

The **regular meeting** of the Alcona County Board of Commissioners was held in the County Building in the City of Harrisville, Michigan on Wednesday, **January 16, 2019** at 10:00 a.m.

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

Invocation given by Commissioner Wnuk.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Commissioners present: Craig Johnston, Chairman, Carolyn Brummund, Gary Wnuk, Adam Brege and Dan Gauthier. Also present: Stephany Eller, County Clerk and Cheryl Franks, County Treasurer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Wnuk, seconded by Gauthier, to approve the January 2, 2019 Organizational and Regular Meeting minutes with amendments to the votes cast for Chairman and Vice Chairman.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mike Maturen, Catholic Human Services, briefed the Board of continued efforts to educate the County on drug addiction awareness.

Bill Thompson, Alcona Recycle, requested the Board approve the Operation Clean-Up Contract.

Lori Achtabowski, Deputy County Clerk, informed the Board of the current procedure used by the Clerk's office for contractual services verse county employees. It was determined that this practice was established by the Clerk's office and therefore any procedural changes did not need approval from the Board.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mischelle Warner, MSUE District Director, presented the MSU Agreement for Extension Services for the Boards approval and supplied handouts of upcoming events.

Melissa Cordes, Register of Deeds, presented the 2018 Annual Report for the Register of Deeds office.

Alysa Pichler, Trial Court Administrator, submitted the proposed 2019 FOC Budget and a letter from Chief Judge, Richard E. Vollbach, Jr. requesting the reappointment of Jury Board member, Connie Sysak.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Brege, to approve Committee and Board Appointments, as amended (see attached).

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Gauthier, to approve the MGT Cost Allocation Contract and allow the Chairman to sign.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Wnuk, seconded by Gauthier, to amend proposed Resolution #2019-07 Opposing Executive Directive No. 2019-09.

Roll Call: Yes – Gauthier, Brummund and Johnston

No – Wnuk and Brege

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Gauthier, to approve as amended Resolution #2019-07 Opposing Executive Directive No. 2019-9 as follows:

RESOLUTION #2019-07

Alcona County, Michigan

RESOLUTION OPPOSING EXECUTIVE DIRECTIVE No. 2019-9

Whereas, “Democratic Governor Gretchen Whitmer in a statement released late Friday criticized Snyder's approval of the petition drive rules, **but said she was pleased to see his veto of the legislative intervention provisions "that were part of the effort to undermine" the authority of the incoming Democratic administration.**” December 28, 2018 The Detroit News; and

Whereas, Governor Whitmer has now circumvented the legislative process by Executive Directive No. 2019-9 which undermines the branch of the people (Michigan House and Senate); and

Whereas, The Michigan Legislative Bodies have not seen fit to expand the Elliot Larsen Act to include the re-definition of sex since 2005; and

Whereas, “that the opinions of men are not the object of civil government, nor under its jurisdiction; that to suffer the civil magistrate to intrude his powers into the field of opinion and to restrain the profession or propagation of principles on supposition of their ill tendency is a dangerous falacy, which at once destroys all religious liberty, because he being of course judge of that tendency will make his opinions the rule of judgment, and approve or condemn the sentiments of others only as they shall square with or differ from his own” — Draft of The Virginia Act for Establishing Religious Freedom January 1, 1779 Thomas Jefferson.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that we the Alcona County Board of Commissioners would respectfully request Governor Whitmer to rescind this directive; and

Be it further resolved, That this matter be allowed to go through the legislative process which is accountable to the people.

Be it further resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the other 82 counties, the honorable Susan M. Allor 106th House representative Jim Stamas the 36th Senator Governor, Gretchen Whitmer and the other 82 Michigan Counties.

Roll Call: Yes – Gauthier, Brummund, Johnston, Wnuk and Brege No – None

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Brege, to approve the Operation Clean-up Contract and allow the Chairman to sign.

Roll Call: Yes – Brege, Gauthier, Brummund, Wnuk and Johnston No – None

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Brege, seconded by Brummund, to approve the MSUE Agreement for Extension Services as presented and allow the Chairman to sign.

Roll Call: Yes – Johnston, Gauthier, Brege and Brummund No – Wnuk

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Wnuk, to reappoint Connie Sysak to the Alcona County Jury Board.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Gauthier, to approve the 2019 FOC Budget as presented.

Roll Call: Yes – Gauthier, Brummund, Johnston and Brege No – Wnuk

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Wnuk, to approve Anderson, Tackman & Company to prepare the 2018 audit for Alcona County.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Brege, to approve pre-authorized claims and open claims presented for payment between 12/31/18 to 1/15/19 for check numbers 136092 to 136232 and E-check numbers 962 to 972 for a grand total of \$391,467.36.

Roll Call: Yes – Brummund, Brege, Wnuk, Johnston and Gauthier No – None

MOTION CARRIED

At this time the Finance Committee presented a year end finance report.

The Board recessed at 11:14 a.m.

The Board reconvened at 11:25 a.m. with all members present.

The Board discussed public workshops to be held before each regular scheduled meeting between 9:00 a.m. and 9:45 a.m.

Motion by Wnuk, seconded by Brege, to hold public workshops before each regular scheduled meeting between 9:00 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. and publish notice in the Alcona County Review.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Wnuk, to appoint Thomas Morgan Jr., Thomas Jacobs and Brian Gauthier to the Alcona County Construction Board of Appeals.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Gauthier, to publish the vacant Veteran's Board member position in the Alcona County Review for a period of two weeks.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Wnuk, seconded by Brummund, to extend the current Emergency Management contract through March 31, 2019 facilitating the agreement to provide training of the new Emergency Management manager.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Wnuk, to publish for one (1) week in the Alcona County Review the Emergency Management manager position.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS:

Communication letters received by the County Clerk were discussed at this time.

Cheryl Franks briefed the Board of the hearing for the tax foreclosures and county finances.

Motion by Johnston, seconded by Brege, to go into closed session to discuss pending union negotiations.

Roll Call: Yes – Brummund, Brege, Johnston, Gauthier and Wnuk

No – None

MOTION CARRIED

Closed session held at 12:07 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 12:08 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m. until the next scheduled **regular meeting** to be held on **February 6, 2019** at 10:00 a.m.

County Clerk

Chairman