LAKE COUNTY
MICHIGAN

Lake County Board of Commissioner's Meeting
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, November 10, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

1. Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Call to order: *Chairman Lodholtz*
3. Roll Call: *County Clerk or Designee*
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Approval of Minutes from Wednesday, October 28, 2026 Regular and Closed Session of Board Commissioner's Meeting.
6. Public Comment:
   Members of the Public may address the Board on any item. Comments are limited to a maximum of two (2) minutes per person
7. Committee and Agency Reports and Presentations:
   I. Presentations: Patrick Johnson, Lake County Surveyor, 2027 Survey and Remonumentation Grant
   II. Motions:
      a. Motion Sheet: Semi Monthly Accounts Payables in the amount of $159,529.37
      b. Motion Sheet: 2027 Survey and Remonumentation Grant
      c. Motion Sheet: Fy2027 ORV Law Enforcement Grant Agreement Amendment
      d. Motion Sheet: Establish date and time for 2028 Organizational Meeting
8. Correspondence:
   a. Lake County Building Department October 2027 Permit Summary
9. Old Business:
10. New Business:
      a. Motion Sheet: FOIA Appeal- Sauch
      b. Motion Sheet: FOIA Appeal- Turner
      c. Motion Sheet: FOAI Appeal- Mills
11. Administrator's Report:
12. Public Comment:
    Members of the Public may address the Board on any item. Comments are limited to a maximum of two (2) minutes per person
13. Miscellaneous: Commissioners Personal Privilege
14. Adjournment

All Agendas are subject to change
Commissioners Room
800 Tenth
Baldwin MI 49304

LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

800 10th Street
Baldwin, MI 49656
Wednesday October 28, 2026

Prayer: Prayer with Commissioner Raymond

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman called the meeting to order at: 10:25

Present: Sanders, Russell, Fuller, Raymond, Welford, and Lodholtz

Absent: Seroczynski

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

Commissioner Welford moved that the Minutes dated October 14, 2026 be approved with corrections; with a second from Commissioner Raymond. *All in favor-motion carried.*

Public Comment:
None

Presentations:
Northwest Strategy Group

Motions:

101	GENERAL FUND	$45,182.77
207	SHERIFF ROAD	$9,353.24
208	PARKS AND	$76.05
211	FRIEND OF	$59.44
215	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	$49,162.50
220	BUILDING INSPECTION	$9,126.00
249	EMERGENCY 911	$2,218.85
251	LAW LIBRARY	$261.00
256	CRIMINAL JUSTICE	$1,404.33
261	CHILD CARE	$865.30
292	SOLDIERS' RELIEF	$120.00
505	AMBULANCE	$119.99
569	EMPLOYEE BENEFIT	$450.00
	TOTAL	$118,399.47

Commissioner Raymond made a motion to approve of the semi-monthly detail analysis dated October 28, 2026 totaling $118,099.47; with a second from Commissioner Welford. Roll call: yes-Raymond, Sanders, Welford, Russell, Fuller and Lodholtz. Motion carried.

Commissioner Raymond made a motion to purchase and outfit two 2026 Ford F-150 Police Responders for the Sheriff's Office Road Patrol and one 2027 Ford Maverick for the detective bureau with a total cost for the vehicles and upfitting expected to be $188,640.80; funds to come from Fy 2024 and Fy 2025

Secure Rural Schools Title lll funds - $88,885.26, Insurance payment for a totaled vehicle -- $15,225, Commissioner Raymond made a male of three vehicles -- $12,000, and the remaining $80,530.54 from the Road Patrol Fund Balance; should the Board of Commissioners determine at a later date to reallocate the Title lll funds, then fund balance shall be used for those expenses; and authorize the County Administrator to do the necessary budget amendments and transfers; with a second from Commissioner Welford. Roll call: yes-Raymond, Sanders, Welford, Russell, Fuller and Lodholtz. Motion carried.

Commissioner Raymond made a motion to approve of a Temporary Clerk Position within the Clerk/ROD's office for Back indexing, at 24 hours a week, $18.86 an hour, for 26 Weeks, effective January 1, 2027; with a second from Commissioner Sanders. Roll call: yes-Raymond, Sanders, Welford, Russell, Fuller and Lodholtz. Motion carried.

Commissioner Raymond made a motion to approve of the creation of a part-time Legal Secretary position in the Prosecutor's Office, for 24 hours a week, at a Grade 2, effective January 1, 2027; with a second from Commissioner; with a second from Commissioner Welford. Roll call: yes-Raymond, Sanders, Welford, Russell, Fuller and Lodholtz. Motion carried.

Correspondence:
none

Unfinished Business:
None

New Business:
Commissioner Raymond made a motion to issue a written notice upholding the denial from Lake County Board of Commissioner Chair stating that the determination is accurate and complies with Lake County publicly available FIOA policies and procedure regarding the FOIA submitted by Garrett Jones on August 28, 2026, for public record regarding the lawful, documentable reason to euthanize Midnight the cat, subsequently appealed to the Board of Commissioners on October 14, 2026; with a second from Commissioner Welford. All in favor-motion carried.

Administrators Report (includes but is not limited to):
- 700+ FIOA's this year
- Medical Examiner needs to be reappointed
- Chris Miller lawsuit dismissed

Public Comment:
None

Commissioners Committee Reports:
Commissioner Sanders Security and JMS
Commissioner Russell Mental Health

Commissioners Privilege:
Commissioner Raymond spoke on the Township Association meeting
Commissioner Lodholtz spoke on the Planning and Parks & Rec Commissions

Sheriff Department Report:
None

Public Comment:
None

Closed Session
Commissioner Fuller made a motion to go into closed session under MCL 15.268 section 8C, to discuss negotiation strategy related to the renewal the collective bargaining agreements with each of the county's five (5) unions; with a second from Commissioner Russell. Yes: Welford, Russell, Sanders, Fuller, Raymond and Lodholtz. Motion carried.

Into Closed Session: 11:30 am
Out Closed Session: 11:58 am

Commissioner Sanders made a motion to approve of the Tentative Agreements between the Lake County Board of Commissioners and the Police Officers Association of Michigan (POAM) for the Dispatchers, Corrections Officers, and Deputies; and the Command Officers Association of Michigan (COAM) for the Corrections Command and Deputy Command Officers and authorize the Board Chairman to sign all five contracts on behalf of the County (2027-2029), subject to final language; with a second from Commissioner Russell. Roll call: Yes-Fuller, Russell, Raymond, Sanders and Lodholtz. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 12:02 pm

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Patti Pacola-*Lake County Clerk*

Approved Date: _____ Initials: _____

Request for consideration – Board of Commissioners – County of Lake

LAKE COUNTY
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Agenda Item No: 7lla **Motion: 7lla**

ORIGINATOR: **Tobi Lake, Administrator**	__BUDGETED __ NON-BUDGETED __ PARTIALLY BUDGETED	
REQUESTING DEPARTMENT: **Administration**	REQUEST DATE:	REQUESTER SIGNATURE:

SUMMARY OF REQUEST (GENERAL DESCRIPTION, FINANCING, OTHER OPERATIONAL, IMPACT, POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES):

101	GENERAL FUND	$82,020.20
207	SHERIFF ROAD PATROL FUND	$12,160.13
208	PARKS AND RECREATION	$6,000.00
211	JAIL T.R.V. PROJECT	$1,153.38
215	FRIEND OF THE COURT	$1,003.32
220	HOLLISTER SENIOR CENTER FUN	$132.50
249	BUILDING INSPECTION DEPARTM	$4,818.33
251	EMERGENCY 911 PROGRAM	$487.71
256	REG. OF DEEDS AUTOMATION FU	$974.13
260	INDIGENT DEFENSE FUND	$5,291.08
269	LAW LIBRARY	$261.00
292	CHILD CARE - PROBATE	$3,301.91
505	AMBULANCE	$37,778.42
569	D.H.S. BUILDING	$2,147.28
636	INFORMATION SERVICES	$1,999.98

TOTAL $159,529.37

SUGGESTED MOTION (STATE EXACTLY AS IT SHOULD APPEAR IN THE MINUTES):

Motion to approve the semi-monthly detail analysis dated November 10, 2026 totaling $159,529.37.

ADMINISTRATOR RECOMMENDATIONS:	ATTORNEY ANALYSIS:

AGENDA DATE:	FINANCE MEETINGS APPROVAL:	COMMISSION DATE
11/10/2026	___YES ____NO ____OTHER	**11/10/2026**

Request for consideration – Board of Commissioners – County of Lake

LAKE COUNTY
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Agenda Item No: 7llb **Motion: 7llb**

ORIGINATOR: **Tobi Lake, Administrator**	__BUDGETED __ NON-BUDGETED __ PARTIALLY BUDGETED	
REQUESTING DEPARTMENT: **Administration**	REQUEST DATE:	REQUESTER SIGNATURE:

SUMMARY OF REQUEST (GENERAL DESCRIPTION, FINANCING, OTHER OPERATIONAL, IMPACT, POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES):

SUGGESTED MOTION (STATE EXACTLY AS IT SHOULD APPEAR IN THE MINUTES):

Motion to approve of the 2027 Survey and Remonumentation Grant Application and subsequent Agreement with the State of Michigan, Office of Land Survey, in the amount of $41,435 and authorize the County Administrator, as Grant Administrator to sign any and all necessary documents.

ADMINISTRATOR RECOMMENDATIONS:	ATTORNEY ANALYSIS:

AGENDA DATE:	FINANCE MEETINGS APPROVAL:	COMMISSION DATE
11/10/2026	___YES ____NO ____OTHER	**11/10/2026**

Request for consideration – Board of Commissioners – County of Lake

LAKE COUNTY
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Agenda Item No: 7llc **Motion: 7llc**

ORIGINATOR: **Tobi Lake, Administrator**	__BUDGETED __ NON-BUDGETED __ PARTIALLY BUDGETED	
REQUESTING DEPARTMENT: **Administration**	REQUEST DATE:	REQUESTER SIGNATURE:

SUMMARY OF REQUEST

SUGGESTED MOTION (STATE EXACTLY AS IT SHOULD APPEAR IN THE MINUTES):

Motion to approve of the FY 2027 Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) Law Enforcement Program Grant Amendment in the amount of $20,000.00; and authorize Sergeant Robert Meyers to sign any and all necessary documents and Administration to make any necessary budget amendments.

ADMINISTRATOR RECOMMENDATIONS:	ATTORNEY ANALYSIS:

AGENDA DATE:	FINANCE MEETINGS APPROVAL:	COMMISSION DATE
11/10/2026	____YES ____NO ____OTHER	**11/10/2026**

Request for consideration – Board of Commissioners – County of Lake

LAKE COUNTY
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Agenda Item No: 7lld **Motion: 7lld**

ORIGINATOR: **Tobi Lake, Administrator**	__BUDGETED __ NON-BUDGETED __ PARTIALLY BUDGETED	
REQUESTING DEPARTMENT: **Administration**	REQUEST DATE:	REQUESTER SIGNATURE:
SUMMARY OF REQUEST		
SUGGESTED MOTION (STATE EXACTLY AS IT SHOULD APPEAR IN THE MINUTES): **Motion to establish the 2027 Board of Commissioners Organizational Meeting for Wednesday, January 13th, 2027 at 9:00 a.m..**		
ADMINISTRATOR RECOMMENDATIONS:		ATTORNEY ANALYSIS:

AGENDA DATE:	FINANCE MEETINGS APPROVAL:	COMMISSION DATE
11/10/2026	____YES ____NO ____OTHER	**11/10/2026**

LAKE COUNTY PERMIT SUMMARY REPORT FOR OCTOBER, 2026

Permits Issued:

Building	56	$ 15,821.47
Soil Erosion	6	$ 735.00
Electric	45	$ 8,626.00
Plumbing	14	$ 3,442.00
Mechanical	53	$ 9,610.00
Sub-Total:	174	$ 38,234.47
Extended Permits	70	$ 4,505.00
Total:		$ 42,739.47

Year-To-Date:

Building	375	$ 105,581.08
Soil Erosion	55	$ 6,544.00
Electric	437	$ 85,216.00
Plumbing	130	$ 30,274.00
Mechanical	358	$ 71,026.00
Sub-Total:	1,355	$ 298,641.08
Extended Permits	804	$ 44,976.00
Total:		$ 343,617.08

PERMITS ISSUED IN OCTOBER, 2025:

Building	44	$ 9,728.33
Soil Erosion	7	$ 1,170.00
Electric	61	$ 13,296.00
Plumbing	12	$ 3,106.00
Mechanical	57	$ 11,195.00
Sub-Total:	181	$ 38,495.33
Extended Permits	70	$ 4,345.00
Total:		**$ 42,840.33**

Year-To-Date: October, 2025

PERMITS ISSUED:	999	$ 299,826.48
EXTENDED PERMITS:	755	$ 48,810.00
Total:		$ 348,636.48

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MONTHLY REPORT (ELIZABETH)

Created: 11/2/2026, User: esederdahl

Filter: All Records, Permit.DateIssued Between 10/1/2026 12:00:00 AM AND 10/31/2026 11:59:59 PM

Permit Number	Date Issued	Parcel Number	Category	Construction Va	Address Display String	Amount Paid T	Name Owner
PB20260320	10/01/2026	16-002-012-00	Demolish	$16,400.00	10696 E US 10	$131.55	HUNTER MARTY D & JEAI
PB20260321	10/02/2026	11-418-028-00	Handicap Ramp	$0.00	4435 S YALE STREET	$27.00	VANAS JIMMIE
PB20260322	10/02/2026	11-650-015-00	Carport	$20,000.00	4711 S PUTNAM LAKE DRIVE	$151.40	BUETER JOHN
PB20260323	10/02/2026	41-211-009-00	Handicap Ramp	$0.00	447 MAPLE ST-VOB	$52.00	WALLACE WILLIAM JR & (
PB20260324	10/05/2026	15-266-009-00	Res. Add/Alter/Repair	$70,000.00	948 E FOND DULAC	$197.04	PARKER JEFFERY
PB20260325	10/06/2026	15-032-003-95	Demolish	$0.00	11275 S BROADWAY ROAD	$61.00	FRYMAN SCOTT
PB20260326	10/06/2026	15-032-003-95	Res. Multi-Family	$0.00	11275 S BROADWAY ROAD	$1,393.92	FRYMAN SCOTT
PB20260327	10/06/2026	06-210-012-00	Garage, Detached	$30,000.00	3855 N HAMLOCK LN	$272.00	STANTON MICHAEL
PB20260328	10/06/2026	03-007-001-80	Demolish	$0.00	5100 W 10 1/2 MILE RD	$79.00	SKINNER PARK I.A.T.A
PB20260329	10/06/2026	11-560-061-00	Decks/Porches, etc.	$9,000.00	1897 W LAZY TURKEY TR	$129.80	GRITTER DENNIS
PB20260330	10/06/2026	11-570-031-01	Garage, Detached	$0.00	542 W RAINBOW TRAIL	$178.40	TUCKER DESIREE & ALTOI
PB20260331	10/06/2026	01-027-007-00	Encl Steel Carport	$28,358.00	9693 E 8 MILE ROAD	$362.00	CHOWNYK ROBERT
PB20260332	10/06/2026	06-346-010-00	Res. Single Family	$350,000.00	2440 W WOLF LAKE BOULEV/	$941.72	HOLST TYCE W TRUST
PB20260333	10/06/2026	03-012-048-20	Encl Steel Carport	$0.00	778 W DUSTY ROAD	$317.00	VANDERSTELT SHAWN
PB20260334	10/06/2026	13-035-006-56	Res. Add/Alter/Repair	$100,000.00	12286 S STAR LAKE DR	$295.40	STUEDEMANN JOHN M &
PB20260335	10/07/2026	11-373-019-01	Res. Single Family	$85,000.00	5748 S MERRILLVILLE	$295.40	WICKER KENNETH
PB20260336	10/07/2026	15-060-002-00	Garage, Detached	$0.00	1685 E 72ND ST	$178.40	VAN SCHOICK GERALD
PB20260337	10/08/2026	11-560-056-00	Demolish	$10,000.00	1973 W LAZY TURKEY TRAIL	$94.20	CASTLE LOUIS
PB20260338	10/08/2026	10-032-104-00	Demolish	$8,350.00	1738 E US 10	$97.00	TRAMBLE TERRY
PB20260339	10/09/2026	13-611-004-00	Pole Barn	$40,000.00	8059 W MINISING POINT DR	$221.60	DIXON JAMES E & TONYA
PB20260340	10/09/2026	06-001-003-01	Res. Add/Alter/Repair	$40,000.00	294 W INGERMAN DRIVE	$292.08	WAGNER CLIFFORD
PB20260341	10/09/2026	13-025-031-00	Decks/Porches, etc.	$20,000.00	10273 S WINDY BLUFF	$147.00	TIMMER KENNETH & PHY
PB20260342	10/09/2026	15-006-004-00	Garage, Detached	$24,000.00	147 E US-10	$200.00	PERRYMAN SHIRLEY
PB20260343	10/12/2026	03-020-004-25	Pole Barn	$44,000.00	4749 W 9 MILE ROAD	$596.00	FOWLER WILLIAM
PB20260344	10/12/2026	13-277-005-03	Encl Steel Carport	$60,000.00	9785 S ORCHID AVENUE	$369.50	DALTON KEVIN R
PB20260345	10/12/2026	04-004-004-04	Res. Single Family	$150,000.00	9595 W 12 MILE ROAD	$406.92	CARSON GREG
PB20260346	10/12/2026	11-560-075-00	Decks/Porches, etc.	$59,323.00	1831 W 40TH STREET	$220.25	MARTIN ANTHONY
PB20260347	10/13/2026	05-017-030-01	Pole Barn	$22,000.00	10020 W 3 MILE RD	$332.00	TKAC JAYE REV LIV TRUST
PB20260348	10/13/2026	04-420-005-00	Res. Single Family	$312,089.00	6203 N SUNSHINE DR	$468.68	CARLSON KATHERINE

PB20260349	10/13/2026	03-007-001-80	Commercial, New Building	$69,000.00	5100 W 10 1/2 MILE RD	$469.00	SKINNER PARK I.A.T.A
PB20260350	10/13/2026	03-150-001-03	Rainroof	$20,100.00	9737 N IRONS ROAD	$212.00	WEHNER RONALD
PB20260351	10/14/2026	13-026-004-00	Decks/Porches, etc.	$0.00	16260 S STAR LAKE DR	$113.00	GROSS GEHRY
PB20260352	10/15/2026	13-034-013-10	Res. Add/Alter/Repair	$1,465,000.00	14204 S STAR LAKE DRIVE	$813.19	FORD JOSEPH
PB20260353	10/15/2026	15-395-012-00	Handicap Ramp	$0.00	15850 LAKE DRIVE	$27.00	HOWARD JOSEPH D & MA
PB20260354	10/15/2026	05-004-047-50	Pole Barn	$45,000.00	5396 N BIG JOHN ROAD	$236.00	LUNDIN TANYA
PB20260355	10/16/2026	05-002-053-05	Decks/Porches, etc.	$35,000.00	5410 N UTTER ROAD	$155.00	MITCHELL DAVID
PB20260356	10/19/2026	43-212-005-00	Res. Add/Alter/Repair	$53,000.00	303 SPRING ST (VL)	$385.60	PREIDIS DOUGLAS
PB20260357	10/20/2026	15-008-029-00	Res. Add/Alter/Repair	$0.00	11800 LAKE DR	$205.00	CALLAGHAN PETER
PB20260358	10/20/2026	13-199-001-01	Res. Single Family	$60,000.00	9838 S ROSEWOOD BLVD	$344.36	SHERMAN SARAH J
PB20260359	10/20/2026	08-009-001-02	Res. Add/Alter/Repair	$30,000.00	4894 N SADDLER ROAD	$286.00	PORTER ERIC
PB20260360	10/20/2026	15-675-050-01	Decks/Porches, etc.	$0.00	8458 S BROADWAY	$117.20	SHYNE KEVIN
PB20260361	10/20/2026	08-027-021-02	Res. Single Family	$143,697.00	9386 E 1 MILE ROAD	$345.00	KRAUSHAAR THOMAS
PB20260362	10/22/2026	11-560-056-00	Res. New Construction	$375,000.00	1973 W LAZY TURKEY TRAIL	$617.80	CASTLE LOUIS
PB20260363	10/23/2026	06-028-002-02	Pole Barn	$55,000.00	3333 W 1 1/2 MILE ROAD	$360.80	MILLER ROBERT
PB20260364	10/23/2026	13-034-003-00	Carport	$0.00	11024 S DORSAL ROAD	$167.00	SEMEYN CAROL REVOC TI
PB20260365	10/23/2026	15-565-038-03	Demolish	$0.00	156 E BATES AVENUE	$102.25	BARKER DEBORAH
PB20260366	10/23/2026	15-497-014-00	Carport	$0.00	169 E ST PAUL	$159.50	WESLEY BRUCE
PB20260367	10/26/2026	06-004-007-00	Res. Single Family	$14,000.00	3367 W 6 MILE RD	$217.50	RUPERT DENNIS
PB20260368	10/26/2026	41-128-009-01	Res. Add/Alter/Repair	$60,000.00	734 6TH ST VOB	$260.40	DOUGLAS JAMES ASM
PB20260369	10/27/2026	15-746-001-00	Garage, Detached	$30,000.00	6430 S WILSON DRIVE	$178.40	BROWLEY LESLIE
PB20260370	10/27/2026	04-430-007-02	Retaining Wall	$8,000.00	7151 N CANYON DRIVE	$106.85	LYNCH TIMOTHY
PB20260371	10/27/2026	04-010-043-00	Res. Modular Home	$150,000.00	8017 W 10 1/2 MILE RD	$271.00	HOUSE JOHN & CYNTHIA
PB20260372	10/27/2026	10-030-004-01	Res. Add/Alter/Repair	$10,000.00	4067 S TWIN CREEK RD	$138.96	DE VOS THOMAS
PB20260373	10/28/2026	14-022-020-00	Fence	$0.00	9390 S M-37	$152.00	ARMSTRONG TIMOTHY W
PB20260374	10/28/2026	15-183-032-00	Demolish	$3,000.00	1460 E BIRCHRUN AVE	$83.00	BATES JAMIE
PB20260375	10/29/2026	14-010-024-25	Pole Barn	$168,500.00	7333 S M-37	$789.40	PLEASANT PLAINS TWP H.
PE20260393	10/01/2026	11-454-029-00	Electrical	$0.00	3965 S M-37	$155.00	COUSAR DANIELL L
PE20260394	10/02/2026	06-001-010-57	Electrical	$0.00	5964 N SYERS DRIVE	$155.00	BLOHM AUTUMN
PE20260395	10/05/2026	02-514-030-00	Electrical	$0.00	3484 N KINGS HWY	$155.00	MILLER TODD
PE20260396	10/05/2026	14-011-010-00	Electrical	$0.00	1863 W BALDWIN ROAD	$161.00	ROMERO GUSTAVO
PE20260397	10/05/2026	14-015-032-01	Electrical	$0.00	8813 S M-37	$155.00	TANNER JOHN
PE20260398	10/05/2026	13-023-055-65	Electrical	$0.00	7451 W 76TH STREET	$187.00	RINGLER PATRICK
PE20260399	10/05/2026	15-266-009-00	Electrical	$0.00	948 E FOND DULAC	$258.00	PARKER JEFFERY

PE20260400	10/06/2026	04-002-005-20	Electrical	$0.00	11685 N MAC ROAD	$403.00	KUBASIAK CHAD
PE20260401	10/07/2026	06-012-006-24	Electrical	$0.00	458 W RUNWAY DR	$155.00	CALCAGNO JOSEPH ET AI
PE20260402	10/08/2026	13-592-012-00	Electrical	$0.00	10311 S REBECCA ROAD	$171.00	MITCHELL JOHN
PE20260403	10/08/2026	05-508-004-00	Electrical	$0.00	5268 N RED MAPLE STREET	$335.00	JANSSEN BRIAN & LORI
PE20260404	10/09/2026	13-040-041-00	Electrical	$0.00	10235 S BASFORD LAKE DRIVI	$155.00	STRUBLE SUSAN
PE20260405	10/12/2026	02-514-006-00	Electrical	$0.00	4401 E OLD M-63	$167.00	FLYNN ROGER SR
PE20260406	10/13/2026	03-012-045-20	Electrical	$0.00	668 W PINE BRUSH CT	$155.00	BOTBYL RACHEL
PE20260407	10/13/2026	14-015-032-20	Electrical	$0.00	8841 S M-37	$155.00	PERE MARQUETTE RIVER
PE20260408	10/14/2026	04-170-014-00	Electrical	$0.00	8807 W ELBOW DRIVE	$157.00	HARTMAN DAVE
PE20260409	10/14/2026	03-012-048-20	Electrical	$0.00	778 W DUSTY ROAD	$181.00	VANDERSTELT SHAWN
PE20260410	10/14/2026	13-490-020-00	Electrical	$0.00	11407 S PARK RD	$385.00	VANDYKEN RICHARD
PE20260411	10/15/2026	43-118-001-00	Electrical	$0.00	115 STATE STREET	$161.00	LUTHER AREA PUBLIC LIBI
PE20260412	10/15/2026	43-501-036-00	Electrical	$0.00	101 STATE ST	$151.00	NELSON DOUGLAS & SHE
PE20260413	10/15/2026	02-580-005-00	Electrical	$0.00	4853 E OLD M-63	$170.00	SCHEIDEL DAVID
PE20260414	10/15/2026	13-226-034-01	Electrical	$0.00	8191 W GOLDENROD AVENU	$168.00	GRASSMAN KEN
PE20260415	10/16/2026	04-400-014-00	Electrical	$0.00	6542 N NAT-AH-KI DRIVE	$155.00	TATKO JOHN
PE20260416	10/16/2026	13-530-134-50	Electrical	$0.00	11952 S DUTCH ELM AVENUE	$248.00	NEUMAN DARREL & PAM
PE20260417	10/16/2026	14-348-001-00	Electrical	$0.00	553 W SHOOKS DRIVE	$155.00	HERNANDEZ DARCIE
PE20260418	10/16/2026	15-529-009-01	Electrical	$0.00	40 E LEXINGTON AVENUE	$155.00	FORD ELSIE
PE20260419	10/16/2026	05-480-009-00	Electrical	$0.00	5890 N UTTER RD	$226.00	MC CALLUM ERNEST
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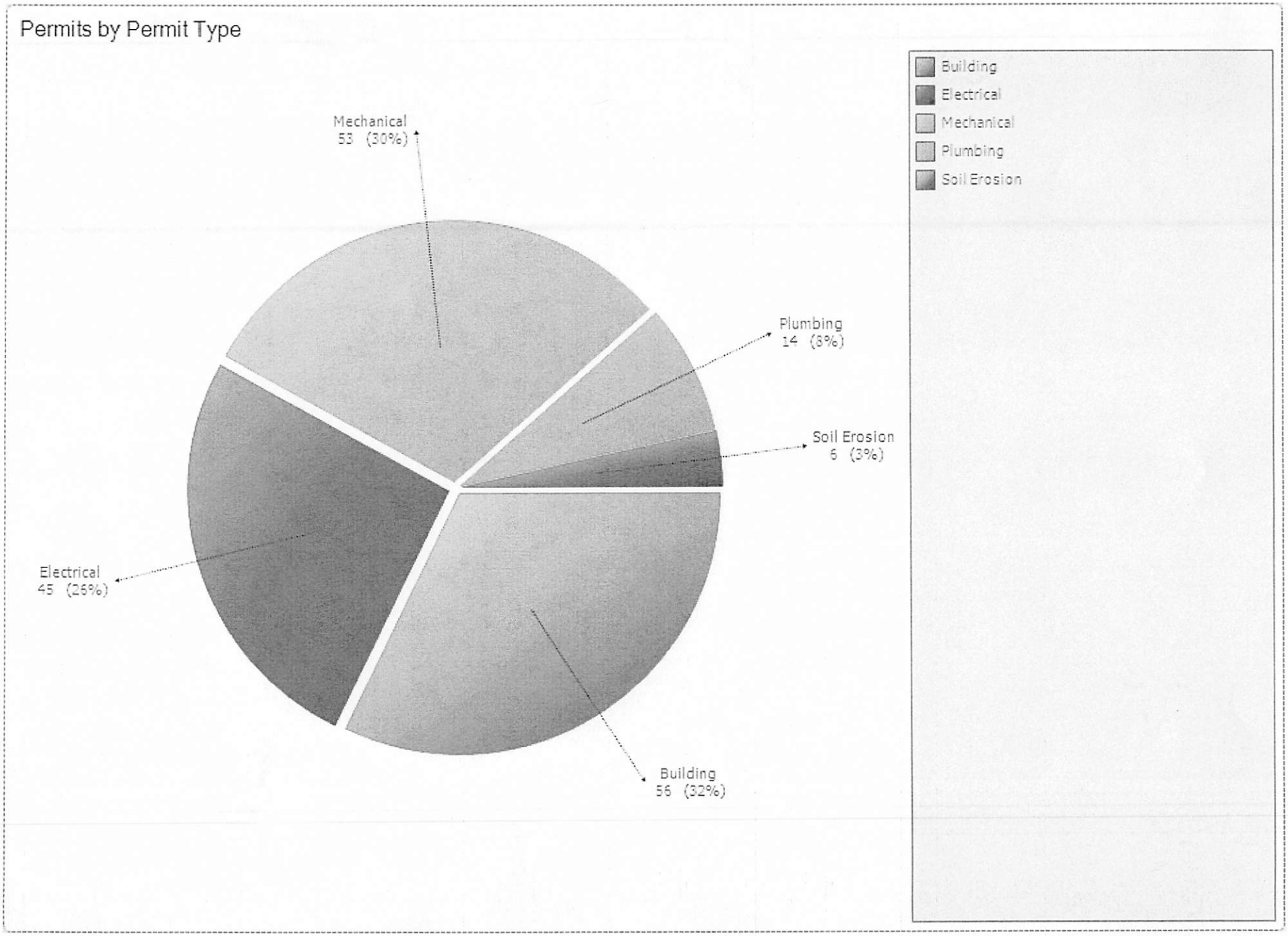
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PSE20260053	10/20/2026	08-027-021-02	Soil Erosion	$0.00	9386 E 1 MILE ROAD	$147.00	KRAUSHAAR THOMAS
PSE20260054	10/27/2026	15-746-001-00	Soil Erosion	$0.00	6430 S WILSON DRIVE	$147.00	BROWLEY LESLIE
PSE20260055	10/29/2026	14-130-007-00	Soil Erosion	$0.00	2310 W BAL-SAN DRIVE	$77.00	ROHM SHIRLEY
174				**$4,292,817.00**		**$38,234.47**	

Breakdown of Permits by Permit Type

Current Chart Filter: All Records, Permit.DateIssued Between 10/1/2026 12:00:00 AM AND 10/31/2026 11:59:59 PM



Request for consideration – Board of Commissioners – County of Lake

LAKE COUNTY
MICHIGAN

Agenda Item No: 10a

Motion: 10a

ORIGINATOR: **Tobi Lake, Administrator**	__BUDGETED __ NON-BUDGETED __ PARTIALLY BUDGETED	
REQUESTING DEPARTMENT: **Administration**	REQUEST DATE:	REQUESTER SIGNATURE:

SUMMARY OF REQUEST

- Nicole Sauch made a FOIA request to the County on September 21, 2026 requesting 1. Operational and Incident Records, 2. Administrative and follow up communications, 3. Request for Financial Hardship and Public Interest Fee Waiver
- Nicole Sauch was sent an invoice on September 21, 2026, requesting a deposit of $233.49 to begin research and redaction.
- Nicole Sauch emailed on October 20, 2026 to appeal the fee amount and ask that it be waived.

SUGGESTED MOTION (STATE EXACTLY AS IT SHOULD APPEAR IN THE MINUTES):

- Motion to _____ regarding the FOIA submitted by Nicole Sauch on September 13, 2026, a copy of the following public records maintained by Lake County regarding incidents, interactions, and follow-up communications involving myself, Nicole Sauch (DOB: 2/23/1989), and my sister, Natalie Sauch.

- Motion to **"Waive the fee"**

- Motion to **"Reduce the fee and issue a written determination explaining the reduction and a certification from the Lake County Board of Commissioners Chair stating that the determination is accurate and the fee amount complies with the Lake County publicly available FOIA policies and procedure"**

- Motion to **"Uphold the fee and issue a written determination explaining that failure to charge a fee would result in unreasonably high costs to the County because of the large amount of time and costs for labor and benefits involved with the request; that the labor involved is based on the lowest-paid employee capable of searching for, locating, and examining the records; the specific basis under FOIA supporting the fee is MCL 15.234; and a certification from the Lake County Board of Commissioners Chair stating that the determination is accurate and the fee amount complies with the Lake County publicly available FOIA policies and procedure"**

ADMINISTRATOR RECOMMENDATIONS:	ATTORNEY ANALYSIS:

AGENDA DATE:	FINANCE MEETINGS APPROVAL:	COMMISSION DATE
11/10/2026	____YES ____NO ____OTHER	**11/10/2026**

Talea TenHave

From: Tobi Lake
Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2026 11:01 AM
To: Talea TenHave; Brennan Lowry
Subject: Fw: Public Records Request (MCL 15.231) – Nicole Sauch – Public Interest Fee Waiver Requested To the FOIA

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Tobi G Lake
Lake County Administrator
800 10th Street Suite 100
Baldwin, MI 49304
(231) 745-6231

From: Nicole Sauch <nicolesauch@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, 13 September 2026 10:33:14
To: Tobi Lake <tlake@CO.LAKE.MI.US>
Cc: Tobi Lake <tlake@CO.LAKE.MI.US>
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Coordinator:
Pursuant to the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, MCL 15.231 et seq., I am requesting copies of public records maintained by Lake County regarding incidents, interactions, and follow-up communications involving myself, Nicole Sauch (DOB: 2/23/1989), and my sister, Natalie Sauch.
I. Operational and Incident Records (Timeframe: June 25, 2019 – July 10, 2019): 1. All emergency dispatch logs, 911 audio logs, CAD reports, incident reports, arrest reports, booking sheets, and property logs containing my name or identifying information. 2. All body-worn audio recordings, wireless microphone audio, dash-camera audio/video, and internal transport vehicle surveillance recordings associated with my transit and detention. 3. All jail intake logs, housing logs, surveillance footage, medical unit logs, and medical administration/refusal records regarding my stay at the county detention facility. 4. All dispatch logs, CAD reports, officer notes, and incident reports regarding an in-person request for a welfare check on my grandmother made by Natalie Sauch at the Lake County Sheriff's Office.

II. Administrative and Follow-Up Communications (Timeframe: July 4, 2019 – Present / September 2026): 1. All internal email communications, text logs, or digital memos generated by the Sheriff's Office administration, secretarial staff, or investigative divisions containing the search terms "Nicole Sauch", "Sauch", or "Natalie Sauch". 2. All administrative telephonic call logs, message slip records, or citizen inquiry logs documenting telephone calls made by or on behalf of Nicole Sauch to the administrative or non-emergency lines of the Sheriff's Office. 3. Any logged complaints, internal administrative review files, or professional standards intake notes tracking citizen grievances or status inquiries filed by Nicole Sauch.

III. Request for Financial Hardship and Public Interest Fee Waiver (MCL 15.234): I am formally requesting a complete waiver of all search and duplication fees associated with this request. The records are requested to ensure open government accountability regarding citizen treatment, which primarily benefits the general public. Furthermore, I am a disabled individual experiencing severe financial hardship. If a full waiver is denied, please provide an itemized cost estimate prior to processing. Please deliver these records electronically via email or secure download link to avoid physical print fees.

Thank you, Nicole Sauch

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September 21, 2026

Nicole Sauch
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Re: A Deposit is Required to Provide Documents for your recent Lake County FOIA Request.

Recently you submitted a FOIA Request to the following public records:

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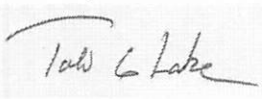
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I have included the estimate of the expected fee that will be incurred if this FOIA Request is processed in the amount of $466.98. Please remit ½ in the amount of $233.49 before this request is processed. Payment must be made no later than 11/09/2026 or FOIA will be considered abandoned. Please make a check payable to Lake County, 800 Tenth Street, Suite 100, Baldwin MI 49304. After the request has been fulfilled a final invoice will be calculated and any remaining balance due must be paid before the information will be supplied.

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In the event that you are not satisfied with this response, I want to advise you of your rights. You have the right to submit a written appeal to the Chair of the Lake County Board of Commissioners, Howard Lodholtz, that specifically states the word "appeal" and identifies the reason for your appeal.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.
Sincerely,



Tobi G. Lake
FOIA Coordinator

Lake County's FOIA Policy can be found on the county website at

https://lakecountymi.gov

LAKE COUNTY
FOIA REQUEST COST(S)/FEE(S) ITEMIZATION FORM

September 21, 2026

Nicole Sauch
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Bourbonnais, ILL 60914
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nicolesauch@gmail.com

PAGE COST(S):

	Number of Pages	Cost Per Page	Total Cost Of Pages
8 1/2" x 11"		$ 0.10	$ -
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Other Size		$ 0.10	$ -
Total Page Cost(s)			**$ -**

Thumb Drive And Postage

	Number	Cost Per Postage/ Thumb Drive	Total Cost of Postage and/or Thumb Drive(s)
Postage	1	$7.90	$ 7.90
Thumb Drive(s)	1	$3.50	$3.50
Total Postage and Thumb Drive Cost(s)			**$ 11.40**

LABOR FEES:

	Hourly Rate	Total Hours	Total Cost
Sheriff Searching, Reviewing, Redacting Records	$21.32	9.25	$ 197.21
Labor Multiplier 50% for Fringe Benefits	50%		$ 98.61
* Redacting/Reviewing Records	$35.26	1.00	$ 35.26
Labor Multiplier 50% for Fringe Benefits	50%		$ 17.63
911 Searching & Redacting	$24.80	0.75	$ 18.60
Labor Multiplier 50% for Fringe Benefits	50%		$ 9.30
IT Searching & Redacting - Emails	$39.08	1.00	$ 39.08
Labor Multiplier 50% for Fringe Benefits	50%		$ 19.54
Jail Searching & Redacting	$28.23	0.75	$ 21.17
Labor Multiplier 50% for Fringe Benefits	50%		$ 10.59
Total Labor Fees			$ 466.98

Total of All Fees	**$ 466.98**
Deposit	
Amount Due	**$ 466.98**

Please make check payable to Lake County.
Address: 800 10th St. Ste. 100, Baldwin, MI 49304

Due to the amount of FOIA's received and the limited budget for Lake County it is necessary to charge for FOIA's that require 15 minutes or more.

VII. FOIA Request Fees:

c. Labor Costs:
i. Cost for Searching, Locating and Examining Records:
1. Fees under this section should not be charged unless failure to charge a fee would result in unreasonably high costs to Lake County. If fees are charged under this section, Lake County must specifically identify the nature of the unreasonably high costs.
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Tobi Lake

From: Nicole Sauch <nicolesauch@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2026 10:42 AM
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Cc: Tobi Lake
Subject: STATUTORY FOIA APPEAL – DENIAL OF FINANCIAL HARDSHIP FEE WAIVER – NICOLE SAUCH

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Dear Chairperson Lodholtz and FOIA Coordinator Lake: This is a formal written administrative APPEAL pursuant to the Michigan Freedom of Information Act (MCL 15.240) regarding the fee estimate of $466.98 issued on September 21, 2026, for the records request filed by Nicole Sauch. I am appealing the county's explicit failure to grant the requested financial hardship and public interest fee waiver mandated under MCL 15.234. The requirement to remit a $233.49 deposit represents an unlawful, discriminatory barrier based on the following grounds: 1. Verification of Legal Disability and Indigency: I am a severely disabled individual diagnosed with a series of overlapping chronic neurological and connective-tissue disorders, including POTS, ME/CFS, and Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome (EDS). These conditions have left me completely unable to maintain traditional employment, leaving me in a state of severe financial indigency. Under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), my clinical diagnoses legally qualify as substantial physical impairments. Weaponizing a $466.98 fee against an indigent, disabled citizen seeking records of her own detention violates the core spirit of the ADA and MCL 15.234. 2. Open Public Interest Mandate: MCL 15.234 requires a fee reduction or waiver if the request primarily benefits the general public. My request targets operational logs, audio, video, and administrative communications regarding allegations of retaliatory suspect treatment, deliberate medical indifference, and positional jail torture. Exposing whether public safety personnel adhered to constitutional policing standards and proper medical care protocols is a matter of profound public interest and governmental accountability. Relief Requested: I request that the Board of Commissioners completely waive or drastically reduce the processing fee to a nominal amount, and deliver these public documents electronically via email or secure download link as originally requested. If this waiver is denied on appeal, I demand a fully itemized, minute-by-minute accounting of the labor rates used to calculate this fee so that it may be preserved for judicial review in federal court.

Thank you, Nicole Sauch
nicolesauch@gmail.com
(815) 954-6563 1220 George Lane, Bourbonnais, IL 60914

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Request for consideration – Board of Commissioners – County of Lake

LAKE COUNTY
MICHIGAN

Agenda Item No: 10b

Motion: 10b

ORIGINATOR: **Tobi Lake, Administrator**	__BUDGETED __ NON-BUDGETED __ PARTIALLY BUDGETED	
REQUESTING DEPARTMENT: **Administration**	REQUEST DATE:	REQUESTER SIGNATURE:

SUMMARY OF REQUEST

- Timothy Turner made a FOIA request to the County on October 21, 2026 requesting 1. Agreement approved in 2020 for hold and transport of ICE detainees and renewals of such, 2. Invoices sent to and payments received from ICE or the GEO Group from 1/1/2024 forward, 3. Jail reports or logs showing the number held for ICE from 1/1/2024 forward, 4. Correspondence between the County (Administrator, Board of Commissioners, Sheriff, or Emergency Management) and ICE or the GEO Group in regards to North Lake Correctional Facility.
- Lake County responded on October 23, 2026, requesting a deposit of $119.67 to begin research and redaction and stating that some of the requested records were found, but would not be supplied based on language in the contract that requires requests of this nature to be submitted to ICE.
- Timothy Turner submitted a FOIA Appeal to the Lake County Board of Commissioners on October 25, 2026 requesting the documents and the reduction of the fee. In is appeal, Timothy Turner states that there is no state law that allows for the items to be withheld.

SUGGESTED MOTION (STATE EXACTLY AS IT SHOULD APPEAR IN THE MINUTES):

- Motion to _____ regarding the FOIA submitted by Timothy Turner on October 21, 2026, for public record regarding ICE and the GEO Group, subsequently appealed to the Board of Commissioners on October 25, 2026.

- Motion to **"Reverse the disclosure denial and waive the fee"**

- Motion to **"Issue a written notice and certification upholding the denial and fee from the Lake County Board of Commissioners Chair stating that the determination is accurate and the fee amount complies with the Lake County publicly available FOIA policies and procedure, as well as contractual obligations"**

- Motion to **"Reverse the denial and fee in part and uphold the denial and fee in part; and issue a written notice and certification from the Lake County Board of Commissioners Chair, stating that, the determination and fee amount are accurate and comply with the Lake County publicly available FOIA policies and procedures"**

ADMINISTRATOR RECOMMENDATIONS:	ATTORNEY ANALYSIS:

AGENDA DATE:	FINANCE MEETINGS APPROVAL:	COMMISSION DATE
11/10/2026	____YES ____NO ____OTHER	**11/10/2026**

Talea TenHave

From: wordpress@shumakergroup.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2026 5:52 PM
To: wordpress@shumakergroup.com; Tobi Lake; Janet Taylor; Angela Aldridge; Brennan Lowry; Talea TenHave; contact@shelterwoodcommons.org
Subject: New submission from FOIA REQUEST FORM

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Name of Requestee

Timothy Turner

Phone #

(517) 759-2510

Email

contact@shelterwoodcommons.org

Address

PO Box 59
Brooklyn, Michigan 49230
United States
Map It

Type of Record Requests: Complete the record(s) being requested - Please choose from the following options

Public Record

Date of Record

01/01/2024

Location/Department of Record

Lake County Administrator and Lake County Sheriff's Office, 800 Tenth Street, Suite 100
Baldwin, Michigan 49304

United States
Map It

Description

Under the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, MCL 15.231 et seq., I request copies of the following records of Lake County, Michigan and the Lake County Sheriff's Office: 1. The agreement approved in 2020 under which the Lake County Jail holds and transports people detained by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), reported at up to 72 hours and $86 per night, and every renewal, amendment or replacement agreement with ICE or The GEO Group in effect at any time from January 1, 2024 to the date of the search. 2. Invoices sent to, and records of payments received from, ICE or The GEO Group under any such agreement, from January 1, 2024 to the date of the search. 3. Existing jail reports or logs showing, by month from January 1, 2024 to the date of the search, the number of people held at the jail for ICE. Counts only; I am not seeking any individual's records. 4. Correspondence between the County (Administrator, Board of Commissioners, Sheriff or Emergency Management) and The GEO Group or ICE about the North Lake facility in Baldwin, from January 1, 2025 to the date of the search, about emergency services, permits, utilities, taxes or payments. I am asking only for records that already exist. Where an item asks for records sufficient to show a fact, or for counts by month, any existing record that shows it for the period, whatever its format or interval, will do; I am not asking you to create a new record or compile a summary. If another office or public body holds any item, please forward that part to its FOIA coordinator or tell me which office holds it. Fees: I agree to pay up to $25. If you expect fees to exceed $25, please send me the detailed itemized fee estimate described in MCL 15.234 and wait for my written approval before doing work that would exceed that amount. Format: please provide records electronically (PDF, or native format for spreadsheets and logs) by email. I do not need paper copies. If you withhold any part of a record, please identify the exemption relied on for each withholding and separate the exempt and nonexempt material, as MCL 15.235(5) and 15.244 require. Personal identifiers of private individuals (names, plate numbers, addresses) may be redacted; I am not seeking them. I understand that a request sent by electronic transmission, including a web form, is not received until 1 business day after it is sent (MCL 15.235(1)), and that you have 5 business days to respond, with one possible extension of up to 10 business days (MCL 15.235(2)).

Preffered Method of Delivery

By Email

LAKE COUNTY
MICHIGAN

October 23, 2026

Timothy Turner
PO Box 59
Brooklyn, MI 49230
contact@shelterwoodcommons.org

Re: Your Recent FOIA Request to Lake County - 2026-560

Please be advised that we granted your request in part for the following:

Granted in part with and without redaction:
4. Correspondence between the County (Administrator, Board of Commissioners, Sheriff or Emergency Management) and The GEO Group or ICE about the North Lake facility in Baldwin, from January 1, 2025 to the date of the search, about emergency services, permits, utilities, taxes or payments.

Denied part:
1. The agreement approved in 2020 under which the Lake County Jail holds and transports people detained by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), reported at up to 72 hours and $86 per night, and every renewal, amendment or replacement agreement with ICE or The GEO Group in effect at any time from January 1, 2024 to the date of the search.
2. Invoices sent to, and records of payments received from, ICE or The GEO Group under any such agreement, from January 1, 2024 to the date of the search.

We have located documents responsive to your FOIA request. However, the contract with ICE does not authorize us to disclose these documents without approval from ICE. We have advised ICE of your FOIA request and asked for ICE's approval for us to release these documents to you. Rather than approving the release of the documents, ICE has stated that you should submit your FOIA request directly to ICE. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Denied part, document does not exist:
3. Existing jail reports or logs showing, by month from January 1, 2024 to the date of the search, the number of people held at the jail for ICE. Counts only; I am not seeking any individual's records.

I have included the estimate of the expected fee that will be incurred if this FOIA Request is processed in the amount of $239.34. Please remit ½ in the amount of $119.67 before this request is processed. Payment must be made no later than 12/16/2026 or FOIA will be considered abandoned. Please make a check payable to Lake County, 800 Tenth Street, Suite 100, Baldwin MI 49304. After the request has

LAKE COUNTY
MICHIGAN

been fulfilled a final invoice will be calculated and any remaining balance due must be paid before the information will be supplied.

In the event you are not satisfied with this response, I want to advise you of your rights. You have the right to submit a written appeal to the Chair of the Board of Commissioners, Howard Lodholtz that specifically states the word "appeal" and identifies the reason for your appeal.

Regards,

Tobi G. Lake
FOIA Coordinator

Lake County's FOIA Policy can be found on the county website at

www.lakecounty-michigan.com

LAKE COUNTY
FOIA REQUEST COST(S)/FEE(S) ITEMIZATION FORM

October 23, 2026

Timothy Turner
PO Box 59
Brooklyn, MI 49230
contact@shelterwoodcommons.org

PAGE COST(S):

	Number of Pages	Cost Per Page	Total Cost Of Pages
8 1/2" x 11"		$ 0.10	$ -
8 1/2" x 14"		$ 0.10	$ -
Other Size		$ 0.10	$ -
Total Page Cost(s)			$ -

Thumb Drive And Postage

	Number	Cost Per Postage/ Thumb Drive	Total Cost of Postage and/or Thumb Drive(s)
Postage		$0.00	$ -
Thumb Drive(s)		$3.50	$0.00
Total Postage and Thumb Drive Cost(s)			$ -

LABOR FEES:

	Hourly Rate	Total Hours	Total Cost
Sheriff Searching, Reviewing, Redacting Records	$0.00	0.00	$ -
Labor Multiplier 50% for Fringe Benefits	50%		$ -
Redacting/Reviewing Records	$0.00	0.00	$ -
Labor Multiplier 50% for Fringe Benefits	50%		$ -
IT Searching & Redacting - Emails	$39.08	1.00	$ 39.08
Labor Multiplier 50% for Fringe Benefits	50%		$ 19.54
Administration Redacting/Reviewing Records	$60.24	2.00	$ 120.48
Labor Multiplier 50% for Fringe Benefits	50%		$ 60.24
Total Labor Fees			$ 239.34

Total of All Fees	**$ 239.34**
Deposit	
Amount Due	**$ 239.34**

Please make check payable to Lake County.
Address: 800 10th St. Ste. 100, Baldwin, MI 49304

Due to the amount of FOIA's received and the limited budget for Lake County it is necessary to charge for FOIA's that require 15 minutes or more.

VII. FOIA Request Fees:

c. Labor Costs:

i. Cost for Searching, Locating and Examining Records:

1. Fees under this section should not be charged unless failure to charge a fee would result in unreasonably high costs to Lake County. If fees are charged under this section, Lake County must specifically identify the nature of the unreasonably high costs.

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https://lakecountymi.gov

Brennan Lowry

From: Shelterwood Commons <contact@shelterwoodcommons.org>
Sent: Sunday, October 25, 2026 10:43 AM
To: Tobi Lake; Talea TenHave
Cc: Brennan Lowry
Subject: Appeal, FOIA Request 2026-560 (Turner)

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Lake County Board of Commissioners
Attention: Howard Lodholtz, Chair
800 Tenth Street, Suite 100
Baldwin, MI 49304

October 26, 2026

Re: FOIA Request 2026-560, response dated October 23, 2026

Dear Chair Lodholtz and Members of the Board,

Thank you, and thank you to Tobi Lake and Talea TenHave, for answering my request so quickly. The County's letter says I may appeal to the Chair in writing. I am making two appeals, below. Ms. Lake, would you please pass this letter to the Chair and the Board?

APPEAL 1: Items 1 and 2 (the ICE agreement and the invoices)

I appeal the denial of items 1 and 2. Those items are:

1. The agreement approved in 2020 under which the Lake County Jail holds and transports people detained by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), reported at up to 72 hours and $86 per night, and every renewal, amendment or replacement agreement with ICE or The GEO Group in effect at any time from January 1, 2024 to the date of the search.
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The County's letter says it found these records. It withheld them because the County's contract with ICE requires ICE's approval, and ICE said I should ask ICE instead. The letter does not point to any law that allows the County to withhold them. Michigan's FOIA asks a public body to name the legal basis when it denies a request (MCL 15.235(5)(a)).

Why I am asking the Board to release them:

1. Item 1 is the County's own agreement. It does not contain information about any detained person.
2. Item 2 is the County's own billing and payment records. If the invoices list any detained person's name or other personal details, please black those out. I am not asking for them.

3. If the County believes a specific law allows it to withhold these records, please tell me which one, so I can answer it.

I have also asked ICE for its copy of these records. I am still asking the County for the copies the County found.

APPEAL 2: The fee for item 4

I also appeal the fee for item 4 and ask that it be reduced (MCL 15.240a).

The estimate charges $239.34 for staff time to search, review and redact emails. The reason it gives is the number of FOIA requests the County receives and its limited budget. The County's own FOIA policy, printed on the same invoice, says that when the County charges for this kind of staff time, it "must specifically identify the nature of the unreasonably high costs." Michigan law says the same (MCL 15.234(3)). The invoice describes the County's general workload, not a cost caused by this request.

So that item 4 is not held up, I am mailing a check for the $119.67 deposit today. I ask the Board to either explain what makes this request unusually costly or lower the fee. If the fee is lowered, please apply the difference to the final bill or refund it.

If the County does not take fee appeals, please let me know in writing.

A few questions. I would also appreciate answers to these, from the Board or from the FOIA Coordinator:

1. When is the Board's next regular meeting?
2. About how long will it take to send the item 4 records?
3. Will the search for item 4 include the Sheriff's emails? The estimate shows no time for the Sheriff's office.

Please reply to contact@shelterwoodcommons.org or to the mailing address below.

Thank you for your time.

Timothy J. Turner
PO Box 59
Brooklyn, MI 49230
517-759-2510
contact@shelterwoodcommons.org

On Friday, October 23rd, 2026 at 4:09 PM, Talea TenHave <ttenhave@co.lake.mi.us> wrote:

> Good afternoon,
>
> Attached please find Lake County's response to your recent FOIA request along with copy of deposit invoice. Please review letter for detail of the granted/denied portions or your request.
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> Thank you,

Talea TenHave

Accounts Payable / FOIA Clerk

Lake County Administration Office

800 Tenth St., Suite 100

Baldwin, MI 49304

ttenhave@co.lake.mi.us

Ph# 231-745-6231

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Request for consideration – Board of Commissioners – County of Lake

LAKE COUNTY
MICHIGAN

Agenda Item No: 10c

Motion: 10c

ORIGINATOR: **Tobi Lake, Administrator**	__BUDGETED __ NON-BUDGETED __ PARTIALLY BUDGETED	
REQUESTING DEPARTMENT: **Administration**	REQUEST DATE:	REQUESTER SIGNATURE:

SUMMARY OF REQUEST

- Brian Mills made a FOIA request to the County on August 26, 2026 requesting 1. Any agreement, memorandum of understanding, host-community agreement, or payment arrangement between Lake County and The GEO Group, Inc. or an affiliate, or between Lake County and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, concerning that facility, in effect at any time from January 1, 2024 to the date this request is processed, 2. All correspondence between Lake County officials or staff and The GEO Group, Inc. or an affiliate, or between Lake County and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, concerning that facility, in effect at any time from January 1, 2024 to the date this request is processed, 3. All building permits, occupancy certificates, zoning determinations, special-use determinations, and site-plan approvals issued for that facility from January 1, 2024 to the date this request is processed., 4. All fire inspection reports, correction notices, and life-safety clearances for that facility from January 1, 2024 to the date this request is processed, 5. Aggregate counts, by month, of emergency medical service calls and law-enforcement calls for service dispatched to that facility's address from June 1, 2025 to the date this request is processed, 6. Minutes, agendas, and written public comment from any County Board of Commissioners or County committee meeting at which that facility was discussed, from January 1, 2024 to the date this request is processed.
- Brian Mills was sent an invoice on August 31, 2026, requesting a deposit of $345.57 to begin research and redaction, and informing that minutes and agendas could be found on the county website.
- Brian Mills narrowed the request on October 21, 2026 to items 1,3,4,5.
- Brian Mills was notified on October 23, 2026 of the contract between ICE and Lake County being denied due to inability to release the documents without ICE approval.
- Brian Mills submitted an appeal for this denial on November 5, 2026.

SUGGESTED MOTION (STATE EXACTLY AS IT SHOULD APPEAR IN THE MINUTES):

- Motion to _____ regarding the FOIA submitted by Brian Mills on August 26, 2026, a copy of the following public records maintained by Lake County regarding ICE or the GEO Group.

- Motion to **"Reverse the disclosure denial"**

- Motion to **"Issue a written notice upholding the denial from the Lake County Board of Commissioners Chair stating that the determination is accurate and complies with the Lake County publicly available FOIA policies and contractual obligations"**

- Motion to **"Reverse the denial in part and uphold the denial in part; and a certification from the Lake County Board of Commissioners Chair, stating that, the determination is accurate and complies with the Lake County publicly available FOIA policies and procedures"**

ADMINISTRATOR RECOMMENDATIONS:	ATTORNEY ANALYSIS:

AGENDA DATE:	FINANCE MEETINGS APPROVAL:	COMMISSION DATE
11/10/2026	____YES ____NO ____OTHER	**11/10/2026**

Talea TenHave

From: Tobi Lake
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2026 3:51 PM
To: Talea TenHave; Brennan Lowry; Brian Virden; Michael Flees
Subject: FW: Michigan FOIA request — North Lake Processing Center local authorization and inspection record

Tobi G Lake
Lake County Administrator
800 10th Street Suite 100
Baldwin, MI 49304
(231) 745-6231

-----Original Message-----
From: Brian Mills <brianmills2718@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2026 1:43 PM
To: Tobi Lake <tlake@CO.LAKE.MI.US>
Subject: Michigan FOIA request — North Lake Processing Center local authorization and inspection record

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Tobi G. Lake, FOIA Coordinator
Lake County, Michigan
800 Tenth St, Suite 100
Baldwin, MI 49304

This is a request under the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, MCL 15.231 et seq., for the records described below. It concerns the North Lake Correctional Facility near Baldwin, operated by The GEO Group, Inc., which reopened in 2025 as an immigration processing center.

RECORDS REQUESTED

1. Any agreement, memorandum of understanding, host-community agreement, services agreement, or payment arrangement between Lake County and The GEO Group, Inc. or an affiliate, or between Lake County and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, concerning that facility, in effect at any time from January 1, 2024 to the date this request is processed.

2. All correspondence between Lake County officials or staff and The GEO Group, Inc. or an affiliate, or U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, concerning the reopening or operation of that facility, from January 1, 2024 to the date this request is processed.

3. All building permits, occupancy certificates, zoning determinations, special-use determinations, and site-plan approvals issued for that facility from January 1, 2024 to the date this request is processed. If none were issued by the County, a written statement to that effect, identifying the jurisdiction that would hold them, is responsive.

4. All fire inspection reports, correction notices, and life-safety clearances for that facility from January 1, 2024 to the date this request is processed.

5. Aggregate counts, by month, of emergency medical service calls and law-enforcement calls for service dispatched to that facility's address from June 1, 2025 to the date this request is processed. I am requesting counts only. I am not requesting patient records, incident narratives, names, or any individually identifying information, and this request should not be read to seek any record exempt under MCL 15.243(1)(a) or protected by HIPAA.

6. Minutes, agendas, and written public comment from any County Board of Commissioners or County committee meeting at which that facility was discussed, from January 1, 2024 to the date this request is processed.

FORMAT AND DELIVERY

Electronic copies delivered to this email address are preferred, as MCL 15.234(1) permits. If a responsive record exists in a database or spreadsheet, please provide it in its native electronic format.

FEES

I request a full waiver of fees under MCL 15.234(1), as disclosure of these records is in the public interest and will contribute to public understanding of the operation of a federally contracted detention facility in Lake County. I am not seeking these records for commercial use. If a waiver is not granted, my fee ceiling for this request is $0.00. Please do not incur any charge on my behalf. If you determine that fees would exceed that ceiling, please provide the itemized estimate MCL 15.234(4) requires before processing, and I will narrow or withdraw the request.

REDACTIONS AND PARTIAL RELEASE

If you withhold any record or portion of a record, please release the remainder and provide the written explanation and specific exemption MCL 15.235(5)(b) requires for each withholding.

If any part of this request is unclear, or if narrowing it would speed a response, please contact me and I will work with you.

Thank you for your time.

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LAKE COUNTY
MICHIGAN

August 31, 2026

Brian Mills
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Re: A Deposit is Required to Provide Documents for your recent Lake County FOIA Request.

Please be advised that we granted your request for the following:

Public Record – 1. Any agreement, memorandum of understanding, host-community agreement, services agreement, or payment arrangement between Lake County and The GEO Group, Inc. or an affiliate, or between Lake County and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, concerning that facility, in effect at any time from January 1, 2024 to the date this request is processed.2. All correspondence between Lake County officials or staff and The GEO Group, Inc. or an affiliate, or U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, concerning the reopening or operation of that facility, from January 1, 2024 to the date this request is processed. 3. All building permits, occupancy certificates, zoning determinations, special-use determinations, and site-plan approvals issued for that facility from January 1, 2024 to the date this request is processed. If none were issued by the County, a written statement to that effect, identifying the jurisdiction that would hold them, is responsive. 4. All fire inspection reports, correction notices, and life-safety clearances for that facility from January 1, 2024 to the date this request is processed. 5. Aggregate counts, by month, of emergency medical service calls and law-enforcement calls for service dispatched to that facility's address from June 1, 2025 to the date this request is processed. I am requesting counts only. I am not requesting patient records, incident narratives, names, or any individually identifying information, and this request should not be read to seek any record exempt under MCL 15.243(1)(a) or protected by HIPAA.

The following requested information is available on line:

6. Minutes, agendas, and written public comment from any County Board of Commissioners or County committee meeting at which that facility was discussed, from January 1, 2024 to the date this request is processed.

I have included the estimate of the expected fee that will be incurred if this FOIA Request is processed in the amount of $691.14. Please remit 1/2 in the amount of $345.57 before this request is processed. Payment must be made no later than 10/21/2026 or FOIA will be considered abandoned. Please make a check payable to Lake County, 800 Tenth Street, Suite 100, Baldwin MI 49304.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Tobi G. Lake
FOIA Coordinator

Lake County's FOIA Policy can be found on the county website at

www.lakecounty-michigan.com

LAKE COUNTY
FOIA REQUEST COST(S)/FEE(S) ITEMIZATION FORM

August 31, 2026

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PAGE COST(S):

	Number of Pages	Cost Per Page	Total Cost Of Pages
8 1/2" x 11"		$ 0.10	$ -
8 1/2" x 14"		$ 0.10	$ -
Other Size		$ 0.10	$ -
Total Page Cost(s)			$ -

Thumb Drive And Postage

	Number	Cost Per Postage/ Thumb Drive	Total Cost of Postage and/or Thumb Drive(s)
Postage		$0.00	$ -
Thumb Drive(s)		$3.50	$0.00
Total Postage and Thumb Drive Cost(s)			$ -

LABOR FEES:

	Hourly Rate	Total Hours	Total Cost
Sheriff Searching, Reviewing, Redacting Records	$0.00	0.00	$ -
Labor Multiplier 50% for Fringe Benefits	50%		$ -
Redacting/Reviewing Records	$0.00	0.00	$ -
Labor Multiplier 50% for Fringe Benefits	50%		$ -
IT Searching & Redacting - Emails	$39.08	1.00	$ 39.08
Labor Multiplier 50% for Fringe Benefits	50%		$ 19.54
Administration Redacting/Reviewing Records	$60.24	7.00	$ 421.68
Labor Multiplier 50% for Fringe Benefits	50%		$ 210.84
Total Labor Fees			$ 691.14

Total of All Fees	**$ 691.14**
Deposit	
Amount Due	**$ 691.14**

Please make check payable to Lake County.
Address: 800 10th St. Ste. 100, Baldwin, MI 49304

Due to the amount of FOIA's received and the limited budget for Lake County it is necessary to charge for FOIA's that require 15 minutes or more.

VII. FOIA Request Fees:

c. Labor Costs:
i. Cost for Searching, Locating and Examining Records:
1. Fees under this section should not be charged unless failure to charge a fee would result in unreasonably high costs to Lake County. If fees are charged under this section, Lake County must specifically identify the nature of the unreasonably high costs.
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https://lakecountymi.gov

Talea TenHave

From: Brian Mills <brianmills2718@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2026 4:07 PM
To: Talea TenHave
Cc: Brennan Lowry; Tobi Lake
Subject: Re: FOIA Request 2026-447 Mills

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Warning: Unusual sender <brianmills2718@gmail.com>

You don't usually receive emails from this address.
Make sure you trust this sender before taking any actions.

Hello Tobi Lake,

Thank you for granting FOIA request 2026-447. My request asked for a full fee waiver in the public interest and set a fee ceiling of $0; the deposit letter does not address the waiver. Please rule on it. Your fee form also notes that labor fees should not be charged unless failure to charge would result in unreasonably high costs, which the county must specifically identify; the estimate does not identify them.

To keep costs down, I narrow the request to items 1, 3, 4 and 5 and withdraw item 2 (correspondence); item 6 I will get from the county website. Please keep the request open, and send the narrowed records, or a revised itemized estimate, at no charge.

Best,
Brian Mills

LAKE COUNTY
MICHIGAN

October 23, 2026

Brian Mills
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Re: Your Recent FOIA Request to Lake County - 2026-447

Please be advised that we granted your request in part with no charge for the following:

Granted in part:
3. All building permits, occupancy certificates, zoning determinations, special-use determinations, and site-plan approvals issued for that facility from January 1, 2024 to the date this request is processed. If none were issued by the County, a written statement to that effect, identifying the jurisdiction that would hold them, is responsive.

Granted in part:
5. Aggregate counts, by month, of emergency medical service calls and law-enforcement calls for service dispatched to that facility's address from June 1, 2025 to the date this request is processed. I am requesting counts only. I am not requesting patient records, incident narratives, names, or any individually identifying information, and this request should not be read to seek any record exempt under MCL 15.243(1)(a) or protected by HIPAA.

Denied part:
1. Any agreement, memorandum of understanding, host-community agreement, services agreement, or payment arrangement between Lake County and The GEO Group, Inc. or an affiliate, or between Lake County and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, concerning that facility, in effect at any time from January 1, 2024 to the date this request is processed.

We have located documents responsive to your FOIA request. However, the contract with ICE does not authorize us to disclose these documents without approval from ICE. We have advised ICE of your FOIA request and asked for ICE's approval for us to release these documents to you. Rather than approving the release of the documents, ICE has stated that you should submit your FOIA request directly to ICE. We apologize for any inconvenience.

2. All correspondence between Lake County officials or staff and The GEO Group, Inc. or an affiliate, or U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, concerning the reopening or operation of that facility, from January 1, 2024 to the date this request is processed.

LAKE COUNTY
MICHIGAN

Requested to exclude on 10/21/2026.

Denied in part due to no records exist:

4. All fire inspection reports, correction notices, and life-safety clearances for that facility from January 1, 2024 to the date this request is processed.

Lake County does not possess FIRE and EMS reports, these reports would have to be requested directly from the Fire department and EMS.

In the event you are not satisfied with this response, I want to advise you of your rights. You have the right to submit a written appeal to the Chair of the Board of Commissioners, Howard Lodholtz that specifically states the word "appeal" and identifies the reason for your appeal.

Regards,

Tobi G. Lake
FOIA Coordinator

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Talea TenHave

From: Brian Mills <brianmills2718@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 5, 2026 1:50 PM
To: district2hl
Cc: Talea TenHave
Subject: FOIA appeal - request 2026-447 Mills

External sender <brianmills2718@gmail.com>

Make sure you trust this sender before taking any actions.

Dear Chair Lodholtz,

This is an appeal under the Michigan Freedom of Information Act of the denial of part 1 of request 2026-447, which asked for any agreement between Lake County and The GEO Group or U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement concerning the North Lake facility. The county's letter of October 23, 2026 says it located responsive records but withheld them because its contract with ICE does not authorize disclosure without ICE's approval. A contract term is not an exemption under the Act. Please release the agreement, or identify the exemption in the Act that applies to each part withheld and release the rest. I ask for the records at no charge.

Thank you,
Brian Mills

XI. Failure to Timely Respond to a Request:

a. If a request is not timely answered and:

   i. the failure to answer is willful and intentional, or

   ii. the request conveys in the first 250 words that it is a FOIA request (using the words, characters, or abbreviation "freedom of information," "information," "FOIA," "copy" or other appropriate reference). The reference could be on the front of an envelope, email subject line, letter, facsimile cover, etc.

Then:

b. Labor costs must be reduced by 5% for each day the response exceeds the time limit for answering, up to 50%. Charge reductions must be fully noted on the fee itemization form.

c. A failure to respond to a request will be deemed a denial of the request if either of the above criteria are responsible for the failure to respond.

XII. Process for Appealing the Denial of a Request:

a. Appeals to the Lake County Board of Commissioners:

   i. If a person seeks appeal for the denial of a request for Public Records from the public entity:

      1. All appeals must specifically state the word "appeal"; and

      2. Identify the reason why the denial should be reversed; and

      3. Appeals must be sent to the Chairperson of the Lake County Board of Commissioners.

   ii. Within ten (10) days after receiving a written appeal, the Lake County Board of Commissioners must:

      1. Reverse the disclosure denial;

      2. Issue a written notice upholding the denial; or

      3. Reverse the denial in part and uphold the denial in part.

   iii. Under "unusual circumstances," Lake County may issue a notice extending the period for a response to the appeal by not more than ten (10) business days. Only one (1) extension may be issued.

      1. "Unusual circumstances" means:

         A. There is a need to search for, collect, or appropriately examine or review a voluminous amount of separate and distinct Public Records pursuant to a single request; or

B. The need to collect the requested Public Records from numerous filed offices, facilities, or other establishments which are located apart from the particular office receiving and processing the request.

iv. Date of receipt: The Chairperson of the Lake County Board of Commissioners is not deemed to receive an appeal until the first regularly scheduled meeting of Lake County Board of Commissioners following submission of the appeal.

v. If the Lake County Board of Commissioners fails to respond to the appeal or denies the appeal, the Requestor may seek judicial review.

b. Judicial Appeals:

i. Civil actions can be commenced in the Lake County Circuit Court to compel Lake County's disclosure of the public records.

ii. Appeals must be filed within one hundred eighty (180) days after the date of the denial.

iii. If the requesting party prevails, the court must award reasonable attorneys' fees, costs and disbursements. If Lake County prevails, the court may, in its discretion, award all or part of its reasonable attorneys' fees, costs and disbursements.

XIII. Process for Appealing Fees:

a. If a Requestor believes he/she has been charged a fee that is larger than that allowed by FOIA, he/she must first seek an appeal from the Lake County Board of Commissioners.

b. Appeals to the Lake County Board of Commissioners:

i. Appeals must:

1. Be in writing;

2. State the word "appeal";

3. Identify how the required fee exceeds the amount permitted by FOIA;

4. Be addressed to the Chairperson of the Lake County Board of Commissioners.

ii. Within ten (10) business days after receiving a written appeal, the Lake County Board of Commissioners must:

1. Waive the fee;

2. Reduce the fee and issue a written determination explaining the reduction. Reductions in fees must be based on the requirements of FOIA. The determination must also include a certification from the County Board of Commissioners that states that the determination is accurate and the fee amount complies with Lake County publicly available FOIA policies and procedure;

3. Uphold the fee and issue a written determination explaining the specific basis under FOIA supporting the fee The determination must also include a certification from the Lake County Board of Commissioners that states that the determination is accurate and the fee amount complies with Lake County publicly available FOIA policies and procedure.

iii. Date of receipt: The Chairperson of the Lake County Board of Commissioners is not deemed to receive an appeal until the first regularly scheduled meeting of the Lake County Board of Commissioners following submission of the appeal.

c. Judicial Appeals:

i. A Requestor may only seek judicial review of a FOIA fee he/she believes to be in excess of that allowed by FOIA if:

1. The Lake County Board of Commissioners fails to respond to his/her written appeal; or

2. He/she disagrees with the determination of the Lake County Board of Commissioners.

ii. Actions must be commenced within forty-five (45) days of receiving the fee notice, or after the denial of an appeal by the Lake County Board of Commissioners.

iii. Civil actions can be commenced in the circuit court for the county where the Public Record or office of Lake County is located.

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