

The **regular meeting** and the **public budget hearing** of the Alcona County Board of Commissioners was held in the County Building in the City of Harrisville, Michigan on Wednesday, **December 16, 2020** at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 10:09 a.m. by Craig Johnston, Chairman.

Invocation was given by Commissioner Gary Wnuk.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Motion by Wnuk, seconded by Gauthier, to approve the December 2, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes.**

**Roll Call: Yes – Brummund, Brege, Wnuk, Johnston and Gauthier** **No – None**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Wnuk, to recess and move into the Public Hearing for the 2021 General and Non-General Fund as properly advertised.**

**Roll Call: Yes – Brummund, Gauthier, Johnston, Wnuk and Brege** **No – None**

**MOTION CARRIED**

At 10:13 a.m. the Board recessed to the public budget hearing.

Chairman declared the public budget hearing now open for review and/or comment. At this time the 2021 General and Non-General Fund Budgets were discussed.

**Motion by Brummund, seconded by Gauthier, to close the Public Hearing.**

**Roll Call: Gauthier, Brummund, Brege, Johnston and Wnuk** **No – None**

**MOTION CARRIED**

At 10:16 a.m. the regular meeting resumed with all members present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Carrie Mullins, Republican Party Chair, will send an invite for the Republican Party Convention.

Jennifer Lueck, Trial Court Administrator, presented for the Board's review and approval, the 2021 Court Appointed Attorney Contracts.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Melissa Cordes, Register of Deeds, submitted a quarterly report and a year-end report of revenues for the Register of Deeds office.

David Hanson, Building and Grounds, was recognized and thanked by the Board for his five years of service and for all of the work that he's done.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Motion by Wnuk, seconded by Gauthier, to approve the amended agenda.**

**Roll Call: Yes – Brummund, Brege, Gauthier, Johnston and Wnuk** **No – None**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Brummund, to approve pre-authorized claims and open claims presented for payment between 12/02/2020 and 12/15/2020 for check numbers 142602 to 142756 and E-check numbers 1456 to 1465 for a grand total of \$478,815.67.**

**Roll Call: Yes – Wnuk, Brege, Brummund, Johnston and Gauthier** **No – None**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Wnuk, to appoint Randy Tashjian, MD, an employee of MIFSM, as Deputy Medical Examiner for Alcona County and allow the Chair to sign letter of appointment.**

**Roll Call: Yes – Brege, Wnuk, Johnston, Gauthier and Brummund** **No – None**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Brummund, to make a budget amendment for Building Department Fund 249 in the amount of \$15,000.00 for a new fund total of \$182,976.00.**

**Roll Call: Yes – Johnston, Wnuk, Brege, Brummund and Gauthier** **No – None**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion by Brummund, seconded by Gauthier, to reappoint Doug Travis, Kevin Rifenbark and Steve Fall to a three-year term on the Alcona County Fair Board and appoint Jessica Keyser to a one-year term.**

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

**No - None**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion by Wnuk, seconded by Gauthier, to adopt Resolution #2020-17 as follows:**

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE ANNUAL EXEMPTION OPTION AS SET FORTH IN  
2011 PUBLIC ACT 152, THE PUBLICLY FUNDED HEALTH INSURANCE  
CONTRIBUTION ACT**

**WHEREAS**, 2011 Public Act 152 (the "Act") was passed by the State Legislature and signed by the Governor on September 24, 2011;

**WHEREAS**, the Act contains three options for complying with the requirements of the Act;

**WHEREAS**, the three options are as follows:

- 1) Section 3 - "Hard Caps" Option - limits a public employer's total annual health care costs for employees based on coverage levels, as defined in the Act;
- 2) Section 4 - "80%/20%" Option - limits a public employer's share of total annual health care costs to not more than 80%. This option requires an annual majority vote of the governing body;
- 3) Section 8 - "Exemption" Option - a local unit of government, as defined in the Act, may exempt itself from the requirements of the Act by an annual 2/3 vote of the governing body;

**WHEREAS**, the Alcona County Board of Commissioners has decided to adopt the annual Exemption option as its choice of compliance under the Act;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Board of Commissioners of Alcona County elect to comply with the requirements of 2011 Public Act 152, the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act, by adopting the annual exemption option for the medical benefit plan coverage year **January 1, 2021** through **December 31, 2021**.

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

**No – None**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion by Wnuk, seconded by Brummund, to approve the 2021 Court Appointed Attorney Contracts as presented.**

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

**No - Wnuk**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion by Brummund, seconded by Wnuk, to approve the County Board of Commissioners authorize the County Clerk to reenroll in the Work Share Program, if available, on the basis as was in place on December 1, 2020 with a termination date of June 30, 2021.**

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

**No – Wnuk**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PERSONNEL REPORT:**

Personnel reported on Department Head evaluations. Evaluations to be submitted by the end of the week.

**FINANCE REPORT:**

**Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Brummund, to hold the Organizational Meeting on Monday, January 4, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.**

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

**No – None**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Wnuk, to allow the Chair to sign a letter of support for the Alcona County Broadband Plan Grant for NEMCOG.**

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

**No – None**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion by Brege, seconded by Gauthier, to approve the 2021 General Fund budget as presented.**

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

**No – Brummund**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Brege, to approve the 2021 Non-General Fund budget as presented.**

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

**No – Brummund**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Brege, to allow finance to submit the appropriate paperwork to transfer \$92,000.00 from Fund 282 *Cares Act* to Fund 101.**

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

**No – None**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion by Brummund, seconded by Gauthier, to amend Fund 245 *Harbortown Marketplace* in the amount of \$2,500.00 for an increased fund budget in the amount of \$23,550.00.**

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

**No – None**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion by Brummund, seconded by Wnuk, to approve the Finance Committee, along with the Clerk and Treasurer, to make the necessary activity and fund adjustments to the 2020 Budget prior to January 1, 2021.**

**Roll Call: Yes - Brege, Brummund, Johnston, Wnuk and Gauthier**

**No – None**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

Treasurer Franks informed the Board that the summer tax bills have been sent out and spoke in regard to the ongoing lawsuit.

**CLERK’S REPORT:** None.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Draft Alpena Joint Master Plan for Review.  
Alpena Agency’s Workers Compensation Quote

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Commissioner Wnuk spoke in regard to the importance of appointing a Board member to the Northeast Michigan Community Mental Health Authority Board. Commissioner Brummund updated the Board on the CDBG Grant, 211 and building health screenings. Chairman Johnston reported on his meeting with the Road Commission in regard to the Drain Commissioner.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Carrie Mullins, Republican Party Chair, thanked both Craig Johnston and Gary Wnuk for their service as Commissioners.

**COMMISSIONERS ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND CONCERNS:**

Commissioner Wnuk thanked all of those who voted for him and stated that it was a privilege serving on the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 11:31 a.m. until the next **Organizational Meeting** to be held on **Monday, January 4, 2021** at 2:00 p.m.

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**County Clerk**

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**Chairman**