

The **regular meeting** of the Alcona County Board of Commissioners was held in the County Building in the City of Harrisville, Michigan on Wednesday, **October 4, 2017** at 10:00 A.M.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Johnston.

Invocation given by commissioner Wnuk

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Commissioners present: Kathleen Vichunas, Craig Johnston, Carolyn Brummund, Adam Brege and Gary Wnuk. Also present: Patricia Truman, County Clerk and Cheryl Franks, Treasurer

Motion by Brege, seconded by Wnuk, to approve the minutes from the September 20, 2017 regular meeting. **MOTION CARRIED**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sheila Phillips reported that Thunder Bay Transportation Authority is in their new building and will have an open house on October 29th from 1-4 p.m.

Bill Thompson, representing Recycle Alcona, reported that their group is seeking a grant from the DEQ for the collection of used tires and asked to run the grant through the county. If the grant is received the collection would take place sometime in November.

PRESENTATIONS:

Cathy Meske, NEMCMH Director, presented their annual report and discussed the community needs assessment.

Staff members from MSUE gave their annual report and reviewed the many programs that are offered.

Dave Hanson, Building Maintenance, presented the snow plowing quote from John's Home Maintenance and reported that there was a leak in the roof above the courtroom. Hanson was able to repair the leak but would be seeking an assessment on the condition of the roof.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Brege, seconded by Brummund, to approve pre-authorized claims and open claims presented for payment between 9/20/17 to 10/3/2017 for check numbers 131395 to 131558 and E-check numbers 700 to 707 for a grand total of \$987,059.92 Roll call: Yes- Brege, Brummund, Vichunas, Wnuk and Johnston. No- None **MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

Tom Weichel, Prosecuting Attorney, joined the meeting to discuss his review of the Purchase and Sale Agreement and other documents from the USDA Forest Service regarding the proposed sale of the Forest Service office in Harrisville. Weichel recommended that the Board not enter into the agreement due to environmental concerns.

Sheriff Atchison joined the meeting and gave an update on the courthouse security. Atchison reported that he will be training county staff on active shooter protocol.

Sheriff Atchison and Clerk Truman gave an update as to the status of their 2017 budgets.

Scott Rice, EMS Director, reported that his budget for vehicle maintenance would need an additional \$4,000.00 to replace the transmission in one of ambulances.

Motion by Vichunas, seconded by Brege, to approve the budget adjustment for the Library Fund #271 and increase revenue #271-000-699.000 Transfer in from Fund Balance \$11,200.00 and increase expenditure #271-790-999.001 Building Fund by \$11,200.00.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Vichunas, to approve Resolution #2017-12 Commemorating 100 years of Cooperative Extension:

**RESOLUTION NO. 17-12
COMMEMORATING 100 YEARS OF COOPERATIVE EXTENSION
A DIVISION OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY**

WHEREAS, the acts of Congress on May 8 and June 30, 1914, solidified the development of a nationwide cooperative extension program through the Smith-Lever Act “in order to aid in diffusing among the people of the United States useful and practical information on subjects related to agriculture...and home economics;” and

WHEREAS, Extension services are provided through our country’s land grant universities, and

WHEREAS, Michigan State University (then Michigan Agricultural College) was the first land grant university in the United States, and

WHEREAS, the Alcona County extension program began in 1917 through the direction of its first County Agricultural Agent R.E. Prescott through an agreement with Michigan Agricultural College, and

WHEREAS, the first County 4-H Youth Agent Lemuel Harrison Rhodes served in a temporary capacity in Alcona County in 1935; and

WHEREAS, the first County Home Economist, Alice Hertzler, served Alcona County in 1938; and

WHEREAS, through the years Michigan State University Extension has held true to its mission to “help people improve their lives through an educational process that applies knowledge to critical issues, needs and opportunities” while adapting to changing times and adopting new technologies; and

WHEREAS, Michigan State University Extension services continue to bring the research of the university to the community and its programs include 4-H, Agriculture, Family Nutrition, Children & Youth Education, Lawn and Garden Information, Food Safety, and programs directed at Michigan’s Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, 2017 marks one-hundred years of collaboration between the federal government, the state of Michigan, Alcona County, and the Extension Office of Michigan State University.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alcona County Board of Commissioners appreciates all the efforts of the Extension Office in Alcona County.

Dated: October 4, 2017

Craig Johnston, Chairman
Alcona County Board of Commissioners

Roll call: Yes- Brege, Brummund, Vichunas and Johnston. No- Wnuk
MOTION CARRIED 4-1


Motion by Vichunas, seconded by Brege, to authorize the Chairman to sign the Proclamation declaring October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month as presented by Hope Shores Alliance.
MOTION CARRIED

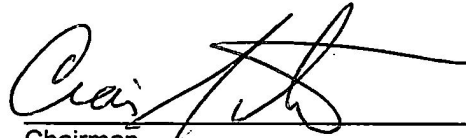
Discussion held regarding the option to seek bids for the 2017 audit. Finance Committee to contact the current auditors for a commitment for the 2017 audit.

Motion by Wnuk, seconded by Vichunas, to accept the contracts from John's Home Maintenance for snow removal for the 2017/2018 season. **MOTION CARRIED**

Commissioners gave brief reports on the meetings they recently attended.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m. until the next regular meeting to be held on Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.


Clerk


Chairman