

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 16, 2020** at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Craig Johnston, Chairman.

Invocation given by Commissioner Gary Wnuk.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Commissioners present: Craig Johnston, Chairman, Adam Brege, Vice Chairman, Carolyn Brummund, Gary Wnuk and Dan Gauthier. Also present: Stephany Eller, County Clerk and Cheryl Franks, County Treasurer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Wnuk, seconded by Brege, to approve the September 2, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kevin Boyat, Oscoda Wurtsmith Air Force Authority Board member, updated the Board of ongoing projects at the base and upcoming projects to start preparing for the 2021 fair.

Carrie Mullins, Alcona County Republican Party Chair, addressed the Board in regard to Alcona County Republican Party events.

Kristina Anderson, Alcona County Republican Party Secretary, thanked the Board for supporting Resolution #2020-13.

Scott Stephenson, Sheriff, informed the Board of a recent renovation at the Sheriff's Department to allow for drug screening. Stephenson further informed the Board of the possible change in unions for P.O.A.M. and C.O.A.M.

PRESENTATIONS:

Kenneth A. Talsma, CPA for Anderson, Tackman & Company, PLC, via Zoom, was present to review the 2019 auditor's report for Alcona County.

At 10:38 a.m. Chairman Johnston left the meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Discussion held regarding the Michigan Unemployment Workshare Program.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Brummund, to approve pre-authorized claims and open claims presented for payment between 9/02/20 and 9/15/20 for check numbers 141825 to 141961 and E-check numbers 1384 to 1394 for a grand total of \$1,585,512.60.

Roll Call: Yes – Brege, Wnuk, Gauthier and Brummund

No – None

MOTION CARRIED

At this time Commissioner Brummund presented a Resolution authorizing the application process for the Community Development Block Grant and the Emergency Solutions Grant.

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Wnuk, to approve Resolution #2015-15 as follows:

**AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRAND (CDBG)
AND
EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT ESG-CV
TO PREVENT, PREPARE FOR AND RESPOND TO CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)
RESOLUTION #2020-15**

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136, makes available supplemental Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Emergency Solutions Grant ESG-CV funding for grants to prevent, prepare for and respond to Coronavirus (COVID-19). The CDBG grant will provide flexibilities for grantees to expedite the use of grant funds to help address the challenges facing our nation during this historic public health crisis.

WHEREAS, The Michigan Strategic Fund has invited Counties to accept Community Development Block Grant Program funds to support **CDBG CARES Funding**; and

WHEREAS, Alcona County will seek to receive up to \$143,812.67 in CDBG funds to reimburse for unexpected costs associated with COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project will benefit all residents of the project area and the low and moderate income in the county is at 75.7 %. The residents of the County of Alcona are low and moderate income persons as determined by census data provided.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Alcona hereby designates Commissioner Carolyn Brummund as the Certifying Officer, the person authorized to certify the Michigan CDBG pre-agreement documents, the person authorized to sign the Grant Agreement and payment requests and the person authorized to execute any additional documents required to carry out and complete the grant.

Commissioner Brummund will be authorized to sign the Grant Documents and all attachments, the Grant Agreement and all amendments and authorized to sign Payment Requests.

Additional UGLG participants will include the townships of Alcona, Caledonia, Curtis, Greenbush, Gustin, Harrisville, Hawes, Haynes, Mikado, Millen, Mitchell, the City of Harrisville, the Village of Lincoln and other governmental entities as they may qualify.

Roll Call: Yes – Wnuk, Brege, Brummund and Gauthier

No – None

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Brummund, to approve the Activity Transfer of \$1,000.00 from 101-890-999.000 *Transfers Out* to 101-648-714.000 *Contract Services*.

Roll Call: Yes – Brege, Wnuk, Brummund Gauthier

No – None

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Wnuk, to advertise a Request for Quotes for health insurance.

MOTION CARRIED

PERSONNEL REPORT:

Personnel requested a motion to allow the Chair to sign a letter of understanding for 2 (two) Board of Commissioners to act as the negotiating team between P.O.A.M. and C.O.A.M.

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Wnuk, to designate two of the Board of Commissioners to be the Board negotiating team inclusive with the Sheriff and Undersheriff. All communications regarding the contract will come to the Union through this team and no other source.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Wnuk, to allow the Chair to sign the letter addressing the negotiating team motion to P.O.A.M., C.O.A.M. and the Sheriff/Undersheriff.

MOTION CARRIED

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Cheryl Franks presented the Revenue and Appropriations for the creation of Cares Act Fund 282.

At 11:14 a.m. Chairman Johnston joined the meeting.

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Gauthier, to approve the budget of the Cares Act Fund 282.

Roll Call: Yes – Wnuk, Johnston, Brege, Brummund and Gauthier

No - None

MOTION CARRIED

CLERK’S REPORT:

Stephany Eller reported on the November General Election and requested direction on the early building closure.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Commissioner Wnuk presented a letter in regard to Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS) Program from the Department of the Army.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

David Hanson, Building and Grounds, informed the Board that the Sheriff's Department would like to donate the Tahoe to Building and Grounds in lieu of putting it up for auction.

Kevin Boyat further stated to the Board the clear TB test results from his farm.

COMMISSIONERS ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND CONCERNS:

Commissioner Wnuk spoke in regard to the Resolutions passed at the August 19, 2020 regular meeting.

At 11:41 a.m. the Board recessed.

Motion by Wnuk, seconded by Brummund, to resume the meeting.

At 1:11 p.m. the meeting resumed. Members present: Carolyn Brummund, Adam Brege, Dan Gauthier and Gary Wnuk. Craig Johnston – Absent. Also present: Stephany Eller, County Clerk, Cheryl Franks, Treasurer and Trena MacNeill, Deputy County Clerk.

The Board discussed the County budget for 2021 and assigned departments to work on.

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Brummund, to add a 1% increase to all non-union salaries, for budget purposes only, and calculate the HSA payments as budgeted for in 2020.

MOTION CARRIED

At 1:48 p.m. Chairman Johnston joined the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1:51 P.m. until the next scheduled **Regular Meeting** to be held on **October 7, 2020** at 10:00 a.m.

County Clerk

Chairman