

The **regular meeting** of the Alcona County Board of Commissioners was held in the County Building in the City of Harrisville, Michigan on Wednesday, **September 1, 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: Stephany Eller, County Clerk and Cheryl Franks, County Treasurer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Small, to approve the August 18, 2021, Regular Meeting minutes.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Patty Thomas, Harrisville Township resident, read aloud a written statement in regard to an inappropriate flag displayed in the front yard of a City of Harrisville resident.

Carrie Mullins, Republican Party Chair, Judy French, Harrisville Township Resident, Gerry Klingenberg, Harrisville Township resident, Robert Turek, Harrisville Township resident, William Sickner, Mikado Township resident, Pam MacKinnon, Hawes Township resident, Lisa Turek, Harrisville Township resident, Linda Eberline, Greenbush Township resident, Jim Maceri, Harrisville Township resident, Tamara Quick, Haynes Township resident, Jessica Dobbs, Curtis Township resident, spoke in their support of the Resolutions to be presented by Jeffrey and Jessica Dobbs and Robert and Lisa Turek.

Gary Medland, Alcona Township resident, Margaret Kutzera, Haynes Township resident, Trina Borenstein, Greenbush Township resident, Jane Faulkner, Alcona Township resident, spoke in opposition of the Forensic Audit Resolution.

PRESENTATIONS:

Jennifer Lueck, Trial Court Administrator, presented the Equal Employment Opportunity Utilization Report for the Boards review and acceptance.

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Small, to approve the Equal Employment Opportunity Utilization Report as presented and allow the Chair to sign.

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

No – None

MOTION CARRIED

Jeffery Dobbs, Curtis Township resident, presented the Resolution to Perform a Full Forensic Audit of the 2020 General Election in Alcona County Michigan, the Resolution to Prohibit Producing, Issuing, or Providing an Incentive for Covid-19 Vaccination Passports and the Resolution to Prohibit Employers & Private Entities from Discriminating Against an Individual Because the Individual has not Received or

Declines to Receive Certain Vaccinations; to Prohibit Retaliation; and to Provide Remedies for the Boards consideration.

Jessica Dobbs, Curtis Township resident, read aloud an article called "Welcome to 1938" in connection with the presented vaccine resolutions.

Robert Turek, Harrisville Township resident, presented a Resolution in Support of Vaccine Awareness and Medical Autonomy and a full forensic audit resolution for the Boards consideration.

At 2:30 p.m. the Board recessed.

At 2:37 p.m. the Board reconvened.

Motion by Brege, seconded by Small, to discuss and vote on the Full Forensic Audit Resolution.

Roll Call: Yes – None

No – Brummund, Gauthier, Brege, Thompson and Small

MOTION FAILED

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Thompson, to write a letter to the Legislators that the Board of Commissioners is in opposition of MCL 168.31a.

Motion by Small, seconded by Thompson, to table the motion until the letter is drafted and presented to the Board.

MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Brummund, to allow the Chair to sign the Service Agreement for the EMS Fiber Optic Network.

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

No – None

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Brege, to send communication to the Huron-Manistee National Forest Service that the Board is not interested in the USDA Purchase Agreement as submitted.

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

No – None

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Brege, seconded by Small, to approve pre-authorized claims and open claims presented for payment between 8/18/2021 and 8/31/2021 for check numbers 145224 to 145329 and E-check numbers 1652 to 1658 for a grand total of \$1,068,380.68.

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

No – None

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Thompson, to appoint Kerri Turner as trustee to the Library Board.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Thompson, to indicate the full Board of Commissioners support for the proposed modification of jail staff and further support the Sheriff's decision for this modification.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Brege, to communicate support for House Bills No. 4667, 4789 and 4790 to State Representatives, the Senate, contiguous counties and MAC.

Roll Call: Yes – Brummund

No – Thompson, Small, Brege and Gauthier

MOTION FAILED

FINANCE REPORT:

Commissioners Gauthier and Brege informed the Board of continued work with the 2022 budget.

PERSONNEL REPORT:

Commissioners Brummund and Thompson met with Department heads to review mid-year goals. Thompson further stated that IT is looking into an upgrade for protection of the county internet system.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Frank's informed the Board that postings are ready to go up on the properties in foreclosure and required mailings for delinquent notices were sent out. Franks also informed Finance that adjustments still need to be made for 2021 for the new telephone system.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk Eller informed the Board of continued work on the 2022 budget, FOIA requests and the upcoming Apportionment meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Grand Traverse County Resolution.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Judy French, Harrisville Township resident, stated her disappointment to the Board regarding the Vaccine Resolution requests.

Robert Turek, Harrisville Township resident, inquired on the Resolution in Support of Vaccine Awareness and Medical Autonomy.

Tamara Quick, Haynes Township resident, addressed her earlier statement regarding absentee ballots verse absentee applications.

Jeffery Dobbs, Curtis Township resident, offered his help in drafting the letter regarding MCL 168.31a.

Patty Thomas, Harrisville Township resident, spoke in regard to nursing, Covid and vaccination.

Jessica Dobbs, Curtis Township resident, spoke in regard to her medical concerns and vaccinations.

Carrie Mullins, Mikado Township resident, stated what her concerns with the proposed vaccine mandates and further thanked the Board for their letter of support.

Margaret Kutzera, Haynes Township resident, spoke of diversity, mandates, the property at 331 M-72 and the EDC meeting regarding broadband.

COMMISSIONERS ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND CONCERNS:

At this time discussion was held regarding the Resolution in Support of Vaccine Awareness and Medical Autonomy. Commissioner Brege discussed his position as a Board member.

At 3:42 p.m. the meeting adjourned to the next **Regular Meeting** to be held on **Wednesday, October 6, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.**

County Clerk

Chairman