

The **regular meeting** of the Alcona County Board of Commissioners was held in the County Building in the City of Harrisville, Michigan, on Wednesday, **May 3, 2017** at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Craig Johnston, Chairman.

Invocation given by Pastor, Tim Steiner.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Commissioners present: Kathy Vichunas, Carolyn Brummund, Gary Wnuk, Adam Brege and Craig Johnston, Chairman. Also present: Stephany Eller, Deputy Clerk and Cheryl Franks, County Treasurer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Vichunas, seconded by Brummund to approve the minutes from the April 19, 2017 regular meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jim Burger, Millen Township Supervisor, thanked the Board for the use of the courthouse and its internet access for the web based seminar regarding township cemeteries.

PRESENTATIONS:

Marlena MacNeill, Alcona Township Supervisor, provided the board with updated broadband information and the use of vertical structures to help extend internet coverage. MacNeill further requested that the Board maintain its decision regarding the PILT.

Commissioner Vichunas stated that the DHD#2 Board requested that an alternate commissioner attend the board meetings when the appointed commissioner is not available.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Brege to approve Resolution 2017-06 as follows:

RESOLUTION 2017-06

**A CALL FOR ACTION IN RESPONSE TO GROUNDWATER
CONTAMINATION IN OSCODA, MICHIGAN**

WHEREAS, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) and the federal government have identified multiple plumes of Polyfluoroalkyl Substance (PFAS) contaminated water migrating from properties of the former Wurtsmith Air Force Base (WAFB) located in Oscoda, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, MDEQ has confirmed that said PFAS contamination is impacting hundreds of private drinking water wells; and

WHEREAS, in response to potential human health risks, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has issued written advisories to recommend that people not drink or cook with water drawn from PFAS contaminated drinking water wells; and

WHEREAS, Michigan Public Act 545 of 2016 obligates the state or federal government that is or was the owner of the real property at the time a substance of concern was used on the real property, to provide an alternative water supply to the users of impacted water sources; and

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Oscoda and Oscoda Wurtsmith Airport Authority have developed a discussion paper that identifies specific actions being requested on behalf of the community in regard to the groundwater contamination and related issues which is attached hereto for purposes of reference; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Oscoda Wurtsmith Airport Authority does hereby appeal to the State of Michigan and the federal government for ensuring immediate and effective actions, including but not limited to compliance with and/or enforcement of State of Michigan Public Act 545 of 2016:

SPECIFICALLY, necessary actions and tasks are summarized as follows and will be expanded upon as more information becomes available:

1. Initially Supply Bottled Water: Immediately provide bottled water to impacted parties.
2. Extend Municipal Water Mains and Connections: Immediate and effective planning, contracting and construction so as to quickly extend municipal water supply mains to all homes, businesses and structures that currently utilize well water within impacted areas.
3. Install In-house Water Filter Systems: Likewise, move quickly to install “whole house” water filtration systems in locations where it is not feasible to provide connections to the municipal water distribution system.
4. Flush Former WAFB Fire Hydrants: MDEQ has identified PFAS contamination suspended within WAFB fire hydrants.
5. Maintain Portions of WAFB Storm Drain System: Federal government to operate and maintain the portions of WAFB storm drain systems that are utilized in support of groundwater treatment plant systems.
6. Supply Funding for Professional Environmental Consultant Support Services: Action items 1 through 5 above will benefit from the expertise and support services of professional environmental consultant service provider. Federal government to award a grant or establish a “Cooperative Agreement” in order to pay for said services or utilize whatever funding vehicle may be appropriate to accomplish this objective.

7. Establish a Files Management Program: Federal government to establish and fund a secure “Files Management Program” for storing and sharing all documentation generated during planning, testing and implementing of WAFB related environmental restoration projects.
8. Indemnification Protection: The federal government to provide a firm and unwavering commitment to immediately get in front of any lawsuits or other adverse actions that may arise so as to hold harmless, defend and indemnify the impacted property owners, impacted residents, the Charter Township of Oscoda, Oscoda Wurtsmith Airport Authority and its constituent municipalities, along with all successors in ownership and operation of former WAFB properties.

Roll Call: Yes – Johnston, Wnuk, Brege, Vichunas and Brummund No – None

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Brege to approve the Soil Erosion and Sediment Enforcement, Compliance and Violation Procedures.

Roll Call: Yes – Johnston, Brummund, Vichunas and Brege No – Wnuk

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Brege, seconded by Brummund to approve pre-authorized claims and open claims presented for payment between 4/19/2017 to 5/02/2017 for check numbers 129877 to 130054 in the amount of \$154,667.55 and E-check numbers 618 to 627 in the amount of \$220,013.86 for a grand total of \$374,681.41.

Roll Call: Yes – Johnston, Vichunas, Brummund, Wnuk and Brege No - None.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Vichunas, seconded by Brummund to approve Resolution 2017-07 as follows:

RESOLUTION 2017-07

**APPROVAL OF THE FY 2018 NE MI COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS
GRANT APPLICATION OF THE NORTHEAST MICHIGAN
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

Alcona County, MI

WHEREAS, the Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (NEMCOG) serves as the Fiscal Agent and Program Manager for the Northern Michigan Community Corrections Advisory Board (NMCCAB) and the Sunrise Side Community Corrections Advisory Board (SSCCAB), and

WHEREAS, the Office of Community Corrections (OCC) of the Department of Corrections (DOC) requested the NMCCAB and the SSCCAB to be combined, and

WHEREAS, NMCCAB and SSCCAB agreed to combine and will now be called Northeast MI Community Corrections Advisory Board (NEMCCAB), and

WHEREAS, the County is a member of either the NMCCAB or SSCCAB and strongly desires to continue to participate with Community Corrections Programs and Services, and

WHEREAS, NEMCOG has worked with the OCC to develop a FY 2018 Community Corrections Grant Application for the NEMCCAB, and

WHEREAS, the FY 2018 Community Corrections Grant Application has been prepared by NEMCOG in the amount of \$307,200.00 for Community Corrections Programs and Services in the counties of: Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford and Otsego, and

WHEREAS, the Northeast Michigan Community Corrections Advisory Board has approved this Grant Application and recommends its approval by the member counties.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Alcona County hereby approves the Northeast Michigan Community Corrections Advisory Board, FY 18 Community Corrections Grant Application in the annual amount of \$307,200.00 for Programs and Services.

Roll Call: Yes – Johnston, Brummund, Vichunas, Brege and Wnuk No - None

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Vichunas, seconded by Brummund to allow Meg Nisbet to place the Foster Care Month banner on the courthouse lawn.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Johnston, seconded by Vichunas to allow the League of Michigan Bicyclists to stop and rest at the Craftmakers Cabin property once a date has been set.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Board gave brief reports on the committee meetings that they recently attended.

Cheryl Franks, Treasurer, informed the Board of the progression of BS&A. A meeting will be scheduled with the local township treasurers in regard to the BS&A tax program.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Meeting recessed to 11:30 a.m. for a study session. The next regular meeting to be held on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

Clerk

Chairman