

The **regular meeting** of the Alcona County Board of Commissioners was held in the County Building in the City of Harrisville, Michigan on Wednesday, **June 7, 2017** at 10:00 A.M.

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

Invocation given by commissioner Wnuk

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Commissioners present: Kathleen Vichunas, Craig Johnston, Carolyn Brummund, Adam Brege and Gary Wnuk. Also present: Patricia Truman, County Clerk and Sheila Franks, Deputy County Treasurer.

**Motion by Wnuk, seconded by Brege to approve the minutes from the May 17, 2017 regular meeting.
MOTION CARRIED**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bill Thompson gave an update on the county-wide clean-up that was held on May 20th.

Kevin Boyat commented on the county-wide clean-up and on the tractor pull that was held at the ARA on June 3rd.

Jim Burger, representing VFW Post 8135, reported that there was an issue with the flag pole on the courthouse grounds during the Memorial Day services.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Johnston requested that compensation for the building department inspectors be added to the agenda.

**Motion by Brege, seconded by Brummund to approve pre-authorized claims and open claims presented for payment between 5/17/2017 to 6/6/2017 for check numbers 130190 to 130390 in the amount of \$202,679.36 and E-check number 637 to 645 in the amount of \$213,774.84 for a grand total of \$416,454.20. Roll call: Yes- Brege, Brummund, Vichunas, Wnuk and Johnston. No- None
MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

Finance committee submitted a written report on the budget status and reported that cash flow is low.

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Vichunas to approve the Resolution #2017-08 as presented regarding Cedar Lake.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-08

RESOLUTION OF THE ALCONA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

CEDAR LAKE

WHEREAS, the Alcona County Board of Commissioners (“Board”) appointed the Alcona County Drain Commissioner as delegated authority for Cedar Lake under Part 307 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Michigan Public Act 451 of 1994, as amended (“Part 307”), by approving Resolution #2016-07 on November 2, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Alcona County Drain Commissioner, as delegated authority under Part 307 has the responsibility to maintain and repair the lake level project for Cedar Lake, in coordination with the delegated authority appointed for Cedar Lake under Part 307 by the Alcona County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, a 2013 Dam Inspection Report and a 2016 Dam Inspection Report for Cedar Lake Dam (“Inspection Reports”) prepared by Huron Engineering and Surveying recommended improvements to be performed to allow for continuing maintenance of the established lake level (“Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Alcona County Drain Commissioner has authority to expend up to Ten Thousand Dollars (**\$10,000.00**) in any one year for the maintenance and repair of the lake level project, and where it is estimated that expenditures exceeding this amount are necessary, those amounts may not be expended until approved by Resolution of the Alcona County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Alcona County Drain Commissioner has advised the Board that it will be necessary to expend funds in excess of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for the maintenance and repair of the lake level project; and

WHEREAS, the Alcona County Drain Commissioner has also advised the Board that it is necessary to update the lake level for Cedar Lake to the North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD88); and

WHEREAS, consistent with Resolution #2016-07, the Alcona County Drain Commissioner deems it necessary to:

- a) Update the current lake level as calculated pursuant to the NAVD88;
- b) Establish a special assessment district pursuant to Part 307; and
- c) Perform maintenance and repair of the lake level in excess of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. In addition to instituting proceedings to confirm the established lake level of Cedar Lake and to retain an engineer to determine the boundaries of a special assessment district for Cedar Lake as previously approved in Resolution #2016-07, the Board, pursuant to Part 307, also authorizes the Alcona County Drain Commissioner to expend money for the maintenance and repair of the lake level project in excess of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00).
2. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as the same may be in conflict herewith are hereby rescinded.

Date: June 7, 2017

/s/ Craig Johnston
Craig Johnston, Chair
Board of Commissioners

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

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Wnuk to cast a vote for Kathleen Vichunas for the Michigan Township Participating Plan Board of Director election ballot. MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Wnuk, seconded by Brummund to approve Resolution #2017-09 Opposing the Legalization of Marijuana. Discussion held.

**RESOLUTION #2017-09
Alcona County, Michigan
RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE LEGALIZATION OF MARIJUANA**

Whereas, proposals to legalize the general use of marijuana are being placed on the ballot in communities across Michigan; and

Whereas, we are committed to the success and positive future of our youth; and

Whereas, we are committed to the economic health and competitiveness of our area; and

Whereas, we are committed to the health and safety of our citizens; and

Whereas, when access to substances increases so does youth use; and

Whereas, there is significant evidence demonstrating that non-medical or recreational use of marijuana has a profoundly negative impact on our youth, particularly teenagers; and

Whereas, nationwide there is a decreased perception of risk of marijuana use; and

Whereas, the belief that legalization of marijuana (both as smoked and edible) will continue to decrease the perception of risk and increase the use of marijuana among youth, and

Whereas, *The National Institute on Drug Abuse* reports that one in six teens who use marijuana become addicted to its use; and

Whereas, youth use will have a negative impact on adolescent brain development; including areas that influence pleasure, memory, thinking, concentration, sensory and time perception, and coordinated movement and an increase in risky decisions; and

Whereas, marijuana use can lead to poor academic performance and enrollment gaps in college; and

Whereas, *Monitoring the Future, 2013* reports that in states where medical marijuana use has been legalized, about one third of 12th graders reported access to another person's medical marijuana supply; and

Whereas, *MATFORCE, the Yavapai County Substance Abuse Coalition in Arizona* reports that drug related school expulsions spiked 45% in Colorado, a State which has legalized medical and recreational marijuana use, in the years after legalization; and

Whereas, *National Highway Traffic Association* reports that driving under the influence of marijuana is associated with an increased risk of car crashes, especially fatal crashes; and

Whereas, the University of Colorado, Denver , reports that marijuana-impaired driver related fatalities have risen 114% in Colorado since that State legalized the use of marijuana; and

Whereas, *Join Together* reports that the active ingredient in marijuana, Tetrahydrocannabinol(THC), has increased significantly from an average of 1% in 1970 to 30% in 2013, making today's marijuana an alarmingly more potent drug; and

Whereas, we believe legalization will have a negative impact on our State's workforce and productivity as well as cost our State more money in social, safety and health(such as treatment) issues as other substances have done; and

Whereas, general marijuana use and possession is not permitted by Federal and State law; and

Whereas, it is not possible to foresee and mitigate all the associated risks and impact to our communities through the legalization of marijuana for general use; and

Whereas, Alcona County recognizes the need to educate all sectors of our community regarding the dangers of non-medical marijuana use;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that County of Alcona is opposed to the legalization of marijuana for general use; and

Be it further resolved, that we support public education on the harms of marijuana and proven prevention interventions for youth and others.

Be It Further Resolved, the County of Alcona encourages other communities to oppose the legalization of marijuana for general use including the adoption of similar resolutions in opposition to the legalization of non-medical marijuana.

Signed this 7th day of June 2017

Roll call: Yes- Brege, Brummund, Wnuk and Johnston. No- Vichunas
MOTION CARRIED 4-1

Personnel committee reported that interviews were held for the EMS director position and recommended that Scott Rice be hired.

Motion by Johnston, seconded by Brummund to hire Scott Rice as the new EMS director.
MOTION CARRIED

Scott Rice was introduced and spoke briefly on his family and work experiences.

Commissioner Vichunas presented a letter from Stephenson and Company offering to provide a bid for the annual county audit.

Discussion held regarding the past due bill from NEMCOG for the county rec plan.

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Vichunas to increase the building department inspectors' compensation, for final inspections only, to \$50.00 effective June 7, 2017.
MOTION CARRIED

Sheriff Atchison reported that a security committee has been formed to address security at the county building. In addition to the current camera system, they recommended that access to the building be limited by locking all but the main door on the upper level and the handicap accessible door on the lower level. Staff can enter the locked doors with the key they have been issued. The public will be able to exit any door. They also discussed having office doors locked at all times and having staff wear identification cards. Maintenance and IT department are researching digital door locks for the departments that currently don't have them.

Motion by Johnston, seconded by Wnuk to lock all entrance doors to the public except for the west main entrance on the upper level and the north entrance door on the lower level beginning on Monday, June 12, 2017
MOTION CARRIED

Chairman Johnston gave an update on the meeting held regarding the minimum standards for indigent criminal defense services.

Commissioners gave brief reports on the meetings they recently attended.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Clerk

Chairman