

The **organizational meeting** of the Alcona County Board of Commissioners was held in the County Building in the City of Harrisville, Michigan on Wednesday, **January 6, 2016** at 10:00 A.M.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by County Clerk, Patricia Truman. 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.

The County Clerk called for nominations for Chairman of the Board for 2016.

Commissioner Brummund nominated Kevin Boyat. Clerk called for further nominations, none were offered.

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Phillips, to close nominations for Chairman and elect Kevin Boyat as the Chairman of the Board for 2016 by unanimous vote.

MOTION CARRIED

At this time, Chairman Boyat took over running the meeting and called for nominations for Vice Chairman.

Commissioner Phillips nominated Commissioner Brummund. Chairman called for further nominations, none were offered.

Motion by Phillips, seconded by Johnston to close nominations for Vice Chairman and elect Carolyn Brummund as Vice Chairman of the Board for 2016 by unanimous vote.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sara Gillies, Gillies Funeral Home, voiced her concerns in regards to the response time of the Medical Examiner in completing death records.

Patty Thomas, Harrisville resident, spoke in support of the proposed resolution regarding Enbridge Pipeline #5 that was on the agenda.

PRESENTATIONS:

Robert Kennedy, Haynes Township resident, presented information in regards to Enbridge Line 5 Pipeline that run along the bottom lands of Lake Michigan from St. Ignace to Mackinaw City and the concerns in regards to its safety. A proposed Resolution was offered to request Governor Snyder act to restrict Line 5 to its original design capacity.

Motion by Vichunas, seconded Johnston to support Resolution #2016-01 as presented.

**RESOLUTION 2016-01
Enbridge Pipeline – Line 5**

WHEREAS, Line 5 is a pipeline owned by Enbridge that transports crude oil and natural gas liquids since 1953 from Superior, WI, eastward across Michigan's Upper Peninsula to where a dual pipeline crosses the bottom of the Straits of Mackinac, just west of the Mackinac Bridge continuing South crossing under the Indian River, in Cheboygan County, on its route through the Lower Peninsula to its terminus point in Sarnia, Ontario; and

WHEREAS, Line 5 was constructed prior to Public Act 247 of 1955 Great Lakes Submerged Land Act as amended which purpose is to protect the waters of the Great Lakes and the Great Lakes bottomlands by requiring a permit when constructing structures in the Great Lakes within Michigan; and

WHEREAS, there is a potential risk that Line 5 could develop a leak which would cause environmental damage to the Great Lakes as well as economic loss; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan has the legal authority to manage the bottomlands and waters of the Great Lakes within Michigan from the prevention of pollution and to protect the natural resources of the State; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alcona County Board of Commissioners request that Governor Snyder utilize the State's Authority by acting immediately to restrict Line 5 to its original design capacity and to limit its cargo to non-oil products (e.g., Liquid Petroleum Gas and Propane) until the recommendations within the Michigan Petroleum Pipeline Task Force Report specifically; requiring an independent risk analysis and adequate financial assurance for the straits pipelines, an independent analysis of alternatives to the existing straits pipelines as well as obtaining any additional information requested from the report is completed and analyzed.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Alcona County will send a copy of this resolution to the Governor, Attorney General, our State Representatives and State Senators.

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

Kerry Scott, Building Department, reported that the electrical inspector will be gone until April and that Frank Rosinski will be handling those inspections. Scott also requested that the fee for starting work prior to obtaining a permit be increased.

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Phillips that the fee for contractors commencing work prior to obtaining a permit will be double the permit fee.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Vichunas, seconded by Johnston, to adopt Resolution #2016-02 as follows:

**RESOLUTION ON FEE WAIVER
#2016-02**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alcona County Board of Commissioners waive, until May 1, 2016, the collection fees and interest in excess of those charges prior to February 15, 2016, on the 2016 property taxes currently being collected. This exemption applies only to senior citizens, paraprofessionals, eligible servicemen and veterans, and blind and totally and permanently disabled as defined in the State Income Tax Act who have filed Homestead Property Tax Credit prior to February 15, 2016.

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

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Phillips, to set the regular meetings of the Board on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month commencing at 10:00 a.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Vichunas, seconded by Phillips, to designate the Alcona County Review as the newspaper of record for the County for 2016.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Phillips, seconded by Johnston to set the mileage reimbursement rate at \$0.50/per mile and the per diem rate at \$35 for half day and \$60 for full day.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Vichunas, seconded by Phillips to post that the ADA requirements that will require a 15 days' notice to the County Clerk's office, so that the necessary, reasonable, auxiliary aids and services can be provided at the meetings.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Vichunas, seconded by Phillips, to approve the minutes from the December 16, 2015 regular meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Phillips, seconded by Johnston to go into closed session to meet with legal counsel to discuss pending litigation regarding Rhodes v Alcona County, et al.

Roll call: Yes- Vichunas, Thompson, Brummund, Phillips and Boyat. No- None

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Closed session held at 10:45 a.m.

Returned to open session at 11:25 a.m., all members present.

Motion by Johnston, seconded by Phillips, to approve pre-authorized claims and open claims presented for payment between 12/16/15 thru 1/5/2016, including check numbers 124743 to 124938 in the amount of \$252,970.94 and E-check number 352 to 368 in the amount of \$613,375.78 for a grand total of \$866,346.72.

Roll Call: Yes-Vichunas, Johnston, Brummund, Phillips and Boyat. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Phillips to approve the 44Navigator program for the Clerk's office for the ACA Compliance reporting.

Roll Call: Yes-Vichunas,

Johnston, Brummund, Phillips and Boyat. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Chairman Boyat recommended committee assignments be reviewed at the next meeting.

Discussed the status of the county recreation master plan.

Acknowledged receipt of the draft copy of the City of Harrisville's Master Plan.

Treasurer Franks reported that the auditors are scheduled to do the 2015 audit on April 4, 2016 and that a separate bank account for the EMS wires is being set up.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon until the next scheduled meeting on January 20, 2016.

Clerk

Chairman