

LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

800 Tenth Street
Baldwin, MI 49304

Approved

Full Board Meeting
Wednesday, August 12, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

Prayer Commissioner Raymond

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Lodholtz called the meeting to order at 10:14 am

Present: Roll Call, Commissioners: Dawn Fuller, Mike Seroczynski, Kristine Raymond, Clyde Welford, Jamie Russell, Bob Sanders, Howard Lodholtz

Commissioner Russell, motion to approve the agenda dated **August 12, 2026** seconded by Commissioner Raymond. Motion carried

Commissioner Welford made a motion to accept meeting minutes **July 22, 2026**, Regular Board of Commissioner's meeting with corrections. Commissioner Raymond seconded. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Presentations:

Julie Rupp- Executive Director, West Michigan Community Mental Health 10:16-10:46
Patricia Hartman- US Small Business Administration 10:46- 10:49

Motions:

Commissioner Raymond made a motion the approval semi-monthly detail analysis dated August 12, 2026 totaling \$251,749.98. Commissioner Welford seconded. Roll Call, Fuller-Yes, Seroczynski- Yes, Raymond- Yes, Welford- Yes, Russell- Yes, Sanders- Yes, Lodholtz- Yes

Commissioner Raymond made a motion to approve the FY 2027 Child and Parent Legal Representation (CPLR) Grant Application and Agreement in the amount of \$7,325.00 for Lake County Juvenile Court and authorize the Court Administrator to submit on behalf of the County. Commissioner Fuller seconded. Roll Call, Fuller-Yes, Seroczynski- Yes, Raymond- Yes, Welford- Yes, Russell- Yes, Sanders- Yes, Lodholtz- Yes

Commissioner Raymond made a motion to approve the FY 2026-2027 County Child Care Budget Summary for In Home Care and the Basic Grant Applications and Agreements between the Lake County and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and authorize the Board Chairman to sign any and all necessary documents. Commissioner Fuller seconded. Roll Call, Fuller-Yes, Seroczynski- Yes, Raymond- Yes, Welford- Yes, Russell- Yes, Sanders- Yes, Lodholtz- Yes

Commissioner Raymond 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 \$250,000 to come from General Fund balance (692) and transferred to the Employee Benefit Fund (666); \$250,000 to come from the Fund balance Employee Benefits (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 Seroczynski seconded. Roll Call, Fuller-Yes, Seroczynski- Yes, Raymond- Yes, Welford- Yes, Russell- Yes, Sanders- Yes, Lodholtz- Yes

Commissioner Raymond made a motion to approve of the agreement with Midwest Strategy Group of Michigan, LLC. (MWSG); Approve of the County Structure and Related needed Budget Amendments; and authorize the County Administrator to sign any and all necessary documents. Commissioner Seroczynski seconded. Roll Call, Fuller-Yes, Seroczynski- Yes, Raymond- Yes, Welford- Yes, Russell- Yes, Sanders- Yes, Lodholtz- Yes

Commissioner Raymond made a motion to approve the Grant Agreement between Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity and authorize Lake County Administrator to sign any and all necessary documents and to make any necessary budget amendments. Commissioner Seroczynski seconded. Roll Call, Fuller-Yes, Seroczynski- Yes, Raymond- Yes, Welford- Yes, Russell- Yes, Sanders- Yes, Lodholtz- Yes

Commissioner Raymond made a motion to authorize the Overtime for Intake Staff with the cost not to exceed \$12,744.00 and end date to correspond with implementation of the Circuit Court JIS Migration, "go live". Commissioner Welford seconded. Roll Call, Fuller-Yes, Seroczynski- Yes, Raymond- Yes, Welford- Yes, Russell- Yes, Sanders- Yes, Lodholtz- Yes

Commissioner Raymond made a motion to approve Material Management Planning Program Grant Agreement Amendment and authorize the County Administrator to sign any and all necessary documents. Commissioner Welford seconded. Roll Call, Fuller-Yes, Seroczynski- Yes, Raymond- Yes, Welford- Yes, Russell- Yes, Sanders- Yes, Lodholtz- Yes

Commissioner Raymond made a motion to approve the FY2027 County Veteran Service Fund Grant Application in the amount of \$55,154 and authorize the Board Chairman to sign any and all necessary documents. Commissioner Welford seconded. Roll Call, Fuller-Yes, Seroczynski- Yes, Raymond- Yes, Welford- Yes, Russell- Yes, Sanders- Yes, Lodholtz- Yes

Commissioner Raymond made a motion to authorize the County Administrator to refurbish and program county law enforcement mobile radios to bring them into compliance with the new encryption requirements in an estimated amount of \$27,000; funds to come from Fy2024 Secure Rural Schools Title III funds (\$52,601.13 total), and authorize the County Administrator to compete the necessary budgets and transfers, money to be paid out of the 207-301.00-980.001 Radio Equipment. Commissioner Sanders seconded. Roll Call, Fuller-Yes, Seroczynski- Yes, Raymond- Yes, Welford- Yes, Russell- Yes, Sanders- Yes, Lodholtz- Yes

Old Business: none

New Business

Commissioner Sanders made motion to recognize the candidate Mike Oostmeyer wishes not to be reappointed to the Lake County Land Bank Committee and approve of the Board Chair's appointment of Mark Pietras, Term Ending 06/30/2029. Commissioner Welford seconded. All in favor

Administrators Report:

Correspondence:

Public Comment:

Miscellaneous:

Commissioner Seroczynski made a motion to go into closed session under MCL 15.268 section 8c, as the Employer has requested a closed session for strategy and negation regarding negotiations of the five collective bargaining agreements. Commissioner Russel seconded.

Entered closed session at 11:56 am

Exited closed session at 1:48 pm

Adjournment: Chairman Lodholtz adjourn; Adjourned @ 1:48 pm

Tiffany Landis, Chief Deputy for Lake County Clerk