

**LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

800 Tenth Street  
Baldwin, MI 49304

**Approved**

Full Board Meeting  
Wednesday, December 10, 2025

Prayer Commissioner Welford

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Lodholtz called the meeting to order at 10:01 am

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

Commissioner Welford motion to approve the agenda dated **December 10, 2025**, seconded by Commissioner Fuller. Motion carried with date amendment

Commissioner Fuller made a motion to accept meeting minutes **November 26, 2025**, Regular Board of Commissioner's meeting. Commissioner Raymond seconded. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:**

**Public Hearing on FY 2026 Proposed Budget- start 10:03- finished 10:06**

**Presentations:**

James Kelly-MSU Ext District Director

**Motions:**

Commissioner Raymond made a motion to approve the semi-monthly detail analysis dated December 10, 2025 totaling \$95,626.54. 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 approve of the Public Defender (Juvenile Court Contract) Agreements with the Law Firms of Northe Pointe Legal, Smulders Law Office, and Applewood Law Wins PLLC starting January 1, 2026 and authorize the Board Chair to sign any and all necessary 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 approve of the Canteen Services Food Service Agreement for 2026 and authorize the Lake County Jail Sergeant to sign the Contract. 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 approve of the hiring of Brennan Lowry as the Assistant County Administrator, to establish a direct line of authority to the Board Chair, and to exempt the

hiring from any and all conflicting policies. Commissioner Welford seconded. Roll Call Fuller-Yes, Seroczynski-Yes, Raymond-No, Welford-Yes, Russell-Yes, Sanders-Yes, Chairman Loholtz-Yes

Commissioner Raymond made a motion to approve of the purchase of vests and carriers for the corrections officers from On Duty Gear, LLC (who is the current vendor of the matching uniforms and also meet grant requirements) at a cost not to exceed \$15,900; money to come from GL #101-901.00-980.000 Capital Outlay Equipment. Commissioner Welford seconded. Roll Call Fuller-No, Seroczynski-Yes, Raymond-Yes, Welford-Yes, Russell-Yes, Sanders-Yes, Chairman Loholtz-Yes

Commissioner Raymond made a motion to approve motion to authorize the County Administrator to change the county mileage reimbursement rate per mile for 2026 to reflect the 2026 IRS rate, effective January 01, 2026, and to notify all effected departments and amend the Lake County Board of Commissioners Policy and Procedures per Diem and Mileage Payments accordingly. Commissioner Fuller seconded. Roll Call Fuller-Yes, Seroczynski-Yes, Raymond-Yes, Welford-Yes, Russell-Yes, Sanders-Yes, Chairman Loholtz-Yes

Commissioner Raymond made a motion to approve the 2026 Survey and Remonumentation Grant Application and subsequent Agreement with the State of Michigan, Office of Land Survey, in the amount of \$41,897 and authorize the County Administrator, as Grant Administrator, to sign any and all necessary documents. Commissioner Fuller seconded. Roll Call Fuller-No, Seroczynski-Yes, Raymond-Yes, Welford-Yes, Russell-Yes, Sanders-Yes, Chairman Loholtz-Yes

Commissioner Raymond made a motion to approve Resolution #2025-09 the Appropriations Act for the FY 2026 General Operating Budget and authorize each commissioner to sign it. Commissioner Welford seconded. Roll Call Fuller-Yes, Seroczynski-Yes, Raymond-Yes, Welford-Yes, Russell-Yes, Sanders-Yes, Chairman Loholtz-Yes

Commissioner Raymond made a motion to untable the motion that was proposed at the November 26, 2025 about approving the FY 2026 MOA Agreement for Services with MSU Ext in the amount of \$64,855.00. Commissioner Sanders seconded.

Motion to approve of the FY 2026 MOA Agreement for Services with MSU Ext in the amount of \$64,855.00, and authorize the County Administrator to sign any and all necessary documents. Roll Call Fuller-Yes, Seroczynski-Yes, Raymond-Yes, Welford-Yes, Russell-No, Sanders-Yes, Chairman Loholtz-Yes

**Old Business:** none

**New Business**

**Administrators Report:**

**Correspondence:**

**Public Comment:**

**Closed Session:**

Commissioner Sanders made a motion to go into closed session under MCL 15.268 section 8h, to consider material exempt from the discussion or disclosure. Commissioner Fuller seconded. Roll Call Fuller-Yes, Seroczynski-Yes, Raymond-Yes, Welford-Yes, Russell-Yes, Sanders-Yes, Chairman Lodholtz-Yes Time entered in to closed session at 11:58.

Commissioner Seroczynski made a motion to go out of Closed Session. Commissioner Welford seconded, all in favor, time out 12:14 pm

**Adjournment:** Chairman Lodholtz adjourn; Adjourned @ 12:14 pm

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Tiffany Landis, Chief Deputy for Lake County Clerk