

**LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES**

800 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
 Baldwin, MI 49656  
 Wednesday April 9, 2025

**Prayer:** Prayer with Commissioner Raymond

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman called the meeting to order at: 10:00

**Present:** Sanders, Seroczynski, Raymond, Fuller, and Lodholtz

**Absent:** Russel and Welford

Commissioner Fuller moved that the agenda be approved with a second from Commissioner Seroczynski.  
*All in favor motion carried.*

Commissioner Sanders moved that the Regular Minutes dated March 12, 2025, with a second from Commissioner Fuller. *All in favor-motion carried.*

**Public Comment:**

Bob Woolever voiced concerns over an ADA sign placed on county property as a joke.  
 Bruce Austin is concerned that the Sheriff is a derelict of duty and has wasted resources.

**Presentations:**

**Motions:**

101	GENERAL FUND	\$53,268.68
207	SHERIFF ROAD PATROL FUND	\$2,577.93
211	JAIL T.R.V. PROJECT	\$1,800.46
215	FRIEND OF THE COURT	\$908.69
220	HOLLISTER SENIOR CENTER FUND	\$60.00
249	BUILDING INSPECTION DEPT	\$2,589.92
251	EMERGENCY 911 PROGRAM	\$7,442.43
256	REG OF DEEDS AUTOMATION FUND	\$932.11
260	INDIGENT DEFENSE FUND	\$30,361.67
292	CHILD CARE-PROBATE	\$1,431.90
505	AMBULANCE	\$32,637.00
569	DHS BUILDING	\$75.00
636	INFORMATION SERVICES	\$700.00
	<b>TOTAL FOR ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$134,785.79</b>

Commissioner Raymond made a motion to approve the semi-monthly detail analysis dated April 09, totaling \$134,785.79; with a second from Commissioner Sanders. Roll call vote: Seroczynski-yes, Raymond-yes, Sanders-yes, Fuller-yes and Lodholtz-yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Raymond made a motion to approve the first quarter fiscal year 2025 budget amendments as presented in the Quarterly Budget Amendment Report; with a second from Commissioner Fuller. Roll call vote: Raymond-yes, Sanders-yes, Fuller-yes, Seroczynski-yes, and Lodholtz-yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Raymond made a motion to approve of the two five-year extensions (ten years total) of the Paramedic Ambulance Service Agreement and the Property Leases that cover the North and South Ambulance Base Stations; the purchase by the county of three LifePak 35s at a total net cost of \$105,948; and the new 2025 base rates for LIFE EMS for both Residents and Nonresidents, with the agreements and purchases effective April 9, 2025 and the new rates effective May 1, 2025; with a second from Commissioner Fuller. Roll call vote: Sanders-yes, Fuller-yes, Seroczynski-yes, Raymond-yes and Lodholtz-yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Raymond made a motion to approve to loan the Land Bank Fund up to \$1.8 million from the General Fund to cash flow their grant projects with the expectation that most, if not all, the funds will be reimbursed by the end of FY 2026, and authorize the County Administrator to take any steps necessary to satisfy this motion, including determining the timing and amount of loan and repayment transfers; with a second from Commissioner Fuller. Roll call vote: Fuller-yes, Seroczynski-yes, Raymond-yes, Sanders-yes, Fuller-yes and Lodholtz-yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Raymond made a motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners to approve of the 2025 Lake County Equalization Report and authorize the Board Chair to sign any and all necessary documents; with a second from Commissioner Seroczynski. Roll call vote: Seroczynski-yes, Raymond-yes, Sanders-yes, Fuller-yes and Lodholtz-yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Raymond made a motion to retire canine Officer Luke and transfer ownership to Officer James Buscaino, effective May 2, 2025; with a second from Commissioner Sanders. Roll call vote: Raymond-yes, Sanders-yes, Fuller-yes, Seroczynski-yes and Lodholtz-yes. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:**

None

**Unfinished Business:**

None

**New Business:**

None

**Administrators Report (includes but is not limited to):**

Thanked the County Clerk's Office for the recognition of Officers during County Government Month. Acknowledged Bruce Austin and noted that elected officials do not answer to Commissioners. and apologized to Bob Woolever.

Audit update

**Commissioners:**

Commissioner Lodholtz gave an update on Parks & Rec.

**Public Comment:**

Bruce Austin: gave a complaint on the Sheriff.

Adjourned at 11:10 am

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Patti Pacola-*Lake County Clerk*