

**LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
800 10<sup>th</sup> Street Suite 200  
Baldwin, MI 49656

Minutes  
Wednesday September 13, 2023

Prayer: Prayer with Commissioner Raymond

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman called the meeting to order at: 10:25

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

Absent: Fuller

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

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

**Public Comment:**

None

**Presentations:**

- I. Karen Moore with Indigent Defense
- II. Lisa Hope with 44 North
- III. Casey Guthrie – Equalization Director

**Motions:**

101	GENERAL FUND	\$37,791.07
207	SHERIFF ROAD PATROL FUND	\$5,611.75
208	PARKS AND RECREATION	\$4,614.18
211	JAIL T.R.V. PROJECT	\$63.00
215	FRIEND OF THE COURT	\$2,111.81
220	HOLLISTER SENIOR CENTER	\$47.00
249	BUILDING INSPECTION DEPT	\$4,648.69
251	EMERGENCY 911 PROGRAM	\$1,041.58
256	REG OF DEEDS AUTOMATION FU	\$9,975.94
258	DISASTER CONTINGENCY FUND	\$800.00
260	INDIGENT DEFENSE FUND	\$14,517.34
261	E911 SERVICE FUND-WIRELESS	\$2,184.48
292	CHILD CARE-PROBATE	\$13,425.68
505	AMBULANCE	\$8.09
569	DHS BUILDING	\$14,370.98
	<b>TOTAL FOR ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$111,211.59</b>

Commissioner Raymond made a motion to approve of the semi-monthly detail analysis dated September 27, 2023 totaling \$111,211.59; with a second from Commissioner Welford. Roll call vote: Fuller-A, Balulis-yes, Welford-yes, Sanders-yes, Raymond-yes, Arquette-yes, and Lodholtz-yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Raymond made a motion to approve of the MIDC Grant Agreement for FY 2023-2024 in the amount of \$995,375.08 and authorize the County Administrator to submit and sign any and all documents; with a second from Commissioner Sanders. Roll call vote: Balulis-yes, Welford-yes, Sanders-yes, Raymond-yes, Arquette-yes, Fuller-A and Lodholtz-yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Raymond made a motion to approve of the Public Defender (Juvenile Court Contract) Agreements with The Law Firm of Dianne Longoria, Smulders Law Office and Riemer Law PLLC starting January 1, 2024 and authorize the Board Chair to sign any and all necessary documents; with a second from Commissioner Welford. Roll call vote: Welford-yes, Sanders-yes, Raymond-yes, Arquette-yes, Fuller-A, Balulis-yes and Lodholtz-yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Raymond made a motion to approve of the FY2023-FY2024 County Veteran Service Fund Grant in the amount of \$60,231.87 and authorize the Board Chairman to sign any and all necessary documents; with a second from Commissioner Welford. Roll call vote: Sanders-yes, Raymond-yes, Arquette-yes, Fuller-A, Balulis-yes, Welford-ye and Lodholtz-yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Raymond made a motion to approve of the L-4029 authorizing the County's 2023 winter tax rates and levies, as presented, and authorize the Board Chairman to sign the form; with a second from Commissioner Balulis. Roll call vote: Raymond-yes, Arquette-yes, Fuller-A, Balulis-yes, Welford-yes, Sanders-yes and Lodholtz-yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Arquette made a motion to approve of the 2023 Lake County Annual Apportionment Report as presented; with a second from Commissioner Balulis. Roll call vote: Arquette-yes, Fuller-A, Balulis-yes, Welford-yes, Sanders-yes, Raymond-yes and Lodholtz-yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Arquette made a motion to approve the (MDARD) FY-2024 Animal Welfare Fund Grant (Spay/Neuter Surgical Program) Application in the amount of \$17,400; with a second from Commissioner Welford. Roll call vote: Fuller-A, Balulis-yes, Welford-yes, Sanders-yes, Raymond-yes, Arquette-yes and Lodholtz-yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Arquette made a motion to approve of the (MDARD) FY2024 Animal Welfare Fund Grant (Care and Prevention Program) Application in the amount of \$8,524.00; with a second from Commissioner Welford. Roll call vote: Balulis-yes, Welford-yes, Sanders-yes, Raymond-yes, Arquette-yes, Fuller-A, and Lodholtz-yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Arquette made a motion to authorize the Lake County Administrator to purchase a new server from VC3 in the amount of \$32,069.60 and the migration of the OSSI CAD data by Central Square at a cost of \$24,123.18, for a total cost of \$56,192.78; money to come from Fund Balance and be spent out of 251-901-00-980-000 (\$33,715.78 - 911) and 207-901-00-983-003 (\$22,477.00 - Rd Patrol) and to authorize Budget Amendments as needed; with a second from Commissioner Welford. Roll call vote: Welford-yes, Sanders-yes, Raymond-yes, Arquette-yes, Fuller-A, Balulis-yes and Lodholtz-yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Arquette made a motion to approve of selecting Hartford as the County Post-65 Retiree Insurance provider for 2024 with the plans noted and authorize the Administrator to sign any and all necessary documents; with a second from Commissioner Raymond. Roll call vote: Sanders-yes, Raymond-yes, Arquette-yes, Fuller-A, Balulis-yes, Welford-yes, and Lodholtz-yes. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:**

None

**Unfinished Business:**

None

**New Business:**

Commissioner Raymond made a motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners the approval of a salary increase of \$5,000 per year and effective immediately in addition to the 5% COLA increase January 1, 2024; with a second from Commissioner Welford. All in favor-motion carried; with a second from Commissioner Balulis. Roll call vote: Raymond-yes, Arquette-yes, Fuller-A, Balulis-yes, Welford-yes, Sanders-yes and Lodholtz-yes. Motion carried.

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

Parks and Recreation Commission Report  
Grant Reports  
EDA Grant  
ASAP Portal  
Wolf Lake update  
BS&A program updates  
Emergency Manager position  
PA staff over time

**Public Comment:**

None

**Undersheriff Report:**

FIOA's

**County Clerk's Report:**

Elections update

**Commissioners Reports:**

Commissioner Balulis: Area on Aging  
Commissioner Balulis: MIWorks and Economic Development  
Commissioner Welford: 5-Cap  
Commissioner Lodholtz: Union Contracts update

*Meeting adjourned at 12:21 am*

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Patti Pacola-Lake County Clerk