

The **regular meeting** of the Alcona County Board of Commissioners was held in the County Building in the City of Harrisville, Michigan on Wednesday, **October 21, 2020** at 10:00 a.m.

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

Invocation given by Chairman Johnston.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Wnuk, to approve the October 7, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Wnuk, to approve the October 7, 2020 CBDG Grant public hearing minutes.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kristina Anderson, Haynes Township resident, addressed the Board in regard to the request for the Resolution Declaring Alcona County a Constitutional Second Amendment Sanctuary County.

Carrie Mullins, Alcona County Republican Party Chair, updated the Board on current Republican Party activities.

PRESENTATIONS:

Troy Somers, Equalization Director, presented to the Board a Designated Assessor Contract for Alcona County recommending the County designate Allan Berg, a certified Advanced Assessing Officer.

Commissioner Gary Wnuk, presented a Resolution Requesting the Michigan House to Impeach the Governor and the Senate to Try the Governor on Abuse of Power and Violations of Constitutional Rights for the Boards consideration.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Brege, to receive the MESSA health insurance quote.

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Brege, seconded by Brummund, to approve pre-authorized claims and open claims presented for payment between 10/07/2020 and 10/20/2020 for check numbers 142136 to 142260 and E-check numbers 1400 to 1418 for a grand total of \$581,177.92.

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

No – None

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Brege, to adopt the MIOSHA Covid 19 Preparedness Plan and Covid 19 Response Plan as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Wnuk, seconded by Brege, to accept the patrol car bids.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Wnuk, to award Jess Walker the winner of both patrol cars based on the highest bids: Car #1 \$3,126.00 and Car #2 \$5,126.00.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Wnuk, to approve the Alcona County Designated Assessor Contract designating Alan Berg as presented and allow the Chair to sign.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Brege, to award the CRLGG Grant monies to the Sheriff's Department for Public Safety wages and benefits.

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

No – None

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Wnuk, seconded by Brummund, to approve Resolution #2020-15 as follows:

RESOLUTION #2020-15

Resolution Declaring Alcona County a Constitutional Second Amendment Sanctuary County

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment to The Constitution of the United States of America, ratified in 1791 as part of the Bill of Rights, states "A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed"; and

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution (1963) provides that "Every person has a right to keep and bear arms for the defense of himself and the state"; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of this Board to reaffirm its commitment and support of The Constitution of the United States of America as well as the Constitution of the State of Michigan including all amendments which protect Alcona County citizens' individual rights; and

WHEREAS, each Alcona County Commissioner, as provided by Article IX, Section 1, of the Michigan Constitution (1963), took an oath to support The Constitution of the United States of America and the Michigan Constitution.

WHEREAS, a "Constitutional Sanctuary County" is defined as a place of refuge for the law abiding citizen in regards to the citizens' rights under The Constitution of the United States of America and Michigan Constitution including but not limited to the Second Amendment right to Keep and Bear Arms.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Alcona County Board of Commissioners, that the County of Alcona, Michigan, be, and hereby is, declared to be a "Constitutional Sanctuary County."

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Board affirms its support for the Alcona County Sheriff and the Alcona County Prosecuting Attorney, in the exercise of their sound discretion to NOT enforce any statute or law that is contrary to the rights established by The Constitution of the United States of America and the State of Michigan constitution against any law abiding citizen of Alcona.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Board will not authorize or appropriate funds, resources, employees, agencies, contractors, buildings, detention centers or offices for the purposes of enforcing any law that restricts the rights of any law abiding citizen affirmed by the Second Amendment or Article 1, Section 6, of the Michigan Constitution, nor be used to aid any state or federal agency in infringing or restricting such rights which would be considered to be unconstitutional; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board respectfully requests the Michigan Legislature, the United States congress and other agencies of State and Federal government to vigilantly preserve and protect those rights by rejecting any provision, law or regulation that may infringe, have the tendency to infringe or place any additional burdens on the rights of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, This Resolution supersedes the previous Alcona County Second Amendment Resolution #2020-08 which was passed by the Alcona County Board of Commissioners on February 5, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER *RESOLVED*, that a copy of this Resolution be sent to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Senator Jim Stamas, House Representative Susan M Allor, and the other 82 counties in the State of Michigan, U.S. Congressman Jack Bergman and Senator Debbie Stabenow and Gary Peters.

Roll Call: Yes – Brummund, Wnuk and Johnston

No - Brege

MOTION CARRIED

FINANCE REPORT:

Finance reported on continued work with the 2021 FY Budget.

PERSONNEL REPORT:

Personnel met with some department heads regarding the MIOSHA Covid 19 Preparedness and Response Plans.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Franks updated the Board on continued work with the 2021 FY Budget and property tax sales.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk Eller stated she was in receipt of the MMRMA CBIZ Appraisal Report.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Carrie Mullins, Alcona County Republican Party Chair, spoke in support of Commissioner Wnuk's request for a resolution to impeach Governor Whitmer and thanked the Board for approving resolution #2020-15.

Lenny Avery, ACCOA Director, informed the Board that ACCOA Trunk or Treat will be held on Friday, October 30th for Alcona County residents. Avery further questioned the Board in regard to passing resolutions.

Scott Rice, EMS Director, met with the Personnel Committee regarding the Assistant Director position for 2021.

Scott Stephenson, Sheriff, reported that there has been an alarming rate of mental health issues.

COMMISSIONERS ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND CONCERNS: None.

At 11:34 a.m. Commissioner Brummund left the meeting.

At 11:37 a.m. the Board recessed until 12:45 p.m.

At 12:50 p.m. the Board reconvened.

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Wnuk, to move into closed session to discuss union negotiations.

At 12:50 p.m. the Board moved into closed session.

At 1:04 p.m. the Regular Meeting resumed with all members present.

PRESENTATIONS CONTINUED:

Jennifer Martin, 44North Representative, reviewed the 2021 health insurance renewal with Priority Health.

Meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m. until the next scheduled **Regular Meeting** to be held on **November 4, 2020** at 10:00 a.m.

County Clerk

Chairman