

**LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**June 11, 2014**  
**10:30 a.m.**

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

Commissioner ~~Stenger~~ (correction Carrington-Atkins) gave the prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

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

Absent and excused: Sandy Clarke and Bob Myers.

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

Commissioner Fairbanks moved that the minutes from the May 28, 2014 regular meeting be approved, with the one correction to have the minutes reflect that the Lake Township Supervisor stated they would not receive the value for the cost of the mapping project, seconded by Commissioner Carrington-Atkins, and by voice vote carried.

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

Larry Collier was present and questioned the Recreational Plan and the Public Hearing. It was reported that the Planning Commission is still working on the “DRAFT” and are in hopes to have a Public Hearing in July. Mr. Collier also questioned the Resolution that was passed at the May 28<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**FINANCE**

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins moved for approval for the conference and training request for Meyers, Merz, Brown, Nichols, Maiville, Nixon and Thiel, Lake County Road Patrol to attend Below 100 in Manistee on June 25, 2014. No registration fee, no meals, no lodging and taking department vehicle, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, roll call vote 5 yes and 2 absent and excused Commissioners Clarke and Myers.

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins moved for approval to formally commit to repay the Fiscal Year 2006 thru 2009 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 Stenger, roll call vote 4 yes, 1 NO Commissioner Fairbanks and 2 absent and excused Commissioners Clarke and Myers.

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

General Fund	\$86,758.46
Road Patrol	13,140.15
E911	1,740.70
RRP Center	50,469.00
Friend of the Court	334.69
Building Inspection Department	4,305.47
Register of Deeds Automation Fund	778.00
E911 Wireless Fund	172.70
Law Library	140.32

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Child Care-Probate	22,280.18
JABG Grant 2013-2014	1,921.34
Ambulance	26,707.38
D.H.S. Building	253.88
Commissary Fund	<u>10,239.98</u>
GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$219,242.25</u>

Seconded by Commissioner Stenger, roll call vote 5 yes and 2 absent and excused, Commissioners Clarke and Myers.

**PERSONNEL**

Clerk/Register/CFO Myers reported there will be the need to schedule a Personnel meeting as the Prosecuting Attorney has a vacancy and would like approval to advertise for a position that will be part time for now.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved for approval for the Prosecuting Attorney to advertise for a part time position in his office, seconded by Commissioner Carrington-Atkins. Discussion followed regarding where this should be advertised. Commissioner Fairbanks moved to amend his motion to advertise only in the Lake County Star paper, seconded by Chairman Walls and by voice vote 3 yes and 2 NO and 2 absent and excused Commissioners Clarke and Myers motion passes.

Chairman Walls stated there's a motion on the floor and a second for the Prosecuting Attorney to advertise for a part time position, roll call vote 5 yes and 2 absent and excused Commissioners Clarke and Myers.

**PERSONS SCHEDULED TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSIONERS**

**10:45 a.m.** Dan Holland, Equalization Director and John Kovalcik, IT Coordinator were present to review the L-4046 and distributed such and reviewed each page.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved to accept the L-4046 as presented by Dan Holland, Equalization Director, seconded by Commissioner Stenger. Discussion followed regarding County property being assessed and which County properties are listed on the L-4046 and should not be listed.

Motion to accept the L-4046 was not voted on due to lack of interest.

Commissioner Sloan moved to table accepting the L-4046 as presented until more information is provided regarding County Property that should not be on the tax rolls, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks.

Discussion followed. Clerk/Register/CFO Myers stated the County has an Attorney's Opinion stating this County property should not be listed on the tax rolls, along with statements from the Assessor and Township Supervisor.

A lengthy discussion followed.

Roll call vote to table accepting the L-4046, 5yes and 2 absent and excused Commissioners Clarke and Myers.

A lengthy discussion followed with Mr. Holland stating that the L-4046 has already been submitted to the State. Chairman Walls feels the County has all the necessary facts that are needed to have all County owned property taken off the tax rolls.

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Chairman Walls asked if the County needs to do anything further, and Mr. Holland stated that he feels that it is now on the Township level and the County needs to go to the tax tribunal. He feels that the Assessors will take it to the Board of Review.

According to Mr. Holland, if we get a tax bill we will need to go to the Tax Tribunal. According to the formal email from the Township Supervisor, it will be removed from the tax roll at the Board of Review in July.

Discussion followed regarding the County having to pay an attorney for an opinion on something that was only changed after a new director was hired, and this being a big concern.

*The Board recessed for lunch at 11:50 a.m.*

*The Board reconvened at 1:15 p.m.*

### **PERSONS SCHEDULED TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSIONERS**

**Dan Holland and John Kovalcik** were present to address the aerial mapping bids that were requested previously. Chairman Walls explained that he spoke unofficially to several Townships and explained what this project entailed. He continued to state that at least one township had concerns over the committed price and if the Townships would only realize half as much again in revenues then they don't feel that they are getting enough for their cost.

Mr. Holland state that the townships will realize the additional revenues year after year, and the expenditure would only be the first year, and minimal in future years. We need to look at total funds raised and not just per township.

Commissioner Sloan stated that he has had contact from one township; they feel that "Google Maps" would do what they need.

A lengthy discussion followed. It was requested to add this to the next agenda's agenda.

**Tony Gagliardo, Building Inspector** was present to answer any questions the Commissioners may have regarding the proposed Building Department's new fee schedule.

Commissioner Fairbanks stated he agrees to all with the exception of the demolition fees and explained his reasons behind his decision. Mr. Gagliardo explained that he was not increasing these fees and gave his reasons ti keep them current.

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins asked for the reasoning behind the increases in fees and Mr. Gagliardo explained he would like to abide by the laws and make his department self-supporting.

Commissioner Stenger moved for approval to accept the Building Department's new Fee Schedule as presented, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, roll call vote 3 yes, 2 NO Commissioners Sloan and Carrington-Atkins and 2 absent and excused Commissioners Clarke and Myers.

Discussion followed regarding the collaboration with Osceola County Building Department and Mr. Gagliardo stated he feels that they could really use a full time inspector and he is very busy. He feels this should be reviewed and doesn't feel we are charging enough. It has put a bit more work on our staff taking Osceola County's phone calls. Mr. Gagliardo stated some issues have arisen with his not being in the office on the days he is in Osceola County.

**Kim Loop, Child Care Fund** was present to give a conference update and currently there is much discussion regarding the Performance Based Funding. Ms. Loop explained the concept and stated this would be detrimental to Lake County and explained such. She requested the Commissioners contact their legislators to oppose this and distributed information to the board.

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A lengthy discussion followed.

The board thanked Ms. Loop for her report.

*The board took a short break at 3:09 p.m.*

*The board reconvened at 3:17 p.m.*

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS cont.**

#### **PROPERTY/SAFETY**

Commissioner Fairbanks reported on the issues that weren't reviewed at this recent meeting on the North Ambulance Base. A meeting will be scheduled to discuss the new contract and possibly discuss the building issues.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved for approval of the request from Properties/Safety Committee for the purchase of two Port-A-Cool Jet Stream portable coolers for the RRP, seconded by Commissioner Sloan, roll call vote 5 yes and 2 absent and excused Commissioners Clarke and Myers.

Chief Deputy Dagen was present and reported he has done extensive research on these units and is completely comfortable with these to eliminate our need for air conditioning around the control areas. Chief Deputy Dagen reported they have changed vendors from Custom Sheet Metal to Arms and Cole for our heating and cooling units and we have received energy savings funds.

#### **AGENCY REPORTS**

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

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins reported on their recent meeting and they had a presentation on the WIC Program and urged all to mention these programs that are available when you go out to your meetings.

##### **FIVECAP**

Commissioner Stenger reported she attended the Parent & Volunteer Banquet where there were 248 attendees and Kris Rock's mom, Rose gave a brief presentation. FiveCap now has reimbursement funds available for home heating.

##### **MICHIGAN WORKS!**

Commissioner Sloan reported they have approved a new Vendor, Hope Network.

##### **MSU DISTRICT 5 EXTENSION COUNCIL**

Commissioner Fairbanks reported on the asparagus farms and farmers can't get workers to help pick it.

##### **CORRESPONDENCE** – *see Exhibit "A"*

Commissioner Stenger distributed additional correspondence and explained such. *See Exhibit "B"*

##### **PROPERTIES/SAFETY cont.**

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Commissioner Fairbanks moved for approval of the request from Properties/Safety Committee for the county to apply for a land use permit for the storage pole barn accompanied with the county attorney letter stating the county's position on zoning and a statement indicating that the county would like to maintain positive relations with the Village, seconded by Commissioner Sloan, roll call vote 5 yes and 2 absent and excused Commissioners Clarke and Myers.

Commissioner Fairbanks stated the panic alarms were discussed and it was decided to wait until the new phone system is in place.

Commissioner Fairbanks moved for approval of the request from the Properties/Safety Committee to advertise for the demolition of the house and mobile home, clean-up of other structures and removal of all debris at the fairgrounds, seconded by Commissioner Stenger, roll call vote 5 yes and 2 absent and excused Commissioners Clarke and Myers.

*Commissioner Fairbanks was excused for the rest of the meeting to attend the Building Authority Meeting.*

### **APPOINTMENTS**

There were no appointments at this meeting.

### **CFO REPORT**

Clerk/Register/CFO Myers was present and reported on the following:

1. The Prosecuting Attorney's office has applied for a Title IV-E Funding for Foster Care
2. Would like direction on how to proceed with the Solid Waste Plan – it was stated for CFO Myers to send the information to all the Commissioners and discuss this at the next meeting.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

Commissioner Sloan moved to reconsider the resolution from the last meeting and urged the Board to reconsider their vote, roll call vote 4 yes and 3 absent and excused Commissioners Clarke, Myers and Fairbanks. (a second was not needed for the board to "reconsider" how this resolution was voted on May 28, 2014)

Commissioner Sloan moved for approval to rescind the vote on Resolution 5/28/14 1312, seconded by Commissioner Stenger, roll call vote 4 yes and 3 absent and excused Commissioners Clarke, Myers and Fairbanks.

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

Larry Collier thanked the Board for rescinding the Resolution. Mr. Collier stated he also has questions on the mapping and wants to know if the ambulance service uses our maps. He also feels that it doesn't matter if it's county or townships that pay, but bottom line; it is taxpayer's money paying for this.

### **COMMISSIONERS PERSONAL PRIVILEGE**

Commissioner Carrington-Atkins attended the Older Americans Conference

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:18 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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*Exhibit "A"*

**NUMBERED CORRESPONDENCE**

**#1 Lake County Permit Summary Report For May, 2014**

**#2 State Tax Commission- May 27, 2014**

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**Exhibit "B"**

Hello Everyone,

June 10, 2014

Please see below an invitation to a very important meeting to be held June 24th. This is the essential start of getting high speed, fiber optic Internet in Lake County, your participation is important to this project. Please let me know via return email or phone if you received this message, also happy to answer any questions you may have. This meeting is for anyone in Lake County interested in Broadband, Please spread the word. Thank You!

Please join us for the orientation meeting of the LAKE COUNTY Community Planning Team. This is an essential meeting as we begin to implement Connect Michigan's broadband initiative and perform the assessment of LAKE COUNTY broadband infrastructure and support applications. We are entering an exciting time for LAKE COUNTY and its future will be impacted by the work of this planning Team. **Your input into this process is extremely important.**

Through this initiative, Connected Michigan works with the Michigan Public Service Commission and Lake County groups to develop and implement effective strategies for technology *ACCESS*, *ADOPTION* and *USE* in Michigan and LAKE COUNTY in particular. Connected Michigan will accelerate the availability and use of technology toward creating a better business environment, more effective community and economic development, improved healthcare, enhanced education, and more efficient government.

**When: June 24, 2014 @1:30PM**

**Where: MichiganWorks**

**5252 S. M37**

**BALDWIN, MI 49304**

**Questions:** Call Tom Stephenson at 1-248-376-4046 or e-mail [tstephenson@connectmi.org](mailto:tstephenson@connectmi.org)

**Meeting Goals:**

- Plan the assessment, customizing the process to meet local needs
- Issue invitations to participate in the assessment
- Determine what data needs to be collected for the assessment
- Identify the key economic sectors
- Identify any special issues such as rural infrastructure
- Review community assessment tool

Please notify **Larry Lewis** or **Barb Stenger** of your plans to attend this important meeting, by calling **231- 715- 1887** or **231-878-3245** or e-mailing to [barbstenger@hotmail.com](mailto:barbstenger@hotmail.com) / [LakeBusinessCenter@Gmail.com](mailto:LakeBusinessCenter@Gmail.com)

Thank you in advance for you participation.

Sincerely,  
Larry E Lewis  
Lake Business Center

Barb Stenger  
Lake County Commissioner