

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 21, 2015** at 10:00 A.M.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Boyat. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Commissioners present: Kathleen Vichunas, Craig Johnston, Carolyn Brummund, Sheila Phillips and Kevin Boyat. Also present: Patricia Truman, County Clerk and Cheryl Franks, County Treasurer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Phillips to approve the minutes from the October 7, 2015 regular meeting. MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT

Shawn Thornton, Alcona Schools Superintendent, presented information regarding the Alcona Schools ballot proposals that will be on voted on in November.

Phillip Jordan, Lincoln Village President, requested support in regards to the proposed extension, for an additional 25 years, of the Village of Lincoln Downtown Development Authority Tax Increment Financing and Development Plan.

Kerry Scott gave an update on the building department permits.

PRESENTATIONS:

Dorothy Munn, MSUE District 4 Coordinator and MSUE staff members presented their 2014-2015 Annual Report.

Buffy Carr, Emergency Manager, presented her Activity Report and requested approval the COOP & COG Plan.

Motion by Vichunas, seconded by Phillips to approve the County of Alcona, Continuity of Operations & Continuity of Government Plan as presented. MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Vichunas, seconded by Johnston to approve the Emergency Manager's Activity Report. MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Commissioner per diem was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Johnston, seconded by Brummund, to approve pre-authorized claims and open claims presented for payment between 10/7/2015 to 10/20/2015, for check numbers 123919 to 124066 in the amount of \$211,162.38 and E-check number 316 to 319 in the amount of \$10,035.18 for a grand total of \$221,197.56 Roll Call: Yes- Vichunas, Johnston, Brummund, Phillips and Boyat. No-None. MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Finance Committee report presented.

Discussion held regarding the request for support of the Village of Lincoln Downtown Development Authority extension.

Motion by Phillips, seconded by Brummund to approve Resolution #2015-15, in support of a public four year university in Northeast Michigan.

Resolution #2015-15

Resolution of Support for a Public Four Year University in Northeast Michigan

WHEREAS: There is no public four year university in the northern half of the Lower Peninsula;

WHEREAS: Students must leave the area for access to higher education and seldom return to live;

WHEREAS: There is a "brain drain" that adversely affects our local economy due to limited educational and economic opportunities in Northeast Michigan;

WHEREAS: The area's unemployment rate is persistently higher, and the median income of the area is significantly less than the state average;

WHEREAS: A study by Lake Superior State University found that one new job is created for every two students enrolled;

WHEREAS: On average, Michigan residents with a bachelor's degree earn nearly twice as much as those with only a high school diploma and have one third the rate of unemployment;

WHEREAS: Only 26 percent of the 18 to 24 year-olds in the region are enrolled in college, substantially lower than the statewide rate of 39 percent;

WHEREAS: There is adequate land in the public trust in the Alpena region which could support the development of a baccalaureate-granting university;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: That the Alpena County Board of Commissioners support the Michigan Legislature in establishing within Alpena County a baccalaureate granting state university for Northeast Michigan.

**Roll Call: Yes- Vichunas, Johnston, Brummund, Phillips and Boyat. No-None.
MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

Discussed the Lease Agreement for storage space for Parks and Rec equipment and the option to purchase.

Motion by Johnston, seconded by Phillips to accept the Lease Agreement, ONLY of building storage space at 1135 N. Richardson Road, Barton City, MI.

**Roll Call: Yes- Vichunas, Johnston, Phillips and Boyat. No-Brummund.
MOTION CARRIED 4-1**

The board recessed for lunch at 11:50 a.m. and reconvened at 1:15 p.m. with all members present.

Jennifer Martin, Group Benefit Consultant with 44 North, joined the meeting and presented the 2016 health insurance renewal rates; the premium increase is 4.88%. Martin reviewed other options and available programs.

Chairman Boyat reported on the recent Fair Board meeting.

Commissioner Vichunas presented a draft GIS Data & Cost Sharing Agreement. Discussion held. Clerk to place on next agenda.

Chairman Boyat reported that he received a letter of resignation from David Bielusiak, Building & Grounds department, effective January 4, 2016.

Motion by Phillips, seconded by Johnston, to accepted the letter of resignation from David Bielusiak with regrets. MOTION CARRIED

The clerk is to advertise the position with application due by noon, November 13, 2015. Building & Grounds/Personnel Committee to interview candidates.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Clerk

Chairman