

Leelanau County Board of Commissioners
Regular Session – Tuesday, September 20, 2016
Approved 11/15/16 – meeting recorded

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Meeting called to order by Vice-Chairman William J. Bunek at 7:02 p.m. Bunek stated that Chairman Rentenbach will not be in attendance tonight as her mother passed away.

Today's meeting is being held at the Government Center, 8527 E. Government Center Drive, Suttons Bay, Michigan.

Vice-Chairman Bunek requested that all cell phones and pagers be silenced.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Vice-Chairman Bunek, followed by a moment of silence.

Roll Call:	District #1 – Tony Ansorge	PRESENT
	#2 – Debra L. Rushton	PRESENT
	#3 – William J. Bunek	PRESENT
	#4 – Ty Wessell	PRESENT
	#5 – Patricia Soutas-Little	PRESENT
	#6 – Carolyn Rentenbach	ABSENT (prior notice)
	#7 – Melinda C. Lautner	PRESENT

Guests present.

Communications, Proclamations, Presentations:

► Robert (Bob) Hauch, Risk Manager for the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (MMRMA) was present. Hauch said he was here to give a review of property and liability insurance. Hauch stated there are four things you really want to consider when looking at an insurance carrier. The first is the company itself – the character, the financial strength and the membership. MMRMA is unique in that they were formed by municipalities; they are a pool so they are a non-governmental, non-profit organization. MMRMA is member owned and member driven, so Hauch stated he actually works for the County. They are governed by a Board of Directors which is elected from amongst the members. There are several membership committees which are selected from the membership. The benefit for the County is this is all MMRMA does — they service municipalities in the State of Michigan. They are focused on the County's needs and they understand what municipalities do and understand best how to insure them. The policies were created from scratch for you. There were originally three municipal members 35 years ago and they are now 350 strong. They provide the insurance for 64 of the 83 counties. They have 85% of the largest municipalities as part of MMRMA and almost half a billion dollars in assets in order to make sure that MMRMA is financially strong and able

to cover any losses that may be incurred. Hauch went on to review the property and liability coverage. Hauch referred to customer care, which are the service teams that are put together and also the resources that are made available to the County. Cost is based on the value that is brought to the County. Hauch stressed that they have 35 years of knowledge and experience addressing the insurance needs of municipalities, and they are 100% focused on municipalities. Hauch spoke about coverage and what makes them unique. The liability coverage is very broad and deep, and their limits are much higher than what you would find in the commercial market. Hauch said he would be happy to meet with anyone that wishes to go over the coverage line by line. There are a couple of unique coverages, which include a \$5 million data breach and privacy Liability coverage. Within the County, there is sensitive information, and if anyone were to access that information for illicit purposes, MMRMA has coverage to make you whole again. There is also the \$1 million blanket employee fidelity bond that covers all employees, as well as elected officials. Hauch explained the Risk Management Services that are provided and built around specific municipalities. MMRMA takes a very proactive approach to providing coverage. Hauch went on to explain the available services they include, and mentioned many different publications and videos which are available for review. Professional underwriting and claims services are all done in-house, not by a third party. This is an all-encompassing approach.

Hauch explained the Risk Avoidance Program (RAP), which every July 1, MMRMA puts \$1 million into a big pot and it is made available to all municipalities for grants. These grants are all for programs that help limit your liability exposure. Hauch stated 67% of all lawsuits come from law enforcement; but MMRMA will pay 50% match for security cameras, stop sticks, bumper guards. The largest number of claims, for anyone north of Lansing, is car/deer accidents. MMRMA tends to recommend bumper guards for emergency vehicles. In regards to keeping parks safe, MMRMA started providing grants for fire rings after an unfortunate accident involving a child who fell into a fire. They are always looking for new things to bring to their members.

Hauch referred the Board to a handout explaining RAP Grants and what equipment Leelanau County has received grant money for, which includes body cameras, security upgrades, and stop sticks. Since 1997, \$44,128.00 in grant funds came back to Leelanau County from this program. There is always a couple thousand dollars available in this program each year, and Hauch encouraged the Board to take advantage of it.

The second program Hauch discussed was the Net Asset Distribution program, which has distributed over \$200 million back to its Members since 2006 when the program was established. MMRMA has about \$500 million in assets, which they invest in the market, with 6-12% of that money they then return to their members. Hauch explained, at the end of their fiscal year, June 30, they look at what their surplus is, of which a small amount is made up of premium, but most is from investments. Hauch was happy to say 2 years ago their return to members was \$54 million. This coming year is looking like \$32 million; and Hauch is not sure for next year. The majority of that money comes from the

investment side. This is your company, it is owned by the municipalities. Once MMRMA had grown to a certain level, it was decided that there was enough money in the “war chest” to pay claims, it was determined that the excess needed to be returned to the clients. For Leelanau County in 2016, the insurance premium was \$178,000.00, and if you subtract the RAP grant, and the net asset distribution of \$186,000.00, Leelanau County actually made a little over \$9,000.00. Hauch stated this has been a very successful program and MMRMA believes in being financially strong. Hauch went on to explain the net asset distribution column on the handout he provided and what Leelanau County is projected to receive, which is \$135,818.00. Since 2006, \$803,553.00 has been returned to Leelanau County from MMRMA.

Hauch went on to explain the insurance terms, and coverage. Liability insurance is \$15 million per occurrence; the annual aggregate does not have a cap, and liability SIR (self insured retention) is \$75,000.00. The property value is insured for \$26 million, which was assessed by a professional assessment company, which includes \$1 million for the computer equipment. Also listed was the stop-loss entry point, which is insurance on the loss fund. Hauch went on to give examples of how this would be used.

Hauch explained reserves and indicated that Leelanau County is in pretty good shape.

Hauch said at renewal time, which is January 1, he will have the net asset distribution check. With that money the County will have some options as to what to do with it, and Hauch gave examples. It is up to the Board as to how they want to use that money.

Commissioner Ansoerge commented on Courtroom security for the Government Center and questioned Hauch if he had any guidance, being a risk assessor. Hauch stated they do provide that type of insight, and can offer consultation if needed. Hauch said Leelanau County is fortunate in that the Government Center is a newer building; a lot of his members are in older buildings from the 1960's and 70's with open counters, which can be very hard to retro fit.

Commissioner Lautner commented that fortunately the County hasn't seen much of him recently. She also commented on the park assessments that MMRMA has done a few times and that it was very helpful. Brief comments ensued on what was considered safe years ago and what is considered safe now.

Commissioner Soutas-Little questioned when MMRMA would appear to review information with department heads, and Administrator Janik commented they were here last week. Hauch said there are some meetings that are regularly scheduled and some are on request.

Approval of Minutes —

The minutes of the Regular Session, June 21, 2016; Regular Session, July 19, 2016; Budget Work Session, August 8, 2016; Special Session, August 9, 2016; and Regular Session, August 16, 2016, are to be placed on the October 11, 2016, agenda.

MOTION BY LAUTNER TO APPROVE THE EXECUTIVE BOARD SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 9, 2016; BUDGET WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 16, 2016; BUDGET WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 18, 2016; BUDGET WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2016; EXECUTIVE BOARD SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2016, AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY WESSELL.

Discussion – Commissioner Rushton commented that she wished to make an amended motion.

#232-09202016 Regular Session

MOTION BY RUSHTON TO AMEND THE MOTION OF COMMISSIONER LAUTNER TO APPROVE THE EXECUTIVE BOARD SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 9, 2016; BUDGET WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 16, 2016; BUDGET WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 18, 2016; BUDGET WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2016, AS PRESENTED, AND EXCLUDE THE EXECUTIVE BOARD SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2016. SECONDED BY SOUTAS-LITTLE.

Discussion – Vice-Chairman Bunek stated that the amendment will be voted on first and if passes, they will not return to Commissioner Lautner’s motion.

**AYES – 6 (Rushton, Soutas-Little, Wessell, Ansorge, Bunek, Lautner)
NO – 0 ABSENT – 1 (Rentenbach) MOTION CARRIED.**

Agenda Additions or Deletions:

Vice-Chairman Bunek stated that Action Item #7b – Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (MMRMA) Renewal can be deleted from the agenda as there is no action that is needed this evening based on the earlier presentation by Robert C. Hauch.

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MOTION BY LAUTNER TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED. SECONDED BY RUSHTON.

Discussion – none.

**AYES – 6 (Lautner, Rushton, Soutas-Little, Wessell, Ansorge, Bunek)
NO – 0 ABSENT – 1 (Rentenbach) MOTION CARRIED.**

Public Comment:

► Bruce Price of Lake Leelanau. Price said he wanted to touch on a couple things, in reference to (Commissioner) Lautner and the 2% — Lautner understood it was an election year and passed it this time. Price continued that she is not listening to the Chair and Vice-chair of her Party, and will be attending the Forum. Price said he was looking forward to the debate between Commissioner Bunek and his friend Dean Robb but he

(Bunek) is not going to show up. Price said we all remember that Bingham Township went through Schmuckal, Bunek, Schmuckal, and Bunek over the years. We need to break that up, and Dean Robb only wants to be a one termer. Price continued, maybe Bunek should get out and do a little campaigning and have these debates; Price said he feels they are well run. Why would you want to sit in a Democratic forum and a Republican forum, since you don't learn anything? Price said he is like old George Bush, saying you need to look Putin right in the eye, and that's what he likes to do, look people right in the eye.

Review of Financials:

Commissioner Lautner questioned the impounding of the Kia and how long will that be impounded? Undersheriff Morgan responded that it has been returned to the owner. No further questions.

Action Items —

Inter-County District Court Operating Agreement – Proposed Amendment:

#234-09202016 Regular Session

MOTION BY LAUTNER TO AMEND THE ORIGINAL MOTION AND TO HAVE LEELANAU COUNTY BECOME THE FISCAL AGENT OF THE DISTRICT COURT ADMINISTRATOR, COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2017, AND ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 2017, WITH THE FISCAL AGENT DUTIES REVERTING TO GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY. SECONDED BY RUSHTON.

Discussion - Commissioner Lautner commented that she has nothing to offer on the motion at this time.

Commissioner Wessell requested to address the Judge and asked if 11 months is workable, and if it is better than nothing, as he does not believe there are the votes tonight to support the full two years. Judge Thomas J. Phillips commented that they do think it is better than nothing and thanked the Commissioners for their consideration.

Commissioner Soutas-Little wanted to verify the cost savings and that Leelanau County's share is 9%, which is in line with the percent of the caseload. It is clear that Leelanau County will save money by being the fiduciary and that the cost incurred will be 9% and the net savings for Leelanau County is approximately \$2,000.00 and it is a three county agreement.

Commissioner Rushton said it was her understanding that it was 9% of the shared expenses; and it was also her understanding that there were things that were not shared. Judge Michael Stepka replied there are two employees that work in Leelanau County full-time and those positions are not cost shared – they are direct costs for Leelanau County. There are several full-time employees in Grand Traverse County, and that is not shared. District Court Administrator Carol Stocking stated anything that is purchased for the office in this building, if it is to pay jurors for Leelanau County, interpreters are case specific — those are direct costs; which are not shared with Antrim

or Grand Traverse counties. The only shared costs are the Judge's salaries and her wages and benefits. Leelanau County does not have a probation clerical staff, so there are two on staff in Grand Traverse County and a very small percentage of their wages and benefits are billed back. The Judge's wages are broken down / paid 70% percent by the State, with the remaining 30% being paid by the three counties, with that 30% being reimbursed.

Commissioner Rushton stated this issue came to light in August; with five months remaining of 2016, and the 11 months we in Leelanau County are offering, that allows a 16-month period to seek a replacement. Upon the expiration, there is still another option in Antrim County for another 11 months a year. Rushton said she is hopeful the Court can find a solution. Rushton concluded that Leelanau County is trying to do their part to keep the system whole. This is a vital process.

Commissioner Wessell said he is pleased that Stocking is willing to continue on, he wishes it could be for two years.

Commissioner Ansorte questioned what the succession planning is for the future, and is there a plan not just for Stocking, but for other employees? Some sort of protocol? Judge Phillips said that they are working on the "Carol Project." As of right now, they don't want anyone to leave; but if they do, replacements can be found. It takes about one year to train unless they have come from another court.

District Court Administrator Carol Stocking responded that this issue has put it on the forefront. They will work more diligently on a solid plan.

Commissioner Bunek voiced that he is concerned about the precedent of this and in his mind feels that the Grand Traverse Board is being undermined as is the County Administrator there. He is not in support of this.

AYES – 5 (Lautner, Rushton, Soutas-Little, Wessell, Ansorte)

NO – 1 (Bunek) ABSENT – 1 (Rentenbach)

MOTION CARRIED.

Sheriff's Department – Animal Housing Contract with Cherryland Humane Society:

#235-09202016 Regular Session

MOTION BY LAUTNER TO ALLOW THE COUNTY TO RENEW A THREE YEAR CONTRACT WITH THE CHERRYLAND HUMANE SOCIETY FOR USE OF ITS FACILITY FOR BOARDING AND PLACEMENT OF DOGS AND CATS IMPOUNDED BY THE COUNTY AND FOR DISPOSITION OF ANY ANIMALS NOT PLACED AND FOR SUPPORT OF THE COUNTY'S ANIMAL WELFARE PROGRAM, AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY WESSELL.

Discussion – none.

AYES – 6 (Lautner, Rushton, Soutas-Little, Wessell, Ansorte, Bunek)

NO – 0 ABSENT – 1 (Rentenbach)

MOTION CARRIED.

Equalization – 2016 L-4029 Tax Rate Request:

#239-09202016 Regular Session

MOTION BY SOUTAS-LITTLE TO APPROVE A MILLAGE RATE THAT DOES NOT EXCEED THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE MILLAGE LEVY (COLUMN 9) AND PLACE THAT MILLAGE RATE IN COLUMN 11 AS THE MILLAGE RATE REQUESTED TO BE LEVIED DECEMBER 1, 2016. SECONDED BY WESSELL.

Discussion – none.

**AYES – 6 (Soutas-Little, Wessell, Ansonge, Bunek, Lautner, Rushton)
NO – 0 ABSENT – 1 (Rentenbach) MOTION CARRIED.**

Road Commission – Easement Request on Cold Spring Road:

MOTION BY LAUTNER TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR AN EASEMENT FROM THE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION TO ALLOW FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TURN-AROUND AT THE END OF COLD SPRING ROAD. SECONDED BY RUSHTON.

Discussion – Commissioner Lautner noted that this easement is due to Myles Kimmerly Park, for clarification. Commissioner Rushton concurred. Motion restated.

#240-09202016 Regular Session

MOTION BY LAUTNER RESTATED TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR AN EASEMENT FROM THE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION TO ALLOW FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TURN-AROUND AT THE END OF COLD SPRING ROAD AND MYLES KIMMERLY PARK. SECONDED BY RUSHTON.

Discussion – Commissioner Lautner explained the road location in relationship to Myles Kimmerly Park and why this easement needs to be done.

**AYES – 6 (Lautner, Rushton, Soutas-Little, Wessell, Ansonge, Bunek)
NO – 0 ABSENT – 1 (Rentenbach) MOTION CARRIED.**

Prosecuting Attorney – MDHHS Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Program Contract:

#241-09202016 Regular Session

MOTION BY WESSELL TO APPROVE THE TITLE IV-D COOPERATIVE REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM AGREEMENT BETWEEN LEELANAU COUNTY AND THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO REIMBURSE THE COUNTY FOR CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES PERFORMED BY THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, OVER A FIVE-YEAR PERIOD, COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2016, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2021, THE COUNTY'S 34% SHARE OF THE NET BUDGET BEING \$155,984.43, OVER THE FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT TERM. SECONDED BY SOUTAS-LITTLE.

Discussion – Commissioner Rushton made a general comment that during the MAC (Michigan Association of Counties) Conference, there was an issue in regards to the State paying these fees on time or in a timely fashion. Some of the expenses that historically have been allowed are being reconsidered. Commissioner Ansonge questioned if the implication is that the County may be asked to fund more? Rushton responded that the State does have an obligation, but we will see.

**AYES – 6 (Wessell, Ansonge, Bunek, Lautner, Rushton, Soutas-Little)
NO – 0 ABSENT – 1 (Rentenbach) MOTION CARRIED.**

Administration – Review of Approved August 16, 2016, Communication Task Force
Motion – Commissioner Bunek:

Vice-Chairman Bunek stated he wanted this added to the agenda because he wanted more information regarding the reduction in price. He also wanted to make sure nothing was being undermined and that we were not just going with the cheapest radios. He knew that (Emergency Director) Matt Ansoerge was not prepared for the questions the Board had and Bunek wanted to make sure that we have time to address everything.

Commissioner Rushton questioned the total amount that was stated in the motion. Administrator Janik clarified, the amount was \$3.318 million. The new reduced amount is \$2.498 million.

Director Ansoerge gave a brief description about the different APX Motorola radios. There is a 5000, 6000, and 7000 model. The 6000 model is an adequate line of radios that Motorola has the opportunity to give the most discounts on. We would not be saving any money if we were to drop down to the 5000 model, and it would be less superior. The 7000 model is a dual-band radio and substantially more expensive. The 6000 will have the functionality the County needs, and all of the fire chiefs are in agreement it would be adequate.

Commissioner Rushton stated, for clarification, the total equipment cost is \$2.498 million. Director Ansoerge affirmed, and the original bid was for \$2.95 million during the August meeting, with a difference of roughly \$400,000.00. Rushton questioned what the additional \$400,000.00 would go towards. Administrator Janik stated the contract is for \$2.4 million, and the “extra money” would be a savings to the taxpayers. There is not a “pot of money” to be spent.

Commissioner Rushton said while at the MAC Conference, she and Commissioner Wessell sat in on a 9-1-1 program on the U1400 State Fund, which is predicted to run out by 2018. The U1400 is providing the cost to bring information to the 9-1-1 center, which is what the \$0.19 on each phone line is. We are slowly moving to the fiber network, which is a lot more costly, and that is what is pulling this fund down. Rushton’s understanding is that there is legislation to go to \$0.25, and if that fails, it will be the responsibility of the Board to provide the cost of the information to come into our 911 system. The monthly cost is expensive. Rushton asked Director Ansoerge what additional costs are on the other end. Will there be user fees and maintenance costs each year. Director Ansoerge stated for the NextGen 9-1-1, it will be worked into the PFN (Peninsula Fiber Network) funding, and they would be the ones seeking the reimbursement. More discussion on the savings of approximately \$400,000.00, as well as the previous quotes on equipment and possible communication tower ensued.

Commissioner Ansoerge asked if the present equipment on the towers is going to remain as back up, and if so, how long? Director Ansoerge affirmed, for the foreseeable future.

Commissioner Rushton questioned if the APX6000 and the XC are going to be able to communicate with Benzie County, who is not on the 800 MHz systems or even the Road Commission, since they are not upgrading systems? Director Ansoerge stated it will all go through Dispatch, the consoles we have for that will be able to be paired together. We will be able to facilitate communications with Benzie County with this radio system. Rushton asked about problem areas in the County with communication, if there are areas that do not get a very good radio signal and Director Ansoerge stated there are a couple areas that did fail the testing they did last fall, however there is a higher percentage that passed.

Commissioner Ansoerge stated the Sheriff's Department is on the 800 MHz system, and he assumes they have a good idea of where those dead zones are. Director Ansoerge affirmed. Commissioner Ansoerge said we have real live people out there every day identifying those dead zones and could relay that information the fire departments in those zones. Director Ansoerge stated mobile radio coverage is substantially higher than portable coverage.

Commissioner Rushton asked if the County radio use agreement had been presented to the fire departments. Director Ansoerge stated no, it has not been brought before the fire departments or the 911 Board, it is still a draft.

Commissioner Lautner questioned how the inventory policy is coming along. Director Ansoerge stated the inventory policy is worked into the agreement.

Commissioner Ansoerge questioned if this is going to come back before the Board to establish a policy, and part of that will be discussing a cost sharing agreement. Administrator Janik commented that if it is a policy, yes it would come back before the Board.

Commissioner Rushton stated we need to take a look at the motion, so that these little details can be included in the (original) motion.

Commissioner Bunek stated we should just have a separate motion stating we need to have a policy in place.

Brief discussion ensued regarding bringing back the policy.

Commissioner Lautner stated the intent with this motion was to include everything. Lautner re-read the original motion from August.

#242-09202016 Regular Session

MOTION BY LAUTNER THAT THIS AGREEMENT COMES BACK TO THE COMMISSIONERS IN POLICY FORM. SECONDED BY ANSORGE.

Discussion – Commissioner Soutas-Little said she wanted to commend the fire departments and Director Ansoerge, since we are working on developing partnerships and trying to reach agreements with all involved. She doesn't feel as though we need another motion, as this will come back to the Board anyways.

Commissioner Rushton stated this is a new program for Leelanau County and a particular scenario was attempted several years ago and perhaps because there was no policy in place, it failed. Having a policy in place sends the message that we both understand what the arrangement. Rushton thanked the Fire Departments who were willing to pare-down their inventories in an effort to partnership with the County. This is an awesome program that is going to provide so much security and safety, not only for the public safety workers, but our citizens.

Commissioner Soutas-Little clarified that she wasn't saying that a policy wasn't needed, just that they were going to bring it back to the Board for discussion.

Commissioner Lautner stated for the record this will come back to us in policy form, and she would also be willing to help develop this into policy form, if needed. Lautner also thanked the Fire Chiefs.

Administrator Janik wanted to thank the Commissioners for voting to support this and for providing faith in Director Ansoerge and the Fire Chiefs to go forward.

AYES – 6 (Lautner, Rushton, Soutas-Little, Wessell, Ansoerge, Bunek)
NO – 0 ABSENT – 1 (Rentenbach) MOTION CARRIED.

Administration – Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (MMRMA) Renewal:
Removed from the agenda.

Administration – Michigan Association of Counties Membership Renewal:
#243-09202016 Regular Session

MOTION BY LAUTNER TO APPROVE THE 2016-2017 MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (MAC) DUES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,930.26; FUNDS TO COME FROM THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – MEMBERSHIP DUES AND FEES, #101-100-101-807-000. SECONDED BY RUSHTON.

Discussion – none.

AYES – 6 (Lautner, Rushton, Soutas-Little, Wessell, Ansoerge, Bunek)
NO – 0 ABSENT – 1 (Rentenbach) MOTION CARRIED.

Administration – GTB 2% EDC Grant Fund Balance Request:

#244-09202016 Regular Session

MOTION BY LAUTNER TO AWARD THE TRANSFER OF \$2,606.26 FROM THE TRIBAL EDC 2% ALLOCATION FUND TO LEELANAU PENINSULA ECONOMIC FOUNDATIONS FUND. SECONDED BY SOUTAS-LITTLE.

Discussion – Commissioner Rushton commented that she had asked the question if this was a gift and it is not. It is for services rendered. Commissioner Soutas-Little thanked the Commissioners on behalf of the Leelanau Peninsula Economic Foundation Board.

AYES – 6 (Lautner, Rushton, Soutas-Little, Wessell, Ansorge, Bunek)

NO – 0 ABSENT – 1 (Rentenbach)

MOTION CARRIED.

Administration – 2017 Budget Update:

#245-09202016 Regular Session

MOTION BY LAUTNER TO FORWARD, AS PRESENTED, THE 2017 PROPOSED BUDGET TO THE OCTOBER 11, 2016, BUDGET HEARING AND ANNUAL MEETING. SECONDED BY RUSHTON.

Discussion – County Clerk Michelle L. Crocker in response to Commissioner questions responded on the publication, public budget hearing and that the actual motion that will be considered next month. The Commissioners will have an Appropriations Act Resolution presented that will contain approval of the proposed budget rules, staffing levels, the 2017 budget, etc.

AYES – 6 (Lautner, Rushton, Soutas-Little, Wessell, Ansorge, Bunek)

NO – 0 ABSENT – 1 (Rentenbach)

MOTION CARRIED.

Special Reports by Staff, Commissioners and Affiliated Agencies:

► Commissioner Wessell thanked the County Board for allowing Commissioners to attend the MAC Conference. Wessell noted that he was able to attend for one full day and it was time well spent.

► Commissioner Rushton also commented that she was able to attend for all three days; she attended four different programs and referred Commissioners to the MAC website to see all of the workshops that were available. She attended several - one was Property Tax Trap; one was the County Ordinance Powers and what Ordinance authorities the County Commissioners have, which isn't much; connecting with 9-1-1 and the other was – Troubled in Our Jails. Oakland County made the presentation on "Troubled in Our Jails" and they are partnering with Community Mental Health, and it was all about jail diversion, keeping people out of jail. Rushton stated it is a very complex program, and there are a lot of partnerships. Statistics show that this type of program is working.

► Commissioner Ansorge commented that as a new Commissioner he had a recent tour of the Leelanau County Jail. He was also able to have discussion with the Grand Traverse County Sheriff about the population in their jail and the number of inmates that have mental health issues and he stated it is about 80%. This is not a trivial issue, it impacts us too.

► Commissioner Rushton added that one of the MAC presentations was led by Oakland County and they have approximately 1,400 inmates in their local facility and over 1,100 were considered drug addicted and mentally impaired. It is a large problem across our nation and sooner or later, steps will need to be taken to assist in that issue.

► Commissioner Soutas-Little commented that at the last technology (LIFT) meeting they were looking at ways to improve broad-band internet in the area. Rachael Johnson from Cherryland Electric Cooperative gave a presentation and they are looking at ways to partner with them. Soutas-Little referenced that the survey will be closing on the 2nd of October and is still available. She has the website information for anyone that is interested in the survey and she is happy to provide the information. The more responses they get the better case they can build.

► Commissioner Lautner commented in response to Commissioner Soutas-Little that what Cherryland Electric is doing is strictly a feasibility study to find out if you are currently getting internet, and what are you willing to pay. Some of those results are back and the results are not surprising. Cherryland's territory is also being highly served by Charter already, where most of the County is not Cherryland's territory. It is a big territory, and it would be about a \$20,000,000.00 project. This survey is just "feelers" and is for gathering information.

► Commissioner Soutas-Little thanked Commissioner Lautner for her comments and clarification. What they are talking about is sharing data, not services. She continued that Johnson's presentation was very enlightening and again thanked Lautner for clarifying and how to supplement the data that is being received.

Amendments & Transfers:

#246-09202016 Regular Session

MOTION BY LAUTNER TO APPROVE FISCAL YEAR 2016 AMENDMENT #16-012 AND AMENDMENT #16-013. SECONDED BY WESSELL.

Discussion - none.

AYES – 6 (Lautner, Rushton, Soutas-Little, Wessell, Ansorge, Bunek)

NO – 0 ABSENT – 1 (Rentenbach)

MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Lautner commented that #16-013 had been revised and thanked Chief Staff Accountant Jen Zywicki for taking the time to explain to her the difference and why the revision was needed.

#247-09202016 Regular Session

MOTION BY LAUTNER TO APPROVE FISCAL YEAR 2016 FUND TRANSFER #16-005. SECONDED BY WESSELL.

Discussion – none.

AYES – 6 (Lautner, Rushton, Soutas-Little, Wessell, Ansorge, Bunek)

NO – 0 ABSENT – 1 (Rentenbach)

MOTION CARRIED.

Claims and Accounts:

#248-09202016 Regular Session

MOTION BY LAUTNER TO APPROVE CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$269,701.61. SECONDED BY RUSHTON.

Discussion – none.

AYES – 6 (Lautner, Rushton, Soutas-Little, Wessell, Ansorge, Bunek)

NO – 0 ABSENT – 1 (Rentenbach)

MOTION CARRIED.

Post Audit Claims and Accounts:

#249-09202016 Regular Session

MOTION BY LAUTNER TO APPROVE POST AUDIT CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,045,198.01. SECONDED BY RUSHTON.

Discussion – none.

AYES – 6 (Lautner, Rushton, Soutas-Little, Wessell, Ansorge, Bunek)

NO – 0 ABSENT – 1 (Rentenbach)

MOTION CARRIED.

Special Reports by Staff, Commissioners, Elected Officials, and Affiliated Agencies:

None.

Commissioner Comments – Reports on Committee/Commission Appointments:

► Commissioner Ansorge requested that the County Clerk differentiate in the minutes between Commissioner Ansorge and Emergency Management Director Matt Ansorge. County Clerk responded in the affirmative, they understand the issue, and will make sure it is clear who is speaking.

► Commissioner Rushton requested that in the subject line of the emails of meeting minutes sent, if the County Clerk's office could differentiate the type of minutes being sent it would be easier to locate and prepare. Commissioner Bunek concurred. County Clerk Crocker commented that they will make sure it is clear.

Public Comment:

► Bruce Price of Lake Leelanau. Price questioned if the recycling fee was increasing from \$25.00 to \$27.00 or \$27.00 to \$29.00. Commissioners and the Administrator responded that the increase is \$27.00 to \$29.00. Price thanked them.

► Keith Tampa, Elmwood Township Fire Chief. Tampa commented that August 16, 2016, was a big day for Fire Fighters, as that was when the County Commissioners stepped up and took on the role of pushing the system forward for communications. He continued that today is an even bigger day, as he has heard a lot of positive comments and a lot support — that is very exciting to hear. It is just rolling. Tampa said it will be going to be a big day for us to move into the new system and it is going to make a bigger difference in the communication center across the parking lot. He is really excited and appreciates the diligence by the Board and the trust in them. Tampa thanked the Commissioners for the support.

Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned by Vice-Chairman Bunek at 8:41 p.m.

William J. Bunek, Vice-Chairman
Leelanau County Board of Commissioners

Michelle L. Crocker, Leelanau County Clerk
Clerk, Leelanau County Board of Comm.