

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 3, 2021** at 1:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Adam Brege, Chairman.

Invocation was given by Adam Brege, Chairman.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Commissioners present: Adam Brege, Chairman, Dan Gauthier, Vice Chairman, Carolyn Brummund, William Thompson and Terry Small. Also present: Trena MacNeill, Deputy County Clerk and Cheryl Franks, County Treasurer.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Motion by Brummund, seconded by Gauthier, to approve the January 20, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes.**

**Roll Call: Yes – Thompson, Gauthier, Brummund, Brege and Small**

**No – None**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Margaret Kutzera, Haynes Township resident and Quentin Venney, Greenbush Township resident, spoke in regard to the Pandemic Resolutions received from other counties.

**PRESENTATIONS:** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Brummund informed the Board that Tamrya Ranger, DHS Board member, is still searching for someone to fill the DHS Board member vacancy.

Chairman Brege updated the Board on continued work with the Brownfield Grant for the Harrisville Auto and Sport Center.

John Hartley, IT Director, presented quotes from Frontier and Heritage Telecom Company to replace the current phone system for the Boards consideration.

**Motion by Brummund, seconded by Small, to proceed with the Frontier Communications Solution quote as presented. Upon further satisfactory information from Frontier, IT to proceed with conversion of new phone system.**

**Roll Call: Yes – Gauthier, Brummund, Brege, Small and Thompson**

**No – None**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

At this time the postage machine and 9-1-1 Board member appointment were added to new business.

**Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Thompson, to approve pre-authorized claims and open claims presented for payment between 1/20/2021 and 2/02/2021 for check numbers 143037 to 143156 and E-check numbers 1491 to 1501 for a grand total of \$553,768.45.**

**Roll Call: Yes – Brummund, Brege, Small, Thompson and Gauthier                      No – None**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Commissioner Gauthier discussed communication with Nico Tucker, NEMCOG Planner, and the need for a 5-year Recreation Plan in order to qualify for grant funding from the Michigan DNR.

Commissioner Brummund informed the Board that there is a vacancy on the 9-1-1 Authority Board and must be filled by a member at large. The 9-1-1 Authority Board is requesting the vacancy be filled by Wayne Odell.

**Motion by Brummund, seconded by Brege, to appoint Wayne Odell to the 9-1-1 Authority Board as a member at large and allow the Chair to sign letter of notification.**

**Roll Call: Yes – Brege, Small, Thompson, Gauthier and Brummund                      No – None**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**FINANCE REPORT:**

Chairman Brege updated the Board on the progress to close the FY 2020 budget.

**PERSONNEL REPORT:**

Commissioner Brummund gave a brief update on 2021 Department Head goals.

**Motion by Thompson, seconded by Brege, to run the ad for the DHS Board member vacancy one more week.**

**Roll Call: Yes – Small, Brummund, Thompson, Gauthier and Brege                      No – None**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Commissioner Brummund further informed the Board that a public hearing for the Hazard Mitigation Plan needs to be held and notice needs to be published in the paper.

**Motion by Brummund, seconded by Thompson, to hold the Hazard Mitigation public hearing on Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.**

**Roll Call: Yes – Brummund, Small, Gauthier, Thompson and Brege**

**No – None**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Treasurer Franks updated the Board on the new claims process for tax foreclosures and will explain in further detail at a later date.

**CLERK'S REPORT:** None.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Houghton County Resolution, Kankaska County Resolution, Grand Traverse County Resolution and Alpena County Resolution

**Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Brege, to go into closed session.**

**Roll Call: Yes – Thompson, Small, Brege, Brummund and Gauthier**

**No – None**

**MOTION CARRIED**

At 2:09 p.m. the Board went into closed session.

At 4:02 p.m. the regular meeting session resumed with all members present.

**Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Thompson, to resume the regular meeting.**

**Roll Call: Yes – Small, Gauthier, Brege, Thompson and Brummund**

**No – None**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Brege, to increase the Equalization Director's annual salary to \$50,000.00 with the agreement that the Director will not ask for further raises for a period of 5 years.**

**Roll Call: Yes – Thompson, Brummund, Small, Brege and Gauthier**

**No – None**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Commissioners gave brief reports on the various committee meetings they recently attended.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Scott Rice, Emergency Services Director, informed the Board that the District Health Department #2 held a Covid clinic at Alcona High School and administered vaccines to 400 people age 65 and older. Rice further stated that he is currently working with the Health Department on a mass Covid testing site.

Craig Johnston, gave an update on EDC Committee activity.

At 4:22 p.m. the meeting adjourned to the next **regular meeting** to be held on Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.

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**County Clerk**

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**Chairman**