

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 17, 2018** at 10:00 a.m.

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

Invocation given by Commissioner, Gary Wnuk.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Commissioners present: Craig Johnston, Chairman, Carolyn Brummund, Dan Gauthier and Gary Wnuk. Adam Brege – absent. Also present: Stephany Eller, County Clerk and Cheryl Franks, Treasurer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Wnuk, seconded by Brummund, to approve the minutes from the October 3, 2018 regular meeting and the October 10, 2018 special meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bill Thompson, from Recycle Alcona County Inc., updated the Board on the recent Tire Recycle.

Stephany Eller, County Clerk, informed the Board that effective September 1, 2018 Lori Ahtabowski was sworn in and appointed as the Deputy County Clerk.

PRESENTATIONS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

At this time the Board set a special meeting on October 31, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the 2019 Budget. Chair to submit budget worksheets to all departments. Budgets to be returned by October 26, 2018 for Board review.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Brummund, to approve pre-authorized claims and open claims presented for payment between 10/03/18 to 10/16/18 for check numbers 135258 to 135404 and E-check numbers 906 to 911 for a grand total of \$1,115,934.55.

Roll Call: Yes – Johnston, Brummund, Gauthier and Wnuk

No – None

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Gauthier, to approve the budget amendment to increase the Park and Recreation fund budget 208-000-699.000 *TRANSFERS IN* by \$37,000.00 and increase 208-752-970-000 *CAPITAL OUTLAY* by \$37,000.00.

Roll Call: Yes – Johnston, Brummund, Gauthier and Wnuk

No – None

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Gauthier, to adopt Resolution #2018-16 Resolution in Opposition to Senate Bill 396 as follows:

RESOLUTION # 2018-16

RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO SENATE BILL 396

WHEREAS, Roads are the backbone to the social, cultural and economic stability of Alcona County; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill (SB) 396 (S-5) passed and reported out of the Senate Transportation Committee on September 6, 2018 allows exemptions from seasonal weight restrictions (aka “frost laws”) to the forest product industry during the spring thaw when roads are the most vulnerable to damage from heavy loads; and

WHEREAS, it is a fact in Alcona County and throughout the northern states that roads become soft in the spring and applying unrestricted 164,000-pound truck loading on soft roads, is fool hardiness that defies common sense and a law allowing such nonsense is poor public policy; and

WHEREAS, SB 396 (S-5) also grants exemptions to the forest industry that will allow the hauling of forest products and transport of equipment on the public road system without obtaining proper permits from road authorities at all times of the year; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of SB 396 WILL result in damage to the public road system; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of SB 396 WILL negatively impact the traveling public assessing the road system, resulting in burdening road authorities with expensive reactive maintenance repairs and significantly increased taxpayer costs to maintain the public road system; and

WHEREAS, the provisions in SB 396 and subsequent impacts to the local road system WILL negatively impact the health, safety and welfare of Alcona County residents and the traveling public; and

WHEREAS, the Alcona County Road Commission works closely with the logging industry to keep the economic vitality of the County moving, by continuously monitoring road conditions and permitting the logging industry to move equipment and material on roads when the roads can structurally support such loading without negatively impacting the road system and the traveling public;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alcona County Board of Commissioners hereby STRONGLY opposes SB 396; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the chairperson of both the house and senate transportation committees and to the offices of Representative Sue Allor and Senator James Stamas.

Moved by _____, seconded by _____, to adopt the above Resolution at the _____ regular meeting.

_____ Ayes

_____ Nays

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
)
COUNTY OF ALCONA)

I, Stephany Eller, Alcona County Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the resolution adopted by the Alcona County Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting held on _____.

Stephany Eller, Alcona County Clerk

Roll Call: Johnston, Wnuk, Gauthier and Brummund

No – None

MOTION CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS:

Northeast Michigan Council of Governments Draft Master Plan for the Village of Lincoln.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Bill Thompson, from Recycle Alcona County Inc., to submit the finalized Tire Grant. Chairman to sign upon presentment.

Meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m. until the special meeting scheduled on October 31, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Clerk

Chairman