

LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

800 10th Street
 Baldwin, MI 49656
 Wednesday July 9, 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 Raymond moved that the Closed Session and Regular Minutes dated June 25, 2025, with correction, with a second from Commissioner Sanders. *All in favor-motion carried.*

Public Comment:

None

Presentations:

Tyler Baker from Manet Costerisan

Motions:

101 GENERAL FUND	\$101,948.92
207 SHERIFF ROAD PATROL FUND	\$1,515.43
208 PARKS AND RECREATION	\$350.00
211 JAIL T.R.V. PROJECT	\$1,324.54
215 FRIEND OF THE COURT	\$5,400.17
216 COUNCIL ON AGING	\$92,352.00
220 HOLLISTER SENIOR CENTER FUND	\$60.00
249 BUILDING INSPECTION DEPT	\$3,400.02
251 EMERGENCY 911 PROGRAM	\$219.57
256 REG OF DEEDS AUTOMATION FUND	\$1,012.05
260 INDIGENT DEFENSE FUND	\$5,279.17
285 CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING A	\$9,000.00
292 CHILD CARE-PROBATE	\$1,258.35
505 AMBULANCE	\$36,237.50
569 DHS BUILDING	\$90.95
667 RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE	\$1,400.00
TOTAL FOR ALL FUNDS	\$260,848.67

Commissioner Raymond made a motion to approve the semi-monthly detail analysis dated July 09, 2025 totaling \$260,848.67; with a second from Commissioner Welford. Roll call vote: Seroczynski, Raymond, Sanders, Welford, Russell and Lodholtz-yes. 0 no

Commissioner Raymond made a motion to approve the FY 2026 Crime Victim's rights Grant Application in the amount of \$50,622.00 and authorize the Prosecutor's Office Manager to sign and submit on behalf of the County; with a second from Commissioner Welford. Roll call vote: Raymond, Seroczynski, Sanders, Welford, Russell and Lodholtz-yes. 0 no

Commissioner Raymond made a motion to approve of the School Resource Officers (SROs) Agreement, from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028, with the Baldwin Schools and the Lake County Sheriff, and authorize the Board Chair's signature; with a second from Commissioner Welford. Roll call vote: Sanders, Seroczynski, Raymond, Welford, Russell and Lodholtz-yes. 0 no

Commissioner Raymond made a motion to approve the Sixth District-Regional Mutual Aid Agreement between the following counties (Clare, Ionia, Isabella, Kent, Lake, Mason, Mecosta, Montcalm, Newaygo, Oceana, Osceola, Ottawa, the City of Grand Rapids and the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe) and authorize the County Board of Commission Chair to sign the agreement on behalf of the County: with a second from Commissioner Welford. Roll call vote: Seroczynski, Raymond, Sanders, Welford, Russell and Lodholtz-yes. 0 no

Commissioner Raymond made a motion to approve of the Office of Highway Safety Planning Grant Application/Agreement in the amount of \$49,937.36 for traffic enforcement overtime and part-time hours, and authorize the Board Chair, Undersheriff, and County Administrator to execute the agreement on behalf of the County; with a second from Commissioner Welford. Roll call vote: Raymond, Seroczynski, Sanders, Welford, Russell and Lodholtz-yes. 0 no

Commissioner Raymond made a motion to accept the fiscal year 2024 annual audit; with a second from Commissioner Sanders. Roll call vote: Seroczynski, Sanders, Welford, Raymond, Russell and Lodholtz-yes. 0 no

Commissioner Raymond made a motion to approve the second quarter fiscal year 2025 budget amendments as presented in the Quarterly Budget Amendment Report; with a second from Commissioner Welford. Roll call vote: Raymond, Seroczynski, Welford, Sanders, Russell and Lodholtz-yes. 0 no

Correspondence:

Lake County Building Department June 2025 Permit Summary

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

Commissioner Sanders made a motion to approve the Board Chair's reappointment of Mike Johnson to the Lake County Construction Board of Appeals, Term Ending 8/01/2028; with a second from Commissioner Raymond. All in favor motion carried.

Commissioner Sanders made a motion to approve the Board Chair's reappointment of Jeremy Bonnett to the Lake County Construction Board of Appeals, Term Ending 8/01/2028; with a second from Commissioner Russell. All in favor-motion carried.

Commissioner Sanders made a motion to accept the resignation of Erik King as Emergency Management Director and appoint Brian Virden as the interim Emergency Management Director, effective 7/18/2025; with a second from Commissioner Welford. All in favor motion carried.

Administrators Report (includes but is not limited to):

- Magistrate update: the Judge has deemed the Magistrate does not have to reside in county. They are appointed by the Judge and approved by the Board of Commissioners.
- Indigent Defense Budget begins Oct. 1
- Friend of the Court lawsuit is coming
- Equalization filed studies. Erika does the and is compensated for the extra work
- Shed behind the Plaza will be moved to the ORV Park
- The Sheriff was approved for new autos at the end of 2024 and there are expense overages because of the newer vehicles
- PILT
- Next year's payroll
- Wolf Lake Drain resport

Commissioners Committee Reports:

- Commissioner Welford: Erin Coon MEMO and Economical Development
- Commissioner Raymond:
- Commissioner Russel:
- Commissioner Seroczynski:

Commissioners Privilege:

Commissioner Sanders voiced concerns of a board members attendance. Commissioner Lodholtz and County Administrator have both called numerous times with no response. Commissioner Welford is running against Senator Moolinar in 2026
Commissioner Russell ask expense questions

Sheriff Department Report:

Sheriff Martin:

- Challenge coins
- Road Patrol staffing
- ORV fatalities
- Prison protests
- The prison is being used for ICE processing not criminals
- Security for events agreements to entities
- RAD Training

Public Comment:

none

Adjourned at 12:01 pm