

LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

800 10th Street
 Baldwin, MI 49656
 Wednesday February 25, 2026

Prayer: Prayer with Commissioner Raymond

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman called the meeting to order at: 10:09

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

Absent: none

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

Commissioner Sanders moved that the Minutes dated February 11, 2026 with a second from Commissioner Fuller. *All in favor-motion carried.*

Public Comment:

None

Presentations:

None

Motions:

| | |
|---------------------------------|-------------|
| 101 GENERAL FUND | \$17,607.25 |
| 207 SHERIFF ROAD PATROL FUND | \$6,602.92 |
| 208 PARKS AND RECREATION | \$316.13 |
| 211 JAIL T.R.V. PROJECT | \$1,183.74 |
| 215 FRIEND OF THE COURT | \$128.75 |
| 245 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND | \$73.66 |
| 249 BUILDING INSPECTION DEPT | \$2,785.97 |
| 251 EMERGENCY 911 PROGRAM | \$2,802.84 |
| 260 INDIGENT DEFENSE FUND | \$24,022.50 |
| 269 LAW LIBRARY | \$937.04 |
| 285 CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING A | \$1,495.00 |
| 292 CHILD CARE-PROBATE | \$1,747.23 |
| 293 SOLDIERS RELIEF FUND | \$330.00 |
| 505 AMBULANCE | \$102.00 |
| 569 DHS BUILDING | \$188.73 |
| 636 INFORMATION SERVICES | \$1,471.19 |
| 666 EMPLOYEE BENEFIT FUND | \$33,622.19 |
| TOTAL FOR ALL FUNDS | \$95,417.14 |

Commissioner Raymond made a motion to approve the semi-monthly detail analysis dated February 25, 2026 totaling \$95,417.14; with a second from Commissioner Welford. Roll call: Welford-yes, Sanders-yes, Raymond-yes, Seroczynski-yes, Fuller-yes, Russel-yes and Lodholtz-yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Raymond made a motion to approve the FY2025 Emergency Management Performance Grant Agreement (EMPG) in the amount of \$5,139.00 and authorize the Board Chairman to sign any and all documents; with a second from Commissioner Fuller. Roll call vote: Sanders-yes, Raymond-yes, Seroczynski-yes, Fuller-yes, Russel-yes, Welford-yes, and Lodholtz-yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Raymond made a motion to approve the FY2026 Michigan Public Safety Critical Incident Mapping Grant Application in the amount of \$25,000.00 and authorize the Board Chairman to sign any and all documents; with a second from Commissioner Fuller. Roll call vote: Raymond-yes, Seroczynski-yes, Fuller-yes, Russel-yes, Welford-yes, Sanders-yes, and Lodholtz-yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Raymod made a motion to approve the FY2025-2026 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant Application with an estimated amount of \$2,000.00 and authorize the Lake County Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Chair to sign any and all documents; with a second from Commissioner Welford. Roll call vote: Seroczynski-yes, Fuller-yes, Russel-yes, Welford-yes, Sanders-yes, Raymond-yes, and Lodholtz-yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Raymond made a motion to approve the FY2026 County Veteran Service Fund Grant Agreement in the amount of \$52,398.77 and authorize the Board Chairman to sign any and all necessary documents; with a second from Commissioner Fuller. Roll call vote: Fuller-yes, Russel-yes, Welford-yes, Sanders-yes, Raymond-yes, Seroczynski-yes, and Lodholtz-yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Raymond made a motion to approve of the Letter of Understanding with the 911 Dispatchers Union regarding carry over of vacation time for two dispatchers and authorize the County Administrator to sign on behalf of the County; with a second from Commissioner Sanders. Roll call vote: Russel-yes, Welford-yes, Sanders-yes, Raymond-yes, Seroczynski-yes, Fuller-yes, and Lodholtz-yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Raymond made a motion to authorize the wage of the Trial Court Administrator position be temporarily increased from a Grade 9 Step 5 exempt, to a Grade 11 Step 5 exempt, to work on the JIS Migration project. The increase shall be effective 3/01/2026, with an end date upon completion of the work, but not later than Dec 31, 2026; with a second from Commissioner Sanders. Roll call vote: Raymond-yes, Seroczynski-yes, Fuller-yes, Russel-yes, Welford-yes, Sanders-yes, and Lodholtz-yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Raymond made a motion to create a court bailiff part-time position averaging 24 hours a week, effective 3/1/2026 and to amend the Board of Commissioners 101.101 budget as presented reallocating funds in the amount of \$29,703 within the budget that were originally budgeted to go towards a full-time courthouse security officer to the part-time bailiff position; with a second from Commissioner Welford. Roll call vote: Russel-yes, Welford-yes, Sanders-yes, Raymond-yes, Seroczynski-yes, Fuller-yes, and Lodholtz-yes. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

None

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

Commissioner Sanders made a motion to accept the resignation of Anthony Gagliardo effective February 18, 2026 from the Lake County Land Bank Committee, Term Ending 06/30/2027; with a second from Commissioner Fuller. All in favor-motion carried.

Commissioner Sanders made a motion to accept the resignation of Anthony Gagliardo effective February 18, 2026 from the Lake County Parks Committee, Term Ending 01/01/2028; with a second from Commissioner Raymond. All in favor-motion carried.

Commissioner Sanders made a motion to appoint Howard Campbell to the vacant position on the Lake County Parks Committee, Term Ending 01/01/2029; with a second from Commissioner Raymond. All in favor-motion carried.

Commissioner Sanders made a motion to appoint Rose Wetherell to the Lake County Parks Committee, Term Ending 01/01/2028; with a second from Commissioner Raymond. All in favor-motion carried.

Administrators Report (includes but is not limited to):

Auditors

DHHS Lease (carpeting)

Building Dept: Elizabeth is retiring and Erika from Equalization will be filling the open position

Judicial Report

DHHS Building: fender bender in the parking lot

RRP and interest groups

Veterans Grant

Georgia Simpson moved out of state and having trouble with retiree medical insurance

Indigent Defense Grant

OPEB/Pensions

Commissioner Raymond made a motion to authorize the Administrator to offer a 360 (pre-65) health benefit for out of state Retiree Plan with addition costs to be borne by the retiree; with a second from Commissioner Sanders. Roll call vote: Seroczynski-yes, Fuller-no, Russel-no, Welford-yes, Sanders-yes, Raymond-yes and Lodholtz-no. 4/3 motion passed.

Commissioner Raymond made a motion to authorize the Administrator to pursue mediation and/or possibly litigation with MIDC grant for indirect cost related to Indigent Defense; with a second from Commissioner Seroczynski. Roll call vote: Raymond-yes, Seroczynski-yes, Fuller-yes, Russel-yes, Welford-yes, Sanders-yes, and Lodholtz-yes. Motion carried.

Commissioners Committee Reports:

Commissioner Raymond: Area on Aging and Counsel on Aging

Commissioner Welford: Planning Commission

Commissioner Russel: ORV Training

Commissioners Privilege:

Commissioner Welford gave an update on the NACO Conference in Washington.

Commissioner Seroczynski gave a Carr Fire Dept. update

Sheriff Department Report:

None

Lake County Treasurer:

Kellie Allen gave a Land Bank update on projects and grant funding.

Commissioner Sanders made a motion to go into Closed Session under MCL 15.268 section 8h, to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure; with a second from Commissioner Fuller. Roll call vote: Russel-yes, Welford-yes, Sanders-yes, Raymond-yes, Seroczynski-yes, Fuller-yes, and Lodholtz-yes. Motion carried.

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

Time in: 12:26 pm and time out 12:34 pm

Discussion: Under MCL 15.268 Section 8h, a 2/3rd majority roll call vote is needed to go into closed session to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure. Five yes votes are needed

Public Comment:

None

Adjourned at 12:35 pm

Patti Pacola-Lake County Clerk