

The **regular meeting** of the Alcona County Board of Commissioners was held in the County Building in the City of Harrisville, Michigan on Wednesday, **August 4, 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 Sheila Scott, Deputy County Treasurer.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Motion by Thompson, seconded by Gauthier, to approve the July 21, 2021, Regular Meeting minutes.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Michael Mockeridge, Caledonia Township property owner, addressed the Board regarding issues with the Building Department and requested the Board waive the building permit fees.

John Hartley, IT Director, gave an update on the kiosk located on the lower level and the status of Zoom.

Denise Bryan, DHD2 Health Officer, presented the Board with the FY 2019-2020 Annual Report. Cori Upper, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, reviewed work that was done in response to the pandemic. Scott Izzo, Community Health Director, gave a current Covid update and discussed the Delta variant. Heather LeForce, Community Health Director, spoke in regard to work done with mass vaccination clinics and answered questions from the public in regard to vaccines.

Dr. Russell L. Bush, Chief Medical Examiner, reviewed the 2020 Annual Report for Alcona County and requested the Board accept the Annual Report as presented and approve MIFSM costs for cremation permits in the amount of \$63.00. Randy Pfau, MIFSM Director of Operations, spoke in regard to working with Alcona County, EMS and local law enforcement.

**Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Brummund, to accept the MIFSM 2020 Annual Report as presented.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Brummund, to appoint MIFSM forensic Pathologist, Roshon Mahabir, MD, as a Deputy Medical Examiner for Alcona County.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Thompson, to set the cremation permit fee for Alcona County in the amount of \$63.00.**

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

**No – None**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Don Stansloski, Greenbush Township resident, provided the Board with a packet of Health Care Priorities in Northeast Michigan and current research collected showing the difference between Northwest Michigan.

Ron Siegel, Allband Communications General Manager, presented regional broadband development through cooperative expansion utilizing American Rescue Plan Act funding and community investment.

Doug Cheek, EDC Board member, submitted Proposals for Services from JK2, Allegra and the Alcona County Review for postcard mailings to all Alcona County property owners regarding broadband efforts.

**Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Brummund, to approve the EDC's countywide communications request in the amount of \$6,500.00.**

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

**No – None**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

John Hartley, IT Director, discussed the quote from Peninsula Fiber Network (PFN) on the installation of fiber optic lines for EMS.

**Motion by Brummund, seconded by Thompson, to approve the installation of fiber optic lines at EMS through PFN.**

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

**No – None**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion by Brummund, seconded by Small, to approve the Letter of Intent for the USDA Forest Service building and allow the Chair to sign.**

Mark and Laurie Bowen, Caledonia Township residents, addressed the Board with concern of the Hubbard Lake sandbar. Mr. Bowen requested the Board create a countywide ordinance for sound or mooring.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Thompson, to approve pre-authorized claims and open claims presented for payment between 7/21/2021 and 8/03/2021 for check numbers 144939 to 145072 and E-check numbers 1634 to 1641 for a grand total of \$589,989.92.**

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

**No – None**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion by Thompson, seconded by Gauthier, to approve the use of the county building grounds by the Harrisville Arts Council beginning Tuesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021 through Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup> 2021 with the county building closed to the public.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion by Brummund, seconded by Small, to close the county building at noon on Friday, September 3, 2021 and publish notice in the paper.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion by Thompson, seconded by Gauthier, to restrict access to the county building utilizing the kiosks on the upper and lower level effective Monday, August 9, 2021 with locked doors.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion by Brege, seconded by Small, to continue the Board of Commissioners meetings via Zoom with finance to find funding for equipment.**

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

**No – None**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**FINANCE REPORT:**

Commissioner Gauthier reported that the 2021 FOC budget is done.

**PERSONNEL REPORT:**

Commissioner Brummund stated that the POLC Union contracts have been signed.

**Motion by Brummund, seconded by Thompson, to proceed with outside legal services to negotiate the EMS Union contracts.**

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

**No – None**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**CLERK'S REPORT:**

Clerk Eller stated that the Jury Board will be meeting on Tuesday, August 10, 2021 to review the 2021/2022 Juror Qualification Questionnaires and that distribution checks of excess net assets were received from MMRMA.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Pat Dumas, Curtis Township resident letter.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Scott Rice, EMS Director, presented the Board with July's write-offs in the amount of \$24,362.00.

Beth Talbot and Carol McGee, Curtis Township property owners, asked that the Board help, in any way possible, to waive the late filing of the Notice of Intention to Claim Interest in Foreclosure Sales Proceeds.

At 5:29 p.m. the meeting adjourned to the next **Regular Meeting** to be held on **Wednesday, August 18, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.**

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**County Clerk**

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**Chairman**