

The **regular meeting** of the Alcona County Board of Commissioners was held in the County Building in the City of Harrisville, Michigan on Wednesday, **May 19, 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, Carolyn Brummund, William Thompson and Terry Small. Absent: Dan Gauthier, Vice Chairman. Also present: Stephany Eller, County Clerk and Cheryl Franks, County Treasurer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Thompson, to approve the May 5, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Craig Johnston, Road Commission liaison, briefed the Board on current road updates, union negotiations and the Cedar Lake Special Assessment.

Judy French, Harrisville Township resident and Jim White, Curtis Township resident, addressed the Board regarding the May 5, 2021 tabled motion in support of our community residents. White also stated his support of 2 resolution requests to be presented by Gary Wnuk, Mitchell Township resident, House Bills 4471 and 4467.

Gary Wnuk, Mitchell Township resident, spoke about the conversation held at the May 5, 2021 Regular Meeting in regard to carrying a concealed weapon within the County building.

Scott Rice, EMS Director, gave an update on the ambulance remount and stated that the write-offs for the month of April were \$13,923.75.

PRESENTATIONS:

Gary Wnuk, Mitchell Township resident, presented Resolution to Prohibit Producing, Issuing, or Providing an Incentive for Covid-19 Vaccination Passports and Resolution to Prohibit Employers from Discriminating Against an Individual because the Individual has not Received or Declines to Receive Certain Vaccinations; to Prohibit Retaliation; and to Provide Remedies for the Boards consideration.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Small, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the NCL Government Capital Exhibit E Lessee Resolution.

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

No – None

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Brege, seconded by Thompson, to approve pre-authorized claims and open claims presented for payment between 5/05/2021 and 5/18/2021 for check numbers 144141 to 144308 and E-check numbers 1576 to 1582 for a grand total of \$533,370.20.

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

No – None

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Small, to transfer \$27,000.00 from 101-890-998.000 *Transfers – Out to 101-268-941.000 Register of Deeds Contingency.*

Roll Call: Brege, Small, Thompson and Brummund

No – None

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Thompson, to adopt the Unclaimed Property Policy as part of the Alcona County Finance Policy and Procedures.

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

No – None

MOTION CARRIED

FINANCE REPORT:

Commissioner Brege informed the Board of ongoing work with the Treasurer’s office regarding the budget.

PERSONNEL REPORT:

Commissioner Brummund stated Personnel has begun union negotiations with the former COAM and the United Steelworkers.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Treasurer Franks stated that there is money being spent from out-of-balance budgets and that some departments were not budgeted for. Franks further stated that there are 12 parcels that will go up for sale on an online auction in August.

CLERK’S REPORT:

Clerk Eller presented the Preliminary State Equalization Report for the 2021 tax year and the Department of Treasury letter confirming receipt of Form 5697 State Tax Commission Petition for Approval of County Designated Assessor for the Boards review.

Commissioner Brummund informed the Board on House Bills 4670-4673.

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Thompson, to express opposition to House Bill 4670-4673 as detrimental, unnecessary and harmful to the wellbeing of our society and further request that this opposition to House Bill 4670-4673 be sent to our legislators.

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Thompson, to table the motion until Monday's Special Meeting to allow for the Prosecutor to present Michigan's Truth in Sentencing and explain in further detail.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS:

Dickinson County Resolution, Menominee County Resolution, Resolution to Prohibit Producing, Issuing or Providing an Incentive for Covid-19 Vaccination Passports, Resolution to Prohibit Employers from Discriminating Against an Individual Because the Individual has not Received or Declines to Receive Certain Vaccinations; to Prohibit Retaliation; and to Provide Remedies Alpena County Resolution, Livingston County Resolution, Sanilac County Resolution and Huron County Resolution

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Brummund, to reduce the electrical permit fees for the Inspiration Alcona Committee that is working on the Pocket Park in Harrisville.

MOTION CARRIED

At 2:26 p.m. the Board recessed.

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

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Thompson, to move into closed session to discuss union negotiations for the United Steelworkers.

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

No – None

MOTION CARRIED

At 2:36 p.m. the Board moved into closed session.

At 3:15 p.m. the Board resumed the regular meeting.

Roll Call: Brummund, Brege, Small and Thompson

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Thompson, that union negotiations with the United Steelworkers proceed as discussed.

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

No – None

MOTION CARRIED

At 3:17 p.m. the meeting adjourned to the **Special Meeting** to be held on **Monday, May 24, 2021** at 3:00 p.m.

County Clerk

Chairman