

LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

800 10th Street
 Baldwin, MI 49656
 Wednesday June 25, 2025

Prayer: Prayer with Commissioner Raymond

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman called the meeting to order at: 10:00

Present: Sanders, Russel, Welford, Seroczynski, Raymond and Lodholtz

Absent: Fuller

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

Commissioner Welford moved that the Regular Minutes dated June 11, 2025, with a second from Commissioner Sanders. *All in favor-motion carried.*

Public Comment:

None

Presentations:

Mark Sweppenheiser (District Manager) Osceola-Lake Conservation

Motions:

101	GENERAL FUND	\$32,226.71
207	SHERIFF ROAD PATROL FUND	\$8,716.89
208	PARKS AND RECREATION	\$304.05
211	JAIL TRV PROJECT	\$54.12
215	FRIEND OF THE COURT	\$73.56
220	HOLLISTER SENIOR CENTER FUND	\$72.50
249	BUILDING INSPECTION DEPT	\$4,877.30
251	EMERGENCY 911 PROGRAM	\$1,217.98
260	INDIGENT DEFENSE FUND	\$537.50
264	LOCAL OFFICERS TRAINING FUND	\$1,028.40
292	CHILD CARE-PROBATE	\$1,568.50
293	SOLDIERS' RELIEF FUND	\$1,230.00
505	AMBULANCE	\$356.00
569	DHS BUILDING	\$1,743.05
	TOTAL FOR ALL FUNDS	\$54,006.56

- a) Commissioner Raymond made a motion to approve the semi-monthly detail analysis dated June 25, 2025 totaling \$54,006.56; with a second from Commissioner Welford. *Roll call vote: Yes: Seroczynski, Raymond, Sanders, Welford, Russel and Lodholtz. No: none. Motion carried.*

- b) Commissioner Raymond made a motion to approve the fiscal year 2025 Marine Safety Program Grant Agreement, in the amount of \$5,850.00 and authorize the County Board Chair, to sign any and all necessary documents; with a second from Commissioner Welford. *Roll call vote: yes: Raymond, Sanders, Seroczynski Welford, Russel and Lodholtz. No: none. Motion carried.*
- c) Commissioner Raymond made a motion to approve the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan's proposed Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) FY 2026 and authorize the submittal of a written approval of the Plan; with a second from Commissioner Sanders. *Roll call vote: yes: Sanders, Welford, Russel, Seroczynski, Raymond and Lodholtz. No: none. Motion carried.*
- d) Commissioner Raymond made a motion to approve of the appointment of the County Administrator to serve as Lake County's Officer Delegate for the Municipal Employee's Retirement System (MERS) 2025 annual meeting with a second from Commissioner Welford. *Roll call vote: Yes: Raymond, Russel, Seroczynski, Welford, Sanders and Lodholtz. No: none. Motion carried.*

Correspondence:

Township of Stronach

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

Commissioner Sanders made a motion to send a written letter upholding the denial of the FOIA submitted by Sheri Byers on June 2, 2025 requesting Incident Report 2025-00597, denied by the FOIA Coordinator on June 3, 2025, and subsequently appealed to the Board of Commissioners on June 11, 2025; with a second from Commissioner Russel. *Roll call vote: Yes: Seroczynski, Raymond, Sanders, Welford, Russel and Lodholtz. No: none. Motion carried.*

Administrators Report (includes but is not limited to):

- Audit Report
- Waiting for Road Commission numbers to complete audit
- Minimum Staff Levels in Senate
- Land Bank

Commissioners:

- Commissioner Welford: Planning Commission hasn't been meeting
- Commissioner Raymond: Area on Aging Report
- Commissioner Russel: Economic Development
- Commissioner Seroczynski: offered help to Lisa from Mason-Lake Conservation

Public Comment:

Lisa: Mason/Lake Conservation

Jodi: Economic Alliance Report coming next week. Lake County is the major contributor

Undersheriff Mark Pietras: funding for a new candidate to go to Patrol School

Closed Session:

Commissioner Raymond motion to go into closed session under MCL 15.268 section 8 a, to consider the annual personal evaluation of the County Administrator; with a second from Commissioner Russel. Roll call vote: yes: Russel, Seroczynski, Raymond, Sanders, Welford and Lodholtz. Motion carried.

Time In: 11:32 am

Commissioner Seozynski made a motion to come out of Closed Session; with a second from Commissioner Welford. All in favor-motion carried

Time Out: 11:56 am

Adjourned at 11:10 am

Patti Pacola-*Lake County Clerk*