, the use of tax-exempt bonds by state and local governments, and/or have proposed to change or eliminate the ability of investors in tax-exempt bonds to claim the tax exemption on interest earned from these instruments; and,

WHEREAS, in response to and anticipation of such proposals, Representative Lee Terry (R., Nebraska) and Representative Richard E. Neal (D., Massachusetts) have co-sponsored House Resolution 112, celebrating the importance and merit of tax exempt municipal bonding, and affirming the support of the United State Congress for this critical financial tool;

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Exhibit “D”

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Resolution #05/08/13 1288

WHEREAS, Michigan’s local public Health Departments support the provision of quality public health services mandated to be provided on a statewide basis; and,

WHEREAS, the funding provided by the Michigan Departments of Agriculture, Community Health and Environmental Quality to conduct these mandated services has not kept pace with inflation rates for the past ten years and has experienced several reductions; and,

WHEREAS, Section 333.2475 of the Michigan Public Health Code of 1978 requires a 50-50 cost sharing of these mandated services; and

WHEREAS, local funds appropriated to support the delivery of these mandated services now compromise over 70% of the total funding for these services; and,

WHEREAS, Public Health Services have a documented return on investment of at least four dollars for every dollar spent on Public Health; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; Lake County Board of Commissioners urges the Governor and Michigan Legislature to restore the \$2.7 million dollars cut from the Essential Local Public Health Services line item in 2010 and 2011 and appropriate sufficient dollars in the fiscal year 2014 budget to comply with PA 368 of 1978, and make a stronger financial commitment to protecting population health outcomes of Michigan residents.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

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