

The **regular meeting** of the Alcona County Board of Commissioners was held in the County Building in the City of Harrisville, Michigan on Wednesday, **March 17, 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 and Terry Small. William Thompson - absent. Also present: Trena MacNeill, Deputy County Clerk and Cheryl Franks, County Treasurer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Small, to approve the March 3, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes and the March 12, 2021 Special Meeting minutes.

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

No – None

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT:

WBKB requested permission to record the meeting. The Board confirmed yes.

PRESENTATIONS:

Randy Pfau, Director of Operations at MIFSM, and Medical Examiner, Dr. Russell Bush, appeared via Zoom, and provided some background information on the contract with Alcona County. This information included cases investigated, cremation permits, manors of death, diagnosis and age. Dr. Bush reported additional forensic pathologists to begin working with MIFSM and will introduce them to the Board for consideration and approval.

Doug Cheek, EDC member, presented a letter of interest to the Board for new board applicant, Jordan Weichel.

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Brummund, to approve the appointment of Jordan Weichel to the EDC Board.

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

No – None

MOTION CARRIED

At this time Mr. Cheek informed the Board that the EDC and NEMCOG approached the EDA for a grant in the amount of \$80,000.00 for a detailed granular mapping study of Alcona County and it was approved. MEDC covered the grant match so there will be no cost to the County. The EDC Board is looking for ways to reach out to the community and people who do not have access to the internet.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Brummund, to approve pre-authorized claims and open claims presented for payment between 3/03/2021 and 3/16/2021 for check numbers 143412 to 143564 and E-check numbers 1522 to 1537 for a grand total of \$429,986.78.

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

No – None

MOTION CARRIED

The Board discussed the Countywide Cleanup and it is scheduled for May 15, 2021.

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Gauthier, to appoint Ken Kosal to the Alcona County Parks and Recreation Commission Board, as recommended by the Parks and Recreation Board.

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

No – None

MOTION CARRIED

FINANCE REPORT:

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Brummund, to approve EMS to purchase the McCoy-Miller Ambulance remounted on a Ford E-450 gas 4 x 2 chassis at the cost of \$128,516.00 in conjunction with Republic First National Bank we enter into a finance agreement for 3 years with a down payment of \$64,258.00; APR 3.77% totaling \$23,055.76 per year.

Move to amend motion by Gauthier, seconded by Brummund, approves EMS to purchase the Mccoy-Miller Ambulance remounted on a Ford E-450 gas 4 x 2 chassis at the cost of \$128,516.00 with the option to finance with Republic First National Bank with a down payment of \$64,258.00; APR 3.77% totaling \$23,055.76 per year if financing is chosen for 3 years.

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

No – None

MOTION CARRIED

Finance Committee to review EMS 213 budget in November 2021 and direct monies, if available, towards an additional payment on the purchase.

Motion by Brege, seconded by Brummund, to increase fund 211 *Alcona Recreation Area Fund* by \$3,250.00 for a new total of \$8,250.00.

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

No – None

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Brege, seconded by Brummund, for approval to distribute the settlement for the 2020 Taxes in the amount of \$1,484,270.00 to all entitled entities.

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

No – None

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Brege, to approve the amended 2021 Budget for Fund 244 *Economic Development* in the amount of \$24,715.00.

Roll Call: Yes – Small, Brege and Gauthier

No – Brummund

MOTION CARRIED

PERSONNEL REPORT:

Commissioner Brummund reported on union negotiation meetings and hopes to bring particulars to the board by April 7th.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Treasurer Franks reported on the 2020 tax settlement payments to the Townships. There have been inquiries about monies coming into the county and how it will filter to the Townships. Treasurer Franks further provided documentation from the Department of Treasury regarding grant funds that may be available to help financially stressed Townships and Villages.

CLERK’S REPORT:

Deputy Clerk MacNeill updated the Board on new hire, Tina Schrader, Payroll Assistant, in the Clerk’s office.

COMMUNICATIONS: Tuscola County Resolution, Berrien County Resolution, MSUE Training Invite and ACR Monthly Meeting Notice.

Discussion took place regarding the possible COVID stimulus and how money will be distributed and the requirements involved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Craig Johnston gave the Board an update that the Road Commission weight restrictions are in effect and requirements may be lifted by April 1st. Johnston further stated that the Road Commission will begin union negotiations, as well as the US-23 road repair project.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

At 3:12 p.m. the meeting adjourned to the next **regular meeting** to be held on **Wednesday, April 7, 2021** at 1:30 p.m.

County Clerk

Chairman