

The **regular meeting** of the Alcona County Board of Commissioners was held in the County Building in the City of Harrisville, Michigan on Wednesday, **March 18, 2020** at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Craig Johnston, Chairman.

Invocation given by Lenny Avery.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Wnuk, seconded by Brummund, to approve the March 4, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Lenny Avery, ACCOA Director, informed the Board of steps ACCOA is taking to provide meals and other forms of assistance to area residents during this critical time.

Scott Stephenson, Sheriff, reported on current changes within the Sheriff's Department.

Scott Rice, EMS Director, reported on the recent special order of supplies to be dispersed to EMS, the Sheriff's Department and other possible entities helping to aid area residents.

Dave Hanson, Building and Grounds, updated the Board on changes being made to the Courthouse and Sheriff's Department to limit access in and out of the buildings and other precautionary changes to be worked on.

PRESENTATIONS:

Nena Sork, NEMCMH Director, presented a Resolution to Preserve the Public Mental Health System for the Boards consideration.

Christy Holmes, Chamber of Commerce Board member, stated that half of the Chambers income is spent on rent and requested a reduction from the Board for the annual rent fee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Motion by Wnuk, seconded by Gauthier, to approve the revised Pre65 Priority Health insurance division plan for all Alcona County retirees.

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Brummund, to approve pre-authorized claims and open claims presented for payment between 3/04/20 and 3/17/20 for check numbers 140368 to 140488 and E-check numbers 1249 to 1258 for a grand total of \$361,786.19.

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

No – None

MOTION CARRIED

Cheryl Franks, Treasurer, requested that the Board approve the settlement payments for the governmental entities in the amount of \$1,484,002.95.

Motion by Wnuk, seconded by Brege, to approve settlement payments to the various governmental entities in the amount of \$1,484,008.95.

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

No – None

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Brummund, to receive without comment the Gustin Township Ordinance #2020-01.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Wnuk, seconded by Brummund, to approve the Resolution #2020-09 as follows:

ALCONA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION TO PRESERVE THE PUBLIC MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM

WHEREAS, Michigan’s public mental health system provides one of the broadest array of cutting edge, community-based mental health services and supports in Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency and Presque Isle Counties; and

WHEREAS, Northeast Michigan Community Mental Health Authority (NeMCMHA) was created by County Boards of Commissioners as duly authorized under 330.1204a of the Michigan Mental Health Code; and

WHEREAS, the Alcona County Board of Commissioners supports the preservation of the current public mental health system delivery and management; and

WHEREAS, NeMCMHA is a Community Mental Health Services Program serving residents of Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency and Presque Isle Counties; and

WHEREAS, NeMCMHA provided specialty mental health services and supports to 2,433 persons with serious and persistent mental illness, children with a serious emotional disturbance and individuals with an intellectual developmental disabilities in FY19 and many of these persons are Medicaid recipients; and

WHEREAS, the public mental health system in Michigan is based on the Federal Community Mental Health Centers Act of 1963 and grounded in the Michigan Mental Health

Code, Public Act 258 of 1974 which created a state and county partnership for community mental health and related Medicaid safety net services; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is proposing to redesign the structure system for the delivery of mental health and substance use disorder services to one in which there are numerous private health plans managing mental health supports and services; and

WHEREAS, this arrangement ensures that shared state and county mental health policy objectives are accountable to local communities and their elected representatives; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alcona County Board of Commissioners strongly opposes any system redesign that removes control from the local communities and reduces input from persons served and local elected representatives.

BE IT, FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Representative Susan M. Allor (106th District), Senator Jim Stamas (36th District) and the other 82 counties.

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

No – None

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Wnuk, to receive and concur with the 2020 goals from the three (3) non-elected department heads as presented by the Personnel Committee.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Brege, to adopt the CDC’s recommended guidelines in regard to Covid-19.

MOTION CARRIED

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Cheryl Franks suggested that Emergency Management Services monies be tracked for possible reimbursement purposes.

CLERK’S REPORT: None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

U.S. Air Force Operational Environmental Impact Statement, Monroe County Resolution, Grand Traverse County Resolution, Alcona 2-1-1 Report, Mecosta County Resolution and Houghton County Resolution.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Board reported on the various committee meetings they recently attended.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Scott Rice, EMS Director, requested that the EMS secretary position be returned to full-time due to the current circumstances.

Motion by Wnuk, seconded by Brege, to approve the county building to be closed to the public through April 5th.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Brege, to allow the Personnel Committee to approve departmental personnel changes.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMISSIONERS ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND CONCERNS: None.

Meeting adjourned at 11:53 a.m. until the next **regular scheduled meeting** to be held on **April 1, 2020** at 10:00 a.m.

County Clerk

Chairman