

The **regular meeting** of the Alcona County Board of Commissioners was held in the County Building in the City of Harrisville, Michigan on Wednesday, **November 4, 2020** at 10:00 a.m.

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

Invocation given by Gary Wnuk.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Wnuk, to approve the October 21, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes and October 28, 2020 Special Meeting minutes.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Christie Holmes, Alcona County Chamber of Commerce, addressed the Board in regard to considering a reduction in the Chamber of Commerce rent. The Board will discuss the rent this week and will contact the Alcona County Chamber of Commerce with the decision.

PRESENTATIONS:

David Hanson, Building and Grounds, presented bids for snow removal and shoveling. He recommends John's Home Maintenance for plowing and the Chosen Ranch for shoveling.

At this time, the board agreed to add snow removal bids and kiosk to new business.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Jim Baker and Bob Kwiatkoski, MESSA Representatives, explained the quotes for health insurance they provided to the Board and answered questions for informational purposes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Brege, to approve pre-authorized claims and open claims presented for payment between 10/21/2020 and 11/03/2020 for check numbers 142261 to 142406 and E-check numbers 1419 to 1429 for a grand total of \$1,859,502.63.

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

No – None

MOTION CARRIED

Tony Radjenovich, MERS Representative, reviewed the carve out of divisions within the MERS plan and the 2019 Annual Actuarial Valuation Report.

The Board discussed the option to close MERS Defined Benefit to new hires that are non-union.

Cheryl Franks, Treasurer, presented a budget amendment request to correct Fund 516.

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Brummund, to amend Fund 516 in the amount of \$299,000.00.

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

No - None

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Wnuk, to approve Resolution #2020-16 as follows:

**RESOLUTION TO RATIFY AND CONFIRM ACTIONS
APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DURING REMOTE MEETINGS**

RESOLUTION #2020-16

WHEREAS, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Governor declared a State of Emergency by Executive Order 2020-4 on March 10, 2020 and extended the State of Emergency by subsequent Executive Orders; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the State of Emergency, on March 18, 2020 the Governor issued Executive Order 2020-15 which authorized remote participation in public meetings and specifically allowed public bodies to hold meetings electronically, either by telephonic or video conferencing; and

WHEREAS subsequent Executive Orders extended the authorization to hold remote meetings and ultimately, on July 17, 2020, through Executive Order 2020-154, extended the authority to hold remote meetings through the remainder of the State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, in reliance on the Executive Orders authorizing remote meetings, the Alcona County Board of Commissioners, has conducted all meetings electronically since April 15, 2020.

WHEREAS, on October 2, the Michigan Supreme Court issued an opinion in which a majority of the Justices agreed that Executive Orders issued after April 30, 2020 are invalid as the law under which they were issued allowed an unconstitutional delegation of authority to the Governor; and

WHEREAS, in response to the October 2, 2020 Michigan Supreme Court Opinion, 2020 Public Act 228 was adopted by the state legislature and signed by the Governor. This Act is effective immediately and retroactively, and modifies the Open Meetings Act authorizing remote meetings through the December 31, 2020 for any circumstance and through December 31, 2021 for certain qualifying reasons.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in light of the October 2, 2020 Michigan Supreme Court Opinion and 2020 Public Act 228 amending the Open Meetings Act, Alcona County affirms and ratifies all actions approved by the Board of Commissioners at the following meetings:

(List all remote or hybrid meetings from April 30, 2020 forward).

May 6, 2020	July 15, 2020
May 11, 2020	July 29, 2020
May 20, 2020	August 5, 2020
June 3, 2020	August 19, 2020
June 17, 2020	September 2, 2020
June 19, 2020	September 16, 2020
June 24, 2020	September 24, 2020
June 29, 2020	October 7, 2020
July 1, 2020	October 21, 2020
July 7, 2020	October 28, 2020
July 9, 2020	

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

No - None

MOTION CARRIED

At this time the Board discussed the MSUE Agreement for Extension Services. Board will set aside until they can review further information.

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Brummund, to accept the recommendation from Building and Grounds and contract with John’s Home Maintenance for snow plowing and the Chosen Ranch for shoveling.

MOTION CARRIED

The Board discussed obtaining kiosks or hiring a security firm to screen for COVID-19 following the requirements of the Supreme Court on high volume court days. The funding would come from CBDG Grant monies.

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Gauthier, to pursue hiring security pending approval of CBDG Grant monies.

MOTION CARRIED

FINANCE REPORT:

Finance reported on continued work with the 2021 FY Budget and scheduled a budget meeting for November 9, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

PERSONNEL REPORT: None.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Treasurer Franks updated the Board on continued work with the 2021 FY Budget and property tax sales.

CLERK’S REPORT:

Deputy Clerk MacNeill updated the Board on the Clerk’s office working to finalize the General Election and thanked the Township Clerk’s, staff and John Hartley for the help and dedication in their assistance with a successful Election.

COMMUNICATIONS:

DNR Notice and CFNEM Donation Fund

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Board gave brief reports on the various committee meetings they recently attended. Commissioner Brummund asked that the new future Commissioners be notified of meeting minutes and the agenda for meetings and it be emailed to them.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Treasurer Franks had questions she addressed to the Board regarding the signing of the Cost Allocation Plan, the CLRGG Grant paperwork for breakout of \$92,000 authorized, including the dates, amounts and who it was paid to and also requested information on the Security Committee and who the members are.

Scott Rice, EMS Director, notified the Board that Thursday, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. the Health Department will be offering drive through COVID testing.

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

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

MOTION CARRIED

COMMISSIONERS ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND CONCERNS: None.

Meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m. until the **Budget Meeting** to be held on **November 9, 2020** at 3:00 p.m.

County Clerk

Chairman