

The **regular meeting** of the Alcona County Board of Commissioners was held in the County Building in the City of Harrisville, Michigan on Wednesday, **August 5, 2020** 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, Gary Wnuk and Dan Gauthier. Also present: Trena MacNeill, Deputy County Clerk and Cheryl Franks, County Treasurer. Adam Brege, Vice Chairman, Absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Wnuk, seconded by Brummund, to approve the July 15, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes and the July 29, 2020 Special Meeting minutes as amended to include the MERS report.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Troy Somers, Equalization Director, discussed a County Assessor being designated to complete assessing for the County. Townships would need to agree on the designated Assessor or obtain their own. Somers will keep the Board apprised as to the designation of the Assessor.

PRESENTATIONS:

Julie Darnton, MSUE Director, via zoom, presented the annual report for MSUE. The passing of the millage was discussed and the programs offered by MSUE to support the community. Darnton further shared her appreciation for the Millage passing.

Dave Guthrie, County Surveyor, presented the proposed revisions of the remonumentation plan for Alcona County. The Board will review the plan and be placed on the agenda August 19, 2020 for approval.

Scott Rice, EMS Director, discussed the numbers submitted for write-offs. The Board will review write-offs once there are more concrete numbers. Rice expressed his appreciation for the passing of the EMS millage.

Dr. Mark Hamed, MD, MBA, MPH, DHD2, via zoom, presented on COVID-19 symptoms, safety precautions and procedures.

At this time, the Board discussed amending the agenda and moving the CDBG CARES funding letter to new business and adding the MERS adoption agreement to unfinished business.

Motion by Wnuk, seconded by Brummund, to approve the amended agenda to include the MERS adoption agreements and the CDBG CARES Funding letter.

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

No – None

MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

At this time the adoption of the MERS agreements were discussed to move retirees from Defined Benefit Division 13 to Division 01 and to move 911 active employees out of Division 02 to a separate new division.

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Wnuk, to approve and authorize the chair to sign 2 (two) MERS Defined Benefit adoption plan agreements. One for EMS and one for 911 employees.

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

No – None

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Brummund, to approve pre-authorized claims and open claims presented for payment between 7/15/20 and 8/04/20 for check numbers 141386 to 141560 and E-check numbers 1347 to 1355 for a grand total of \$379,020.12.

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

No – None

MOTION CARRIED

Commissioner Brummund asked that the Precious Paws rent be set aside and held in abeyance.

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Gauthier, to support the Proclamation to commemorate the two hundred and thirty-third anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America with appropriate ceremonies and activities annually, the week of Sept 17th – 23rd.

Roll Call: Yes –Brummund, Johnston and Gauthier

No - Wnuk

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Wnuk to adopt the COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan updated August 5, 2020.

Roll Call: Yes – Johnston, Gauthier and Brummund

No – Wnuk

MOTION CARRIED

At this time the Board discussed the CDBG Reimbursement of COVID Expenditures Letter of Interest. Through the State of Michigan's Community Development Block Grant CDBG funding is awarded to the State by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and administered by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC, through the MSF.

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Gauthier, to respond affirmatively to proceed with the CDBG CARES funding Letter of Interest and authorize the chair to sign.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Wnuk, seconded by Brummund, to accept and sign the amended letter requesting a region change to Governor Whitmer and mail to ISD, ISD for Oscoda County, Mio, Alcona, Iosco Superintendents, AMAESD, State Reps, DHD2 and the Health Director.

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

No – None

MOTION CARRIED

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Cheryl Franks informed the Board that the request for extension of the audit was approved. Approximately \$500,000.00 in taxes have come in from the different municipalities. Franks further stated that tax tribunals have come through changing 245 parcels resulting in a \$50,000.00 refund. All Board of Reviews are complete.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Trena MacNeill, Deputy County Clerk, updated the Board on the election. The Clerk's office expressed thanks for John Hartley's assistance and the great job our Township Clerk's did.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Michigan Association of Planning
Executive Order on Building and Rebuilding Monuments to American Heroes

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

COMMISSIONERS ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND CONCERNS:

Commissioner Wnuk commented on Constitution Week and why he isn't in support.
Commissioner Brummund rebuked.

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Gauthier, to recess.

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting recessed at 11:50 a.m.

Meeting resumed at 1:05 p.m. with Carolyn Brummund, Gary Wnuk and Dan Gauthier present.

Commissioner Gauthier called the meeting to order.

1:10 p.m. Chairman Johnston joined the meeting.

Lenny Avery, ACCOA Director, presented to the Board 3 different proposals for a new senior center building.

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Brummund, to move \$1,000.00 from *Contingency 101-890-999.000* to *Disaster Fund 101-426-959.000*.

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

No – None

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Johnston, seconded by Gauthier, to adjourn until the next scheduled regular meeting on August 19, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

County Clerk

Chairman