

**LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES**

800 10<sup>th</sup> Street Suite 200

Baldwin, MI 49656

APPROVED

Wednesday August 27, 2025

Chairman called the meeting to order at: 10:00

**Prayer:** Prayer with Commissioner Raymond

Pledge of Allegiance

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

**Absent:** Welford

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

Commissioner Sanders moved that the Regular Minutes dated August 13, 2025, with corrections **be approved with a** second from Commissioner Fuller. *All in favor-motion carried.*

**Public Comment:**

Lisa Adams with report from Mason/Lake Conservation

**Presentations:**

Interviews for Emergency Manager/ Assistant **911** Dispatch Director:

- I. Jake Carter
- II. Brandon Perry
- III. Heath Scarbrough

**Motions:**

101	GENERAL FUND	\$43,807.32
207	SHERIFF ROAD PATROL FUND	\$7,255.22
208	PARKS AND RECREATION	\$521.83
211	JAIL TRV PROJECT	\$640.49
215	FRIEND OF THE COURT	\$121.26
249	BUILDING INSPECTION DEPT	\$12.00
251	EMERGENCY 911 PROGRAM	\$18,347.32
260	INDIGENT DEFENSE FUND	\$27,567.31
292	CHILD CARE-PROBATE	\$7,022.71
293	SOLDIERS RELIEF FUND	\$60.00
505	AMBULANCE	\$602.00
569	DHS BUILDING	\$171.42
	<b>TOTAL FOR ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$106,128.88</b>

Commissioner Raymond made a motion to approve the semi-monthly detail analysis dated August 27, 2025 totaling \$106,128.88; with a second from Commissioner Sanders. Roll call: Yes: Seroczynski, Raymond, Sanders, Russell, Fuller and Lodholtz. No: 0. **Motion carried.**

Commissioner Raymond made a motion to authorize the County Administrator to execute the Agreement for the Lakeshore Regional Entity (LRE) for 2025 and 2026 and to sign any and all necessary documents; with a second from Commissioner Fuller. Roll call: Yes: Sanders, Raymond, Seroczynski, Russell, Fuller and Lodholtz. No: 0. **Motion carried.**

Commissioner Raymond made a motion to authorize the rehire of Bradley D Nixon as a part-time Sheriff's Road Patrol Deputy at the 2-year rate of \$27.09; with a second from Commissioner Russell Roll call: Yes: Seroczynski, Raymond, Sanders, Russell, Fuller and Lodholtz. No: 0. **Motion carried.**

Commissioner Raymond made a motion to approve of Resolution #2025-04 to authorize annual cost in excess of \$10,000 for the infrastructure related to the Wolf Lake Level Project; with a second from Commissioner Fuller. Roll call: Yes: Raymond, Seroczynski, Sanders, Russell, Fuller and Lodholtz. No: 0. **Motion carried.**

Commissioner Raymond made a motion to approve of the 2026 Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for Non-Union Employees, Appointed and Elected Department Heads, and other non-scored positions, excluding the Board of Commissioners, at 5 percent, effective January 1, 2026; with a second from Commissioner Sanders. Roll call: Yes: Fuller, Raymond, Sanders, Russell, Seroczynski, and Lodholtz. No: 0. **Motion carried.**

Commissioner Raymond made a motion to approve of the FY 2026 Annual Budget Timeline; with a second from Commissioner Fuller. Roll call: Yes: Russell, Raymond, Sanders, Seroczynski, Fuller and Lodholtz. No: 0. **Motion carried.**

Commissioner Raymond made a motion to select Jake Carter for the Emergency Manager/Assistant 911 Dispatch Director position under MCL 30.409, and authorize the County Administrator to negotiate an offer of employment at a rate up to a step 4; with a second from Commissioner Sanders. Roll call: Yes: Seroczynski, Raymond, Sanders, Russell, Fuller and Lodholtz. No: 0. **Motion carried.**

**Correspondence:**

None

**Unfinished Business:**

None

**New Business:**

None

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

- Jury selection canceled because of Defense Attorney medical problem. Cost ~~almost \$40,000~~ **just over \$2,800.00** for jury, visiting Judge and staff time.
- Webber/GEO update
- West Michigan Shoreline update
- GIS contract coming up.
- Tobi is closing applications for Assistant Administrator (tomorrow). Reminded Commissioners that interviews will not come in front of them but he has asked Commissioner Lodholtz (Chair) and Commissioner Sanders (Personnel) to sit in on interviews with him.
- HR person will not be returning to her position due to health reasons.

- Rep. Kurt Vanderwall may have someone interested in the ~~AARP~~ RRP building for youth detention.

**Commissioners:**

Commissioner Raymond: District Health 10 lay-off, 4 mil cut from next year's budget and Counsel on Aging report.

**Public Comment:**

none

Adjourned at 12:10 am

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Patti Pacola-*Lake County Clerk*