

LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

800 Tenth Street
Baldwin, MI 49304
Approved with Corrections
Full Board Meeting
Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Lodholtz called the meeting to order at 10:43 am

Present: Roll Call, Commissioners: Fuller, Seroczynski, Raymond, Welford, Russell, Sanders, and Lodholtz

Approval of the agenda- Commissioner Russell **made a** motion to approve the agenda dated ~~June 11~~ **July 23**, 2025, seconded by Commissioner Raymond. Motion carried

Motion to accept meeting minutes ~~May 28~~ **July 09**, 2025, Regular Board of Commissioner's meeting. Commissioner Russell motion to approve, Commissioner Sanders seconded. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Presentations:

Motions:

Commissioner Raymond made a motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners the approval of the semi-monthly detail analysis dated July 23, 2025 totaling \$215,696.83. Commissioner Welford seconded. Roll Call Fuller-yes, Seroczynski-Yes, Raymond-Yes, Welford-Yes, Russell-Yes, Sanders-Yes, Chairman Lodholtz-Yes

Commissioner Raymond made motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners the approval of the FY 2024 Homeland Security Program Intergovernmental Agreement between West Michigan Regional Medical Consortium and Lake County and authorize the Board Chair to sign any and all documents. Commissioner Fuller seconded. Roll Call Fuller-yes, Seroczynski-Yes, Raymond-Yes, Welford-Yes, Russell-Yes, Sanders-Yes, Chairman Lodholtz-Yes

Commissioner Raymond made a motion to the Board of Commissioners to authorize the Administrator to make changes to the Personnel Manual and to develop and execute Letters of Understanding with the unions to increase the Retiree Health Care Savings payment amount to \$50 per pay for eligible, active employees, and to increase the pre-65 retiree health insurance contribution to \$750 per month and the post—65 amount to \$225 per month for eligible, active employees that retiree after 1/1/2026, all changes effective 1/1/2026. Commissioner Russell seconded. Roll Call Fuller-yes, Seroczynski-Yes, Raymond-Yes, Welford-Yes, Russell-Yes, Sanders-Yes, Chairman Lodholtz-Yes

Commissioner Raymond made a motion to the Board of commissioners to send Beau Smith to the Police Academy; to approve of the grant agreement for some reimbursements; and to authorize the County Administrator to execute a Reimbursement Agreement. Commissioner Sanders seconded. Roll Call Fuller-yes, Seroczynski-Yes, Raymond-Yes, Welford-Yes, Russell-Yes, Sanders-Yes, Chairman Lodholtz-Yes

Commissioner Raymond made a motion to recommend to the Board Commissioners reclassify the Evidence Officer position from part time to full-time effective August 2, 2025. Commissioner Sanders seconded. Roll Call Fuller-yes, Seroczynski-Yes, Raymond-Yes, Welford-Yes, Russell-Yes, Sanders-Yes, Chairman Lodholtz-Yes

Commissioner Raymond made a motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners the approval of the FY 2025-2026 County Child Care Budget Summary for In Home Care and the Basic Grant between the Lake County and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and authorize the Board Chairman to sign any and all necessary documents. Commissioner Welford seconded. Roll Call Fuller-yes, Seroczynski-Yes, Raymond-Yes, Welford-Yes, Russell-Yes, Sanders-Yes, Chairman Lodholtz-Yes

Commissioner Raymond made a motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners to approve of the creation of the Assistant County Administrator position based on the enclosed job description; to approve of the alterations to the Human Resources Director job description; to approve of the addition of grades 10 and 11 to the MML Wage Scale as presented; to place the new position within grade 11, and to authorize the Administrator to advertise, negotiate, and hire for the position at any step within grade 11. Commissioner Welford seconded. Roll Call Fuller-yes, Seroczynski-Yes, Raymond-Yes, Welford-Yes, Russell-Yes, Sanders-Yes, Chairman Lodholtz-Yes

Commissioner Raymond made a motion to recommend to the board of commissioners the approval of the Engagement Letter with Maner Costerisan, to audit the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information, including the disclosures, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements, of Lake County as of and for the years ending December 31, 2025, 2026, and 2027, with options for 2028 and 2029 and authorize the County Administrator to sign any and all necessary documents. Commissioner Russell seconded. Roll Call Fuller-yes, Seroczynski-Yes, Raymond-Yes, Welford-Yes, Russell-Yes, Sanders-Yes, Chairman Lodholtz-Yes

Old Business:

New Business

~~Adjourn for Closed Session at 11:45 motion by Chairman Sanders, Second by Commissioner Raymond~~

~~Return from Closed Session at 11:48 motion by Commissioner Raymond, Seconded by Commissioner Russell~~

Correspondence:

Commissioner Fuller -nothing

Commissioner Welford -nothing

Commissioner Sanders -IT meeting, things going well.

Commissioner Raymond- Dial-A-Ride has 3 new drivers, signed agreement for next 2 years with auditors

Commissioner Lodholtz -nothing

Commissioner Russell-nothing

Commissioner Seroczynski -nothing

Administrators Report:

County administrator Lake states that personnel will be meeting to rescore 2 positions, one being in courts, the other is IT. Still looking at positions that are not scored in the County. PA office is being audited for the Crime Victims grant
Norm Zelony will be done in January 2026, many facets to hiring for replacement.
MAC conference is September 30-October 2.

Public Comment:

Closed Session Meeting-

Commissioner Sanders made a motion to go into closed session under MCL 15.26 section 8h, to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure, Seconded by Commissioner Raymond. Entered Closed Session at 11:45 Roll Call Fuller-yes, Seroczynski-Yes, Raymond-Yes, Welford-Yes, Russell-Yes, Sanders-Yes, Chairman Lodholtz-Yes

Return from Closed Session at 11:48 motion by Commissioner Raymond, Seconded by Commissioner Russell

Commissioner Raymond made a motion to authorize the County Administrator to accept the settlements with Sandoz Inc, Alvogen, Amneal, Apotex, Hikma, Indivior, Mylan, Sun, and Zydsu and execute any and all documents, including opting-in to the settlements and executing Participation Agreements as a partial settlement of the County's Opioid Litigation. Commissioner Fuller seconded. Roll Call Fuller-yes, Seroczynski-Yes, Raymond-Yes, Welford-Yes, Russell-Yes, Sanders-Yes, Chairman Lodholtz-Yes

Adjournment: Chairman Lodholtz adjourn; Adjourned @ 11:50 am

Tiffany Landis, Deputy for Lake County Clerk