

The **regular meeting** of the Alcona County Board of Commissioners was held in the County Building in the City of Harrisville, Michigan on Wednesday, **July 21, 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 Thompson, seconded by Gauthier, to approve the July 7, 2021, Regular Meeting minutes.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mark Bowen, Hubbard Lake sand bar, spoke to the Board for support for a No Mooring Law or a ordinance, due to noise and parties held.

Craig Johnston informed the Board of options to aid in the Gypsy Moth outbreak, including a proposal for a millage or special assessment to spray and help rid the County of the infestation.

Les Thomas, MSUE, updated the Board on several activities offered face-to-face by Alcona 4-H, including a day camp, a regional shotgun competition, and soccer registration for this fall.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Julie Darnton, District Director, MSUE reviewed the 2020 Annual Report.

Nena Sork, NEMCMH Director, presented the Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2020 and requested the Board to approve Resolution #2021-09 to oppose gearing toward integration.

**ALCONA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE GEARING TOWARD INTEGRATION  
RESOLUTION # 2021-09**

WHEREAS, Northeast Michigan Community Mental Health Authority has served for more than 50 years as the public mental health and developmental disabilities services provider for this community, serving over 2,000 residents of Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency, and Presque Isle Counties each year; and

WHEREAS, Northeast Michigan Community Mental Health Authority was created by the Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency and Presque Isle County Boards of Commissioners as duly authorized under Section 330.1205 of the Michigan Mental Health Code; and

WHEREAS, Northeast Michigan Community Mental Health Authority and four other community mental health service programs representing 21 counties created a regional entity to manage Medicaid specialty services as duly authorized under Section 330.1204b of the Michigan Mental Health Code; and

WHEREAS, Northeast Michigan Community Mental Health Authority includes persons and family members of persons receiving mental health and disability services on the Board of Directors as required under Section 330.1222 of the Michigan Mental Health Code; and

WHEREAS, Northeast Michigan Community Mental Health Authority and four other community mental health service programs representing 21 counties have required representation from local communities and persons and/or family members of persons receiving mental health and disability services be included on the regional entity Board of Directors managing Medicaid specialty services; and

WHEREAS, the Section 298 proposal of 2017 effectively nullified the duly authorized actions taken by Northeast Michigan Community Mental Health Authority and the four other community mental health service programs to create a regional entity under Section 330.1204b of the Michigan Mental Health Code. The proposed SIP in this proposal is not a public-private joint venture, but a wholly private managed care organization leaving no role for the public management/oversight, which is currently provided by our regional entity; and

WHEREAS, Gearing Toward Integration recommendation transfers all Medicaid and Healthy Michigan funding for specialty services to private entities with no accountability to the Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency and Presque Isle County Boards of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Gearing Toward Integration recommendation transfers all Medicaid and Healthy Michigan funding for specialty services to private entities with no accountability to persons and/or family members of persons receiving mental health and disability services from Northeast Michigan Community Mental Health Authority; and

WHEREAS, Gearing Toward Integration recommendation will result in the elimination of specialty mental health services that are accountable to the communities of persons residing in Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency and Presque Isle Counties; and

WHEREAS, Gearing Toward Integration's requirements for creating a new entity [Specialty Integrated Plan (SIP)] only outlines requirements to become a Medicaid Health Plan and does not address roles currently provided by the local community mental health service programs such as recipient rights, housing and employment supports, community collaboration, etc., which are core to the social determinants, safety net role and community collaborative work of the public system; and

WHEREAS, a requirement to bid to become a SIP includes insolvency Coverage (reserves) which the current regional entities, by contract, are not allowed to maintain, thus disqualifying the regional entities from submitting a bid; and

WHEREAS, this proposal does not eliminate any layers — Medicaid Health Plans (MHPs) would pick up the managed care function from the current regional entities at a much higher cost 15% vs. 6P» removing this money from the care our people are receiving today,  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Alcona County Board of Commissioners opposes moving our community mental health system from publicly run to privately run, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Senate Majority Leaders Mike Shirley, Speaker of the House Jason Wentwork, Senator Jim Stamas, and Representative Sue Allor to prevent it from becoming law.

Melissa Cordes, Register of Deeds, provided a quarterly report for the Boards review.

Jennifer Lueck, Court Administrator, presented to the Board the Friend of the Court contracts for MGT and CRP and asked that the Board authorize the chair to sign the Contracts.

**Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Brummund, to authorize the chair to sign the appropriate FOC MGT and CRP contracts.**

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

**No – None**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Commissioner Gauthier excused himself from the meeting at 1:29 p.m.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Motion by Brege, seconded by Thompson, to approve pre-authorized claims and open claims presented for payment between 7/07/2021 and 7/20/2021 for check numbers 144767 to 144766 and E-check numbers 1620 to 1633 for a grand total of \$671,288.33.**

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

**No – None**

**MOTION CARRIED**

John Hartley, IT Director, presented quotes for the boards review for EMS Fiber Lines.

**FINANCE REPORT:**

**Motion by Brummund, seconded by Small, to increase revenues by \$9,233 to balance the FOC 215 Budget.**

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

**No – None**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion by Brege, seconded by Thompson, to transfer \$2,000 from 101-899-999-000 *contingency* to 101-301-702-000 *elected official salary* \$1,235, 101-301-705-000 *undersheriff salary* \$625, and 101-301-715-000 *employer share FICA* \$140.**

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

**No – None**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PERSONNEL REPORT:**

Commissioner Brummund informed the Board that POLC contracts are completed and once the signed copy is received the chair will be able to sign. Personnel has sent emails to department heads of 214 union employees to ask for a list of concerns to begin negotiations for Teamsters.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

Treasurer Franks reported that 2021 Tax Bills are out, and they are beginning to collect. They are currently also working on Trust and Agency accounts to prepare for conversion to chart of accounts. Notifications have been mailed for posting and are they are expecting just under 200 postings this year.

**CLERK’S REPORT:** None.

**Motion by Brummund, seconded by Thompson, to adopt Resolution #2021-09 and authorize the chair to sign.**

**Roll Call: Yes - Brege, Brummund, Thompson, and Small**

**No – None**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Nena Sork, NEMCMH Director, thanked the Board for allowing her to present today and for passing the Resolution.

At 3:00 p.m. the meeting adjourned to the next **Regular Meeting** to be held on **Wednesday, August 4, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.**

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**County Clerk**

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**Chairman**