

**LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

800 Tenth Street

Baldwin, MI 49304

**Approved**

Full Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 12, 2025

Prayer Commissioner Welford

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Ladholtz called the meeting to order at 10:10 am

Present: Roll Call, Commissioners: Fuller, Seroczynski, Welford, Russell, Sanders, and Ladholtz  
Absent: Commissioner Raymond

Commissioner Russell motion to approve the agenda dated **November 12, 2025**, seconded by Commissioner Welford. Motion carried

Commissioner Welford made a motion to accept meeting minutes **October 22, 2025**, Regular Board of Commissioner's meeting. Commissioner Fuller seconded. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:**

**Presentations:**

Kevin Welch, Michigan Works-Employer of the Month Presentation  
Jodi Nichols-Lake County Economic Development Alliance Update  
Tobi Lake, Administrator-FY2026 Annual Budget Presentation

**Motions:**

Commissioner Russell made a motion to approve the semi-monthly detail analysis dated November 12, 2025 totaling \$331,222.18. Commissioner Welford seconded. Roll Call Fuller-Yes, Seroczynski-Yes, Welford- Yes, Russell-Yes, Sanders-Yes, Chairman Ladholtz-Yes

Commissioner Russell made a motion to approve the FY 2026 Snowmobile Law Enforcement Program Grant Agreement in the amount of \$7,500.00 and authorize the County Administrator to sign any and all necessary documents Commissioner Welford seconded. Roll Call Fuller-Yes, Seroczynski-Yes, Welford- Yes, Russell-Yes, Sanders-Yes, Chairman Ladholtz-Yes

Commissioner Russell made a motion to approve the FY 2025-2026 Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) Law Enforcement Program Grant Agreement in the amount of \$54,285.00 and authorize the purchase of a 2025 Polaris Sportsman 850 Trail ORV as well as authorize the Board Chairman to sign any and all necessary documents. Commissioner Sanders seconded. Roll Call Fuller-Yes, Seroczynski-Yes, Welford-Yes, Russell-Yes, Sanders-Yes, Chairman Ladholtz-Yes

Commissioner Russell made a motion to authorize the County Administrator to execute the 5-year lease extension with West Michigan Community Mental Health for the facilities located at

1090 N Michigan Avenue, Baldwin, Michigan. Commissioner Fuller seconded. Roll Call Fuller-Yes, Seroczynski-Yes, Welford-Yes, Russell-Yes, Sanders-Yes, Chairman Lodholtz-Yes

Commissioner Russell made a motion to authorize the County Administrator, to make an additional payment to the County's MERS Defined Benefit Retirement Plan, Surplus Division in the amount of \$1,000,000, \$500,000 to be declared a surplus in the 516 fund and transferred to the Employee Benefit Fund (666) via the General Fund (101) and \$500,000 to come from the General Fund fund balance (692) and transferred to the Employee Benefit Fund (666). Money to be paid out of the Employer Retiree DB Extra Line 666-271.05-718.00 and to authorize any transfers and budget amendments as needed. Commissioner Welford seconded. Roll Call Fuller-Yes, Seroczynski-Yes, Welford-Yes, Russell-Yes, Sanders-Yes, Chairman Lodholtz-Yes

Commissioner Russell made a motion to approve of the Animal Control Furnace and HVAC project to replace the furnace and extend heat/A/C into the back portion of the animal shelter and authorize the County Administrator to accept the low bid and contract to have the work completed at a cost not to exceed \$15,700; money to come from GL #101-901.00-980.000 Capital Outlay Equipment. Commissioner Welford seconded. Roll Call Fuller-Yes, Seroczynski-Yes, Welford-Yes, Russell-Yes, Sanders-Yes, Chairman Lodholtz-Yes

Commissioner Russell made a motion to approve of the Fy2026 Indigent Defense Grant from the State of Michigan in the amount of \$367,692.50 and authorize the County Administrator to execute the contract on behalf of the County and to contest by means of resubmitting, pursuing mediation, and/or other legal remedies as established under law, as he deems appropriate, the cost allocation funding portion of the cost analysis. Commissioner Sanders seconded. Roll Call Fuller-Yes, Seroczynski-Yes, Welford-Yes, Russell-Yes, Sanders-Yes, Chairman Lodholtz-Yes

Commissioner Russell made a motion to establish the 2026 Board of Commissioners Organizational Meeting for Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 9:00 am. Commissioner Sanders seconded. Roll Call Fuller-Yes, Seroczynski-Yes, Welford-Yes, Russell-Yes, Sanders-Yes, Chairman Lodholtz-Yes

**Old Business:** none

**New Business**

Commissioner Sanders made a motion to approve the Board Chair's reappointment of Clyde Welford to the Planning Commission, terms ending 12/31/2028. Commissioner Russell seconded. All in favor

Commissioner Sanders made a motion to approve the Board Chair's appointment of Sarah Nyp to the Planning Commission for the remainder of this term ending 12/31/2025 and then reappoint for the next term ending 12/31/2028. Commissioner Russell seconded. All in favor

**Administrators Report:**

**Correspondence:**

**Public Comment:**

**Adjournment:** Chairman Lodholtz adjourn; Adjourned @ 12:09 pm

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Tiffany Landis, Deputy for Lake County Clerk