

The **regular meeting** of the Alcona County Board of Commissioners was held in the County Building in the City of Harrisville, Michigan, on Wednesday, **April 1, 2015** at 10:00 A.M.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Boyat. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Commissioners present: Kathleen Vichunas, Craig Johnston, Carolyn Brummund, Sheila Phillips and Kevin Boyat. Also present: Patricia Truman, County Clerk and Cheryl Franks, County Treasurer

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Phillips, seconded by Johnston, to approve the minutes from the March 18, 2015 regular meeting. MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bill Thompson spoke in regards to the Quilt Trail and the county-wide clean-up that is scheduled for May 16, 2015.

Jesse Campbell, Road Commission Manger, gave an update on the status of the construction of their new building and road projects for 2015.

Sue Keller, requested a resolution be adopted supporting the Dark Sky Preserve designation. **Motion by Vichunas, seconded by Phillips to adopt Resolution #2015-07 as follows:**

**Resolution: In support of Dark Sky Preserve Designation
for Negwegon State Park
Resolution #2015-07**

Whereas, The Alcona County Board of Commissioners recognizes that the night sky is part of the cultural and scientific heritage of all humanity, which should be preserved and protected, and

Whereas, nearby Negwegon State Park and additional State forest lands stretching from Alcona County to Presque Isle County also present pristine, undiluted night sky viewing opportunities, and

Whereas, the night sky represents an important natural resource that contributes to the quality of life for residents, visitors and wildlife in Northeastern Lower Michigan, and

Whereas, Dark Sky Designation and related activities represent a significant opportunity for economic development within the region, and

Whereas, the above-mentioned park and land along the Lake Huron shoreline in Alcona County lends themselves to inclusion in the state’s Dark Sky Preserve Legislation, and

Whereas, the related townships in Alcona County have been consulted and have unanimously approved letters of support with no objection to classifications of the above noted state park lands in their jurisdictions as Dark Sky Preserve,

Therefore be it resolved, that the Alcona County Board of Commissioners supports the creation of a Dark Sky Preserve in Alcona County that includes Negwegon State Park under Michigan’s Dark Sky

Preserve legislation, and further be it resolved that the Alcona County Board of Commissioners calls upon our State Representative and/or State Senator to introduce and support legislation that will secure this designation.

**Roll Call: Yes- Vichunas, Johnston, Brummund, Phillips and Boyat. No-None.
MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

PRESENTATIONS:

Clint Bohlen and Paul Mocerri, gave an update on the status of the Kellogg Foundation Grant and reported on the programs that are funded by the grant.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

**Motion by Phillips, seconded by Johnston to move forward with the change to Morgan Stanley and the transfer of employee investments for the deferred compensation plan.
MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion by Vichunas, seconded by Brummund to hold a Conflict Smoothie Workshop for employees on June 12, 2015.
MOTION CARRIED**

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Phillips, to approve pre-authorized claims and open claims presented for payment between 3/18/2015 to 4/1/2015, for check numbers 121685 to 121839 in the amount of \$467,110.73 and E-check number 216 to 223 in the amount of \$183,718.87 for a grand total of \$650,829.60

**Roll Call: Yes- Vichunas, Johnston, Brummund, Phillips and Boyat. No-None.
MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

Finance Committee presented a report on the budget status and reported that the auditors are here to collect the information for the 2014 audit.

Motion by Vichunas, seconded by Brummund to approve the 2014 Community Development Block Grant Resolution as follows:

**ALCONA COUNTY
2014
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
HOUSING RESOURCE FUND
RESOLUTION #2015-08**

WHEREAS, Alcona County is interested in the continuing effort to provide affordable housing opportunities for its low and very low income residents; and

WHEREAS, said Alcona County Board of Commissioners has reviewed and understands the content of the application for funding; and

WHEREAS, said Alcona County Board of Commissioners accepts the recommendation of the Alcona County Housing Commission to apply for \$150,000; and

WHEREAS, said Alcona County Board of Commissions authorizes the Chief Elected Official to sign the application form as required.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alcona County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency, Inc., to assist in preparing the application for funding through the Michigan State Housing Development Authority's 2014 Community Development Block Grant – Housing Resource Fund.

Dated: April 1, 2015

/s/ Kevin Boyat, Chairman

/s/ Patricia A. Truman, Alcona County Clerk

**Roll Call: Yes- Vichunas, Johnston, Brummund, Phillips and Boyat. No-None.
MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

Motion by Vichunas, seconded by Brummund to approve the 2015 Fair Housing Resolution as follows:

Resolution #2015-09
ALCONA COUNTY
FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION
2015

GENERAL PUBLIC POLICY

It is hereby declared to be contrary to the public policy of Alcona County for any person(s) to be discriminated against in employment, housing or participation in any publicly funded programs because of race, religion, national origin, color, sex, marital status, age or disability.

EMPLOYMENT

The opportunity to obtain employment without discrimination because of race, religion, national origin, color, sex, marital status, age or disability is hereby recognized and declared to be a civil right.

HOUSING

The opportunity to participate in all home improvement programs, purchase, lease, sell, hold, use and convey housing without discrimination because of race, religion, national origin, color, sex, marital status, age or disability is hereby recognized and declared to be a civil right.

PUBLICLY FUNDED PROGRAMS

The opportunity to participate in Federal, state and locally funded programs without discrimination because of race, religion, national origin, color, sex, marital status, age or disability is hereby recognized and declared to be a civil right.

It is hereby declared by the Alcona County Board of Commissioners that Diane Rasch, Alcona County Housing Director, was appointed on April 1, 2015 to be the Alcona County Housing Program Fair Housing contact person. Upon any complaints that refer to any discrimination based on the above description Mrs. Rasch will follow the County Housing Discrimination Policy stated in their 2015 Housing Procedural Guidelines Section XIV.

/s/_____
Mr. Kevin Boyat, Chairman
Alcona County Board of Commissioners

Date: April 1, 2015

**Roll Call: Yes- Vichunas, Johnston, Brummund, Phillips and Boyat. No-None.
MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

Reviewed and discussed the survey submitted by Honeywell for potential energy savings.

Treasurer Franks presented an investment report as of December 2014. Franks reported that there were approximately 48 parcels that were foreclosed on as of March 31, 2015

Committee reports were presented.

Chairman set a department head meeting and study session for May 5, 2015.

Meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

Clerk

Chairman