

The **regular meeting** of the Alcona County Board of Commissioners was held in the County Building in the City of Harrisville, Michigan on Wednesday, **July 7, 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: Stephany Eller, County Clerk and Cheryl Franks, County Treasurer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Small, to approve the June 16, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dave Hansen, Building and Grounds, informed the Board that two trees need to be removed from the County Building lawn and provided estimates. Hansen also gave a final update on the Sheriff's Department sewer.

PRESENTATIONS:

John Hartley, IT Director, gave the Board an update on the current failing Polycom system and some options for replacement.

Tom Sobeck, PIE&G President and CEO, introduced Ruthanne Largent, PIE&G Director of Broadband Operations, who gave a presentation on current area Broadband projects across Northeast Michigan and informed the Board of services that could be available to Alcona County in the near future.

Bob Hauch, MMRMA Risk Manager, presented the 2021/2022 Renewal Proposal for the county's liability insurance for the Boards consideration.

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Brummund, to accept the MMRMA Renewal Proposal for July, 2021 to July, 2022 as presented.

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

No – None

MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Small, to accept the draft Region 9 Area Agency on Aging proposed Fiscal Year 2022 Annual Implementation Plan as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Small, to approve pre-authorized claims and open claims presented for payment between 6/16/2021 and 7/06/2021 for check numbers 144568 to 144766 and E-check numbers 1603 to 1619 for a grand total of \$515,012.60.

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

No – None

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Small, seconded by Thompson, to adopt the Security Kiosk Policy as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Gauthier, to approve Resolution #2021-08 as follows:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY TREASURER TO ESTABLISH
FUND 281 ARPA (AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT)**

WHEREAS, resolution #2021-08 authorized the submission request for Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds; and

WHEREAS, Alcona County is expecting to receive ARP (American Rescue Plan) dollars in a total of \$2,021,049.00 which will be received in two equal installments with the first arriving any day now and the second expected to arrive a year from the first; and

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds are restricted for specific purposes as defined by the ARPA; and

WHEREAS, the Alcona County Treasurer recommends establishing a special revenue fund 281 for the specific purpose of tracking revenues and expenditures related to these ARPA funds.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Alcona County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Alcona County Treasurer to establish Fund 281 American Rescue Plan Act Fund.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Alcona County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the necessary transfers and budget amendments to effectuate this resolution.

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

No – None

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Brummund, to approve the formation of a new core committee for the purpose of overseeing the rules and regulations of the American Rescue Plan Act to include Dan Gauthier, County Commissioner, William Thompson County Commissioner, Scott Stephenson, Sheriff, Cheryl Franks, Treasurer, Tom Weichel, Prosecutor and Scott Rice EMS/Emergency Services Director. Primary duties shall include developing a strategic plan for expenditures of the monies available and formation of sub committees that allow for complete representation of Alcona County.

MOTION CARRIED

FINANCE REPORT:

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Thompson, to increase Fund 331 *Marine Law Enforcement* in the amount of \$10,350.00 and transfer \$10,350.00 from 101-890-999.000 *Contingency* to cover the increase in expenses.

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

No – None

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Gauthier, to amend Fund 536 *Housing Grant* with an increase of \$35,000.00 for a new total of \$71,000.00.

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

No – None

MOTION CARRIED

PERSONNEL REPORT:

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Thompson, to authorize the Chair to sign the POLC Command Officers union contract.

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

No – None

MOTION CARRIED

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Franks stated that a few budgets need to be addressed and will be reviewed at Friday's finance meeting. Franks further stated that 11 properties will be going up for auction online and that a separate bank account will be opened for the ARP funds.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk Eller stated that the second round of notices for the Jury Qualification Questionnaires were mailed out and that the Jury Board will meet in August to approve the 2021/2022 Jurors effective September 1, 2021.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Michigan Municipal League ballot for Board of Trustees election, State Tax Commission approval of Allan Berg as the Alcona County Designated Assessor, ACCOA Survey and Kalamazoo County Resolution.

Commissioner Brummund informed the Board that she was in receipt of a letter from Sue Lovelace stating that she would be resigning from her position as a DHHS Board member at the end of June.

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Thompson, to advertise the DHHS Board member vacancy.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Thompson, to approve the Library Board to proceed with the Library Board By-laws in the process of dismissal of a current Board Trustee.

Roll Call: Yes – Brege, Brummund, Gauthier, Thompson and Small No – None

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Scott Rice, EMS Director, stated that the Ambulance Write-offs for May were \$27,034.80 and June was \$36,018.00.

Scott Stephenson, Sheriff, presented a wage increase request for the Sheriff and Undersheriff.

COMMISSIONERS ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND CONCERNS:

Commissioner Brummund explained the request to vote yes to approve the Purdue Bankruptcy Plan.

At 3:58 p.m. the meeting adjourned to the next **Regular Meeting** to be held on **Wednesday, July 21, 2021** at 1:30 p.m.

County Clerk

Chairman