

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 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, County Clerk and Cheryl Franks, County Treasurer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Small, to approve the February 17, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes.

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

No – None

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kevin Boyat, Oscoda Wurtsmith Airport Authority Board Chairman, gave an update that Kalitta Airport won the award for Airport of the year. There is a new hangar being built and they are working on licensing for the spaceport that will take approximately 2 years. The Alcona County Fair is scheduled to happen this year and they are looking into a grant for new bleachers and buying lights for the parking lot.

Lenny Avery, ACCOA Director, informed the Board that ACCOA is hiring and that they are doing home bound vaccinations for COVID-19. Pop-up pantries are scheduled for March 17th and April 14th from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the ARA site.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

At this time Chairman Brege added EMS Write-offs and closed session to discuss union negotiations to new business.

Commissioner Brummund gave an update on the Hazardous Mitigation Plan. A determination was made for no modifications to be submitted at this time.

Scott Rice, EMS Director, presented write-offs for 2020 and 2021 for Board approval. Rice also discussed the possibility of remounting a 2009 ambulance and presented the costs associated. EMS has participated in 4 COVID clinics amounting to 400-800 vaccinations per day. Regarding Emergency Management Services, Rice, presented RAVE, an emergency distribution of

information via text. Rice further stated that LPT approved a grant in October 2020, that would cover half of the costs for a new ATV.

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Thompson, to approve the write-offs as submitted by EMS for 2020 in the amount of \$328,284.42.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Brummund, to approve the write-offs as submitted by EMS for January and February, 2021 in the amount of \$58,514.87.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Small, to approve pre-authorized claims and open claims presented for payment between 2/17/2021 and 3/02/2021 for check numbers 143314 to 143411 and E-check numbers 1515 to 1521 for a grand total of \$300,776.08.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Brege, that upon review by legal counsel the Board approve and authorize the Chair to sign the lease agreement with the Alcona Humane Society on behalf of Precious Paws and the County for Suite 6 at Harbortown.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Thompson, to accept and authorize the Chair to sign the Cooperative Law Enforcement Agreement between the Alcona County Sheriff's Department and the USDA Forest Service Huron Manistee National Forest.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Thompson, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Rave Resolution upon review and approval of appropriateness in support of the Rave project.

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

No – None

MOTION CARRIED

FINANCE REPORT:

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Brummund, to amend fund 238 *Discretionary* in the amount of \$750.00 for a new total of \$5,050.00.

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

No – None

MOTION CARRIED

At this time Commissioner Gauthier stated a request was made from EMS on charging response fees in the amount of \$50.00-\$100.00 after an ambulance is called out and the patient has refused transport. The Board agrees there should be a charge and the members of the EMS Board will attend a meeting to discuss.

Commissioner Gauthier shared with the Board updated figures from Troy Somers, Equalization Director, of Taxable revenues for 2021 for informational purposes.

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Brege, to increase the budget total for fund 213 *Ambulance* in the amount of \$2,015.00 for a new total of \$390.347.00.

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

No – None

MOTION CARRIED

PERSONNEL REPORT:

Commissioner Brummund informed the Board of a senior staff meeting and the change of Equalization's goals because of temporary staffing changes.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Franks updated the Board that the Townships have finalized collecting taxes March 1, 2021. Treasurer Franks discussed that there are 57 properties slated for foreclosure on March 31, 2021 and continued work with Finance regarding the 2020 Budget.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Deputy Clerk MacNeill presented additional communications as well as a Covid-19 credit the County received on the Priority Health bill in the amount of \$2,244.84.

COMMUNICATIONS: Iron County Resolution, Berrien County Resolution, Livingston County Resolution and Crawford County Resolution.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Craig Johnston gave the Board an update that the Road Commission weight restrictions are now in effect and that the wash barn is almost complete. Per Contract, Road Construction to begin on North US-23 April 4, 2021 and the road must be open by July 4, 2021.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Patty Thomas, via zoom, commented on and complemented the professionalism of people participating in vaccinations. Meijer's and Rite Aid are also taking appointments for vaccinations. Ms. Thomas stated she is thankful for the ambulance service and agrees that there should be a charge for the service.

At 2:52 p.m. the Board recessed.

At 2:58 p.m. the Board resumed with all members present.

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

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Small, to move into closed session at 2:58 p.m.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Thompson, to return to open session at 3:45 p.m.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Commissioner Brummund would like to send a letter thanking DHS for their efforts and what a great job they've done with the vaccinations.

At 3:47 p.m. the meeting adjourned to the next **regular meeting** to be held on **Wednesday, March 17, 2021** at 1:30 p.m.

County Clerk

Chairman