

LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

800 10th Street
Baldwin, MI 49656
Wednesday June 10, 2026

Prayer: Prayer with Commissioner Welford

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman called the meeting to order at: 10:02

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

Absent: Raymond

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 May 27, 2026 with a second from Commissioner Welford. *All in favor-motion carried.*

Public Comment:

None

Presentations:

Life EMS Report from Jeff Stockhill

Motions:

101	GENERAL FUND	\$153,056.37
207	SHERIFF ROAD PATROL FUND	\$25,726.19
208	PARKS AND RECREATION	\$430.99
211	JAIL T.R.V. PROJECT	\$1,331.69
215	FRIEND OF THE COURT	\$77.46
220	HOLLISTER SENIOR CENTER FUND	\$60.00
249	BUILDING INSPECTION DEPT	\$9,874.00
251	EMERGENCY 911 PROGRAM	\$12,570.20
256	REG OF DEEDS AUTOMATION FUND	\$1,394.05
260	INDIGENT DEFENSE FUND	\$20,841.63
285	CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING A	\$1,118.00
292	CHILD CARE-PROBATE	\$2,354.98
293	SOLDIERS RELIEF FUND	\$3,265.49
505	AMBULANCE	\$44,524.42
569	DHS BUILDING	\$5,798.51
636	INFORMATION SERVICES	\$25.47
	TOTAL FOR ALL FUNDS	\$282,449.45

Commissioner Fuller made a motion to approve the semi-monthly detail analysis dated June 10, 2026 totaling \$282,449.45: with a second from Commissioner Welford. Roll call vote: Yes: Seroczynski, Sanders, Welford, Russell, Fuller, and Lodholtz. No: 0. **Motion carried.**

Commissioner Fuller made a motion to amend the motion passed at the March 25, 2026 Board Meeting regarding the Prosecutor's Office Intern to change the internship end date to "upon notification of the results of the intern's July 2026 Michigan state Bar Exam or October 31, 2026 and to extend the Legal Services Contract with Larry J. Burdick Attorney at Law, to the same date; with a second from Commissioner Welford. Roll call: Yes: Sanders, Welford, Russell, Fuller, Seroczynski, and Lodholtz. No: 0. **Motion carried.**

Commissioner Fuller made a motion to authorize the County Administrator to purchase a new maintenance truck and V-plow at a cost not to exceed \$56,500; funds to come from General Fund balance and authorize the Lake County Administrator to make any and all necessary budget amendments and transfers. Money to be spent out of GL #101-901-00-981-001: with a second from Commissioner Welford. Roll call: Yes: Welford, Russell, Fuller, Seroczynski, Sanders, and Lodholtz. No: 0. **Motion carried.**

Commissioner Fuller made a motion for the approval of the FY2025-2026 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant Agreement in the amount up to \$2,000.00 and authorize the Board Chairman to sign any and all documents including Assurances documentation: with a second from Commissioner Sanders. Roll call: Yes: Russell, Fuller, Seroczynski, Sanders, Welford, and Lodholtz. No: 0. **Motion carried.**

Commissioner Fuller made a motion to approve the new 2026 base rates for Life EMS for Lake County Residents and Non-Residents with an effective date of July 1, 2026: with a second from Commissioner Russell. Roll call vote: Yes: 0. No: Fuller, Seroczynski, Sanders, Welford, Russell, and Lodholtz. **Motion failed.**

Commissioner Welford made a motion to table the subject until further information is gathered; with a second from Commissioner Seroczynski. **All in favor-motion carried.**

Correspondence:

Lake County Building Department Permit Summary

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

Commissioner Fuller made a motion to uphold the fee regarding the FOIA submitted by Justin Meyers on May 18, 2026, a copy of the following digital public records in their native digital format 1. Current Parcel Layer with Associated Tax Attributes. 2. Zoning District Boundaries 3. Address Points, and subsequently appealed to the Board of Commissioners on May 18, 2026; with a second from Commissioner Welford. All in favor-motion carried.

Discussion:

- James Meyers made a FOIA request to the County on May 18, 2026 requesting a copy of the following digital public records in their native digital format 1. Current Parcel Layer with Associated Tax Attributes. 2. Zoning District Boundaries 3. Address Points
- James Meyers was given a copy of the Data Information Request from Lake County Equalization form as well as the Approved 2023 Lake County Equalization Fee Schedule and given direction on how to proceed with receiving the information requested on May 18, 2026.
- James Meyer emailed additional communication on May 18, 2026 stating that he was formally submitting FOIA and not as a commercial data purchase.

- Lake County responded on May 18, 2026 that the County is not denying his request however Lake County will abide by the Lake County Equalization fee schedule, alternative accommodations would be made to allow him to visually inspect the requested documents or make requisite copies that would not be subject to the same fee schedule.
- James Meyers submitted formal written notice as a FOIA Fee Appeal to the Lake County Board of Commissioners on May 18, 2026 citing Lake County refuses to provide the requested digital GIS data layers under FOIA and will instead require compliance with a commercial, non-FOIA flat fee schedule totaling over \$8500.00.

Commissioner Fuller made a motion to approve the Board Chair's reassignment removing Jamie Russell from the LEPC and 911 Alternate Subcommittees and adding Howard Lodholtz, with all other terms remaining the same; with a second from Commissioner Welford. All in favor-motion carried

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

Brennan Lowry reminded the Commissioners there will be two Resolutions brought to next meeting in two weeks.

Public Comment:

Ms. Kyles would like to see the microphones put back in place so the audience can hear.

Bruce Austin spoke on FIOA's

Tyler Bengrey spoke on his lawsuit against Court Administrator Bobbi Keefer

Commissioners Committee Reports:

Commissioner Lodholtz: Parks and Rec.

Commissioner Russell: District #10

Commissioners Privilege:

Commissioner Seoczynski: Shoreline Projects

Commissioner Welford: Pere Market

Commissioner Russell: Electric Forest population

Sheriff Department Report:

None

Public Comment:

None

Adjourned at 10:55 am

Patti Pacola-Lake County Clerk

Approved Date: _____ Initials: _____