

The **regular meeting** of the Alcona County Board of Commissioners was held in the County Building in the City of Harrisville, Michigan on Wednesday, **January 20, 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: Trena MacNeill, Deputy County Clerk and Cheryl Franks, County Treasurer.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Motion by Small, seconded by Thompson, to approve the January 6, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes.**

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

**No – None**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**PRESENTATIONS:** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

At this time Commissioner Brege added to new business, EDC Appointment, New Phone System, and Closed Session for POLC Union Negotiations.

**Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Thompson, to approve pre-authorized claims and open claims presented for payment between 1/6/2021 and 1/19/2021 for check numbers 142907 to 143036 and E-check numbers 1466 to 1490 for a grand total of \$679,892.63.**

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

**No – None**

**MOTION CARRIED**

At this time, the board discussed two quotes presented by the Clerk for the lease renewal for Pitney Bowes and a new postage machine. John Hartley, IT Director, to research alternate companies and provide information to the Board.

Commissioner Brege informed the Board of communication from Doug Cheek from EDC requesting the Board approve Craig Johnston to join the Economic Development Committee and that Dan Gauthier would continue as Board Liaison.

**Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Thompson, to consent to have Craig Johnston join the EDC Committee.**

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

**No – None**

**MOTION CARRIED**

John Hartley, IT Director, joined the meeting to discuss ongoing issues regarding the phone system and looking into a new software-based system. He is awaiting quotes and will present them and a financing proposal to the Board when received.

**FINANCE REPORT:**

Commissioner Gauthier updated the Board on proceeding to close FY 2020.

**PERSONNEL REPORT:** None.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

Treasurer Franks indicated individual Treasurers are dismissed from the ongoing law suit against the County. Franks further informed the Board of ongoing work to close the FY 2020 budget.

**CLERK’S REPORT:**

Deputy Clerk MacNeill presented a communication reminder from Carrie Mullins, Republican Party Chair, of the Official Call to the Republication Convention. MacNeill also presented a request from the DHS Board regarding a recent vacancy. Request is for the Board to approve that an ad be placed in the paper.

**Motion by Brummund, seconded by Small, to put an ad in the paper to fill the vacancy for the DHHS Board.**

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

**No – None**

**MOTION CARRIED**

At this time Treasurer Franks presented a bill to finance from Anderson & Tackman for the first part of the bill for 2021 auditing and also stated the need for a current contract.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Craig Johnston, via zoom, updated the Board on the Road Commission meeting and thanked the Board for appointing him. Johnston stated they will be adjusting the Drain Commissioner’s salary and may ask for input from the County Commissioners. Ted Somers was appointed Chair, Harry Harvey, Vice-Chair and Al Scully as an alternate. Johnston also thanked the Board for appointing him to the EDC Board. Small reported on his first Organizational meeting with the Veteran’s Board. Thompson reported that the Fair Board is moving forward on this year’s fair,

sponsorship and the hope that the Fair may be held. Brummund discussed the 2-1-1 Board meeting and that the calls on vaccinations for COVID-19 are substantial. LEPC and Emergency Food and Shelter meetings are next week and distribution of awarded monies. Brummund further stated that CBDG Grant has not come in yet.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Scott Rice, EMS Director, spoke regarding a mass vaccination clinic being scheduled before the end of the month and is working on mass testing. Christina from NEMCOG is finalizing the hazardous mitigation plan which can be presented to the Board for adoption after a public hearing. EMS has been denied for round 3 of Cares Act Funding.

At 2:10 p.m. the Board recessed.

At 2:15 p.m. the meeting reconvened with all members present.

**Motion by Brummund, seconded by Small, to move into closed session at to discuss union negotiations.**

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

**No: None**

**MOTION CARRIED**

At 2:15 p.m. the Board moved into closed session.

At 2:35 p.m. the Board reconvened with all members present.

**Roll Call: Yes- Thompson, Small, Brummund, Brege, and Gauthier**

**No: None**

**Motion by Brummund, seconded by Small, to authorize the Personnel Committee to proceed as directed in closed session.**

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

**No: None**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**COMMISSIONERS ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND CONCERNS:**

Gauthier commented on a webinar regarding budgets he participated in and the effect of unemployment, stipends and that online sales tax are boosting the State of Michigan economy. Brummund read the Operation Clean-Up contract aloud.

**Motion by Brummund, seconded by Thompson, to authorize the Chair to sign the contract for Operation Clean Up as presented.**

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

**No: None**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Meeting adjourned at 2:42 p.m. until the next scheduled **Regular Meeting** to be held on Wednesday, **February 3, 2021** at 1:30 p.m.

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**County Clerk**

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**Chairman**