

The **regular meeting** of the Alcona County Board of Commissioners was held in the County Building in the City of Harrisville, Michigan on Wednesday, **February 15, 2017** at 10:00 A.M.

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

Invocation given by Rev. Nancy Harpfer.

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 Cheryl Franks, County Treasurer. Several township officials were present.

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Vichunas to approve the minutes from the February 1, 2017 regular meeting with corrections. MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bill Thompson reported that Alcona Spring In-2 Summer Expo will be held on Sunday May 7, 2017 from 11am to 3pm at the Alcona County Fairgrounds.

Sara Healy, Gillies Funeral Home, reported that things are going well with the new medical examiner but asked to be informed when the M.E. was unavailable.

Bill Putsky of Lincoln, asked if an annual fee could be set for recycling.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Brege, seconded by Brummund, to approve pre-authorized claims and open claims presented for payment between 2/1/2017 to 2/14/2017, for check numbers 129020 to 129118 in the amount of \$150,838.96 and E-check number 578 to 588 in the amount of \$150,636.56 for a grand total of \$301,475.52. Roll call: Yes- Brege, Brummund, Vichunas, Wnuk and Johnson. No- None MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Motion by Vichunas, seconded by Wnuk to rescind the motion made on October 19, 2016 that would reduce PILT payments to Townships as Follows: 1/3, year 2017, 2/3, year 2018 and all, year 2019. MOTION CARRIED

Chairman Johnston appointed Commissioners Brege and Wnuk to an ad hoc committee to research the PILT payment distribution history.

Chairman Johnston gave an update on the proposal from John Axe for bonding the MERS pension unfunded accrued liability. Both he and the clerk spoke with Mr. Axe and there is no cost for their services if the county does not bond.

Motion by Brege, seconded by Wnuk to authorize the chairman and clerk to sign the letter of agreement with Clark Hill and MFCI. MOTION CARRIED

Discussed the HarborTown rental agreement, legal counsel is reviewing the document.

Treasurer Franks requested that the fee for kennel licenses be amended to comply with state statute.

Motion by Wnuk, seconded by Vichunas to amend the current kennel license fee to \$10 for 10 dogs or less and \$25.00 for more than 10 dogs MOTION CARRIED

Commissioners gave brief reports on the meetings they recently attended.

Chairman Johnston reported that the veterans' affairs office has been relocated to the former Forest Service building, and the office space on the lower level of the courthouse will now be a conference room and small courtroom.

Board adjourned at 10:53 a.m. until the next scheduled meeting on March 1, 2017.

Clerk

Chairman