

LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
 800 10th Street Suite 200
 Baldwin, MI 49656

Minutes
 Wednesday November 22, 2023

Prayer: Prayer with Commissioner Raymond

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman called the meeting to order at: 10:18

Present: Balulis, Sanders, Raymond, Fuller, Arquette, Welford and Lodholtz

Absent:

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

Commissioner Fuller moved that the Minutes dated September 13, 2023 be approved with corrections;
 with a second from Commissioner Balulis. *All in favor-motion carried.*

Public Comment:

None

Presentations:

Patrick Johnson – County Surveyor

Motions:

101 GENERAL FUND	\$43,795.61
207 SHERIFF ROAD PATROL FUND	\$1,525.08
208 PARKS AND RECREATION	\$247.57
211 JAIL TRV PROJECT	\$62.57
215 FRIEND OF THE COURT	\$328.62
216 COUNCIL ON AGING	\$63,776.00
220 HOLLISTER SENIOR CENTER	\$425.08
249 BUILDING INSPECTION DEPT	\$4,035.91
251 EMERGENCY 911 PROGRAM	\$40,609.00
260 INDIGENT DEFENSE FUND	\$17,146.50
261 E-911 SERVICE FUND-WIRELESS	\$14,659.80
292 CHILD CARE-PROBATE	\$20,328.95
293 SOLDIER’S RELIEF FUND	\$157.20
569 DHS BUILDING	\$576.98
636 INFORMATION SERVICES	\$8,469.40
TOTAL FOR ALL FUNDS	\$ 216,144.27

Commissioner Raymond made a motion to approve of the semi-monthly detail analysis dated November 22, 2023 totaling \$216,144.27; with a second from Commissioner Arquette. Roll call vote: Welford-yes, Balulis-yes, Fuller-yes, Arquette-yes, Raymond-yes, Sanders-yes and Lotholtz-yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Raymond made a motion to approve the 2024 Survey and Remonumentation Grant Application and subsequent Agreement with the State of Michigan, Office of Land Survey, in the amount of \$39,200 and authorize the County Administrator, as Grant Administrator, to sign any and all necessary documents; with a second from Commissioner Welford. Roll call vote: Balulis-yes, Fuller-yes, Arquette-yes, Raymond-yes, Sanders-yes, Welford-yes, and Lodholtz-yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Raymond made a motion to authorize the County Administrator, to make an additional payment to the County's MERS Defined Benefit Retirement Plan (666-271.05-718.001) in the amount of \$500,000, money to come from the fund balances of the 666 & 667 funds, and to authorize any transfers and budget amendments accordingly; with a second from Commissioner Arquette. Roll call vote: Fuller-yes, Arquette-yes, Raymond-yes, Sanders-yes, Welford-yes, Balulis-yes, and Lodholtz-yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Raymond made a motion to approve that Pearl Latimer to be hired in at the 1-year rate, effective 11/08/2023; with a second from Commissioner Welford. Roll call vote: Arquette-yes, Raymond-yes, Sanders-yes, Welford-yes, Balulis-yes, Fuller-yes, and Lodholtz-yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fuller made a motion to appoint Don Divis as the part-time, interim Emergency Management Director, at a salary for 2024 of \$35,000, effective 12/8/2023; with a second from Commissioner Balulis. Roll call vote: Raymond-yes, Sanders-yes, Welford-yes, Balulis-yes, Fuller-yes, and Arquette-yes, Lodholtz-yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fuller made a motion to approve of the revised Fee Schedule for the Department of Equalization, effective December 01, 2023; with a second from Commissioner Welford. Roll call vote: Sanders-yes, Welford-yes, Balulis-yes, Fuller-yes, and Arquette-yes, Raymond-yes, Lodholtz-yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fuller made a motion to increase the amount paid to Medical Examiner Investigators for Cases 6+, Natural Deaths from \$145 to \$155, effective January 1, 2024; with a second from Commissioner Welford. Roll call vote: Welford-yes, Balulis-yes, Fuller-yes, and Arquette-yes, Raymond-yes, Sanders-yes, Lodholtz-yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fuller made a motion to authorize the placement of a memorial stone for the Zedebski family to be placed at the ORV Park at a place to be specifically determined by the County administrator but in the general area North of the James Street entrance. The memorial is to be maintained by the family and no other items are allowed to be placed there with the exception of a small mini fence; with a second from Commissioner Arquette. All in favor-motion carried.

Commissioner Sanders made a motion to approve of the Board Chair's reappointment of Howard Lodholtz to the Lake County Parks Committee, Term Ending 01/01/2025; with a second from Commissioner Welford. All in favor-motion carried.

Commissioner Sanders made a motion to approve of the Board Chair's reappointment of Kenneth Ross to the Lake County Parks Committee, Term Ending 01/01/2027; With a second from Commissioner Balulis. All in favor-motion carried.

Commissioner Sanders made a motion to approve of the Board Chair's reappointment of Kristine Raymond to the Lake County Planning Commission, Term Ending 12/31/2024; with a second from Commissioner Welford. All in favor-motion carried.

Commissioner Sanders made a motion to approve of the Board Chair's reappointment of Ellie Koon to the Lake County Library Board, Term Ending 12/31/2028; with a second from Commissioner Fuller. All in favor-motion carried.

Correspondence:

None

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

None

Administrators Report (includes but is not limited to):

- MIDC
- Hazard Mitigation
- Courts legal understanding in place for child support duties under the FOC
- Budget
- ORV Park update
- Wolf Lake Project has no bids
- Collective Bargaining mediation set for December 1.
- Next Commissioners meeting will include a Closed Session on December 13th.
- Dispatch Center update
- Christmas lunch reminder

Public Comment:

None

Undersheriff Report:

End of the Year Report and Citation Points coming soon.

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Raymond: District Health, Planning and Council on Aging Report

Commissioner Balulis: 911/LEPC Report

Commissioner Welford: West Michigan Community Health and Counsel for Foreign Relations

Commissioner Fuller: Brooks Corner will be hosting a free Thanksgiving dinner

Clerk notes:

- *post Commissioners Budget Workshop for November 29th at 10 am*

- *Complaints from Yates Township Board on Marilyn Burns who sits on the Area on Aging Board as a county appointment*
- *County Planning Commission holding meetings with no Agenda items. Possibly look at holding quarterly meeting instead of monthly and work on a plan with goals.*

Meeting adjourned at 11:46 am

Patti Pacola-Lake County Clerk