

The regular meeting of the Alcona County Board of Commissioners was held in the County Building in the City of Harrisville, on **Wednesday, August 3, 2016.**

Chairman Boyat called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Commissioners present: Sheila Phillips, Craig Johnston, Kathleen Vichunas, Carolyn Brummund and Chairman Kevin Boyat. Also present: Treasurer Cheryl Franks, and Deputy Clerk Barbara Bruske.

Motion by Vichunas, seconded by Phillips to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2016, Meeting.

Roll Call: YES: 5 NO: None

MOTION CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS:

Jessica St. George, MSUE gave update on various projects that MSUE has completed in the past year. There have been classes on nutrition education, cooking classes for Middle school students and other community outreach type programs. Jessica also informed the Board she will be leaving the end of August to continue her education. The Board wished her well.

John Schlicker requested that the millage proposal for H.U.N.T. not be placed on the November ballot. He also introduced Charmie Gholson of Michigan Moms United who gave a presentation on her group and sharing topics of concern.

Pastor Ed Morrison requested permission to use the Courthouse Lawn on Sunday, September 11, 2016, at 3:00 p.m. for a Memorial Ceremony. Permission granted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion by Vichunas, seconded by Brummund to issue Resolution 2016-06, Resolution to Ensure the Civil Rights of all Alcona County Students.

ROLL CALL: YES: Johnston, Brummund, Vichunas, Boyat NO: Phillips

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2016-06

RESOLUTION TO ENSURE THE CIVIL RIGHTS OF ALL ALCONA COUNTY STUDENTS

WHEREAS, the Obama Administration, the U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Department of Education have no right to supersede Constitutional Parental and Guardian Rights;

WHEREAS, the Obama Administration, the U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Department of Education have no authority to legislate over parental/guardian rights to allow students to choose their gender, name, pronoun and bathroom/locker rooms, etc.;

WHEREAS, this student choice would expose young people who are not transgender to sexual predators, assault and/or battery (bullying), etc.;

WHEREAS, the “Dear Colleague Letter on Transgender Students” dated May 16, 2016, was distributed to schools across the country by mandate of the Obama Administration, uses Title 1X to threaten schools to comply with the guidelines or to lose Federal funding.

WHEREAS, the “Dear Colleague Letter on Transgender Students” further states that schools can provide “additional privacy options” that can be incorporated in the policies and practices of each school;

WHEREAS, a local school’s use of “additional privacy options” shall be viewed as compliance with the “Dear Colleague Letter on Transgender Students”;

WHEREAS, we must reaffirm that all students shall enjoy a safe and discrimination-free environment without the threat of losing Federal funding and that each Board of Education develop policies that conform to Title IX requirements without exposing the majority of students to an unsafe environment;

WHEREAS, we must reaffirm that, with the adoption of this Resolution, the Alcona County Board of Commissioners does not intend to discriminate against anyone protected by the Constitution of the United States of America, the State of Michigan, or any applicable laws;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alcona County Board of Commissioners requests that Governor Rick Snyder, the United States Senators of Michigan, the United States Representatives of Michigan, the Michigan House Representatives; the Michigan Senate Representatives; Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette; the Michigan State Board of Education; the Michigan Department of Education protect the civil liberties of all citizens of Alcona County and to stand firm against the Federal Government’s edict that transgender people must be allowed to use public bathrooms that conform to their gender identity.

APPROVED BY the Alcona County Board of Commissioners on the 3rd day of August, 2016.

Motion by Vichunas, seconded by Phillips to use the remainder of the millage in the H.U.N.T. budget for 2016 as our total payment for 2016.

Roll Call: YES: Brummund, Phillips, Johnston, Vichunas, Boyat NO: None

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Johnston, seconded by Phillips to approve pre-authorized claims and open claims presented for payment between 7/20/2016 to 8/2/2016, for check number 126982 to 127163 in the amount of \$423,890.62 and E-check number 473 to 481 in the amount of \$171,126.00 for a grand total of \$595,016.62.

Roll Call: YES: Brummund, Vichunas, Johnston, Phillips, Boyat NO: None

MOTION CARRIED

Pilt payments have been received. Discussion held on payments under \$100.00. An evening meeting to be scheduled with Board and two members of each affected township in early September.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Motion by Phillips, seconded by Brummund to allow Commissioner Boyat to take proposal for Parks & Recreation Board to purchase property offered by Millen Township.

YES: Johnston, Vichunas, Phillips, Brummund, Boyat NO: None

MOTION CARRIED

On August 2, 2016, a Letter of Resignation was received by Medical Examiner, Dr. Gregg Hanert, effective August 19, 2016.

Finance Committee will attempt to speak Dr. Hanert to extend effective date.

NEW BUSINESS:

Cheryl Franks, Treasurer submitted report through June 30, 2016. She advised the Board to contact her with any questions.

Committee reports were given.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Frank Dimercurio of the Chosen Ranch and Pastor Wayne Whitten both commended the Board on putting H.U.N.T. on the ballot for the November election.

Prosecutor Thomas Weichel stated that to keep the community safe we must have a contingency plan if the H.U.N.T. ballot proposal is defeated.

Discussion held.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m. until next meeting on August 17, 2016.

Deputy Clerk

Chairman

