

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 16, 2022** at 1:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 1:31 p.m. by Adam Brege, Chairman.

Invocation was given by Adam Brege, Chairman.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioners present: Adam Brege, Chairman, Dan Gauthier, Vice Chairman, via Zoom, Carolyn Brummund, William Thompson and Terry Small. Also present: Stephany Eller, County Clerk and Cheryl Franks, County Treasurer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Small, seconded by Thompson, to approve the March 2, 2022 Regular Meeting minutes and the March 9, 2022 Special Meeting minutes.

MOTION CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS:

Jennifer Lueck, Trial Court Administrator, presented the 23rd Circuit Court Family Division Court Appointed Attorney Contract and requested the Chairs signature upon approval.

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Small, to approve the 23rd Circuit Court Family Division Court Appointed Attorney Contract and authorize the Chair to sign.

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

No – None

MOTION CARRIED

Denise Bearre, Alcona County Library Board Director, requested permission to form a Committee to pursue making the Curtis Township Library and the Alcona County Library a District Library. Director Bearre reviewed Pros and Cons and possible budget increases.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Small, that Alcona County is interested in joining with the Curtis Township Board to explore a District Library pursuant to 1989 PA 24 and to appoint two representatives, William Thompson and Kerri Turner.

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

No – None

MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Motion by Brege, seconded by Thompson, to approve the previously signed Alcona Township Agreement to Manage Floodplain Development.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Thompson, to authorize the Chair to sign the Agreement to Manage Floodplain Development with the City of Harrisville.

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Brege, seconded by Small, to approve pre-authorized claims and open claims presented for payment between 3/02/2022 and 3/15/2022 for check numbers 146899 to 147040 and E-check numbers 1807 to 1813 for a grand total of \$864,961.37.

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

No – None

MOTION CARRIED

Commissioner Brege reviewed 2 (two) ARPA Fund project requests from the ARPA Committee for the Boards consideration.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Small, to approve the purchase of a new software upgrade for a data management system for the Prosecuting Attorney’s office.

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

No – None

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Small, to approve the purchase of new WIFI equipment for the County.

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

No – None

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Thompson, to cease work from home options effective immediately. Exceptions may be made with the concurrence of the IT Director and the Chairman of the Board or the IT Director and the Judge.

Discussion held in regard to prior work from home options per County Directive.

Roll Call: Yes – Thompson, Small and Brummund

No – Brege

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Thompson, to approve that life insurance benefits be offered to Department Heads and Directors who are either traditional full-time or on call 24/7 Department Heads and Directors.

Roll Call: Yes – Small, Thompson and Brummund

No – Brege

MOTION CARRIED

FINANCE REPORT:

Budget Liaison Franks presented a revenue loss report showing cumulative cash flow for the General Fund from January 2017 through December 2021, a total revenue report from 2016 through 2021 and a salary, operating supplies and employer costs report for 2016 through 2021.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Treasurer Franks reported that they are receiving Township tax payments and requested delinquent tax settlement payments be approved for processing and paid out upon completion of dollar amounts.

Motion by Brege, seconded by Small, to approve payment of the tax settlement upon completion of dollar amounts.

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

No – None

MOTION CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS:

Grand Traverse County Resolution, Iron County Resolution and NEMCOG Hazard Mitigation Planning and Grant Workshop.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Commissioners gave brief reports on the various committee meetings they recently attended. Commissioner Small reported that the Veterans Affairs Committee is discussing adding 2 additional Board members.

Discussion held with Patrick Smylie, V.A. Board member, regarding putting an ad in the paper for interested Board member appointments.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kevin Perry, Curtis Township resident, spoke in regard to the Curtis Township Library becoming a District Library, concerns as to how millages will be handled and stated that Curtis Township currently owns the property the library is on.

Lisa Turek, Harrisville Township resident, inquired on the recommendation of Bill Thompson to the District Library Exploration Committee and stated that she is contacting each Township Clerk in regard to registered/non-registered voters voting in the last election.

Scott Rice, EMS Director, reported on the status of the remount ambulance, a grant through the Treasury Department for EMT training and the current fiber optics project. Rice further stated that FEMA approved the Hazard Mitigation Plan for Alcona County and requested the Board approve the adoption resolution to accept the plan.

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Thompson, to approve the Alcona County Hazard Mitigation Plan as submitted and authorize the Chair to sign.

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

No – None

MOTION CARRIED

Commissioner Dan Gauthier, via Zoom, explained the need for Townships to have Floodplain Agreements in place and has been in contact with the engineer from MDOT regarding access to the EMS building from M-72.

COMMISSIONERS ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND CONCERNS:

Commissioner Thompson stated that the library has been working with an attorney out of Lansing to address pros and cons of a district library.

At 2:58 p.m. the meeting adjourned to the next **Regular Meeting** to be held on **Wednesday, April 6, 2022** at 1:30 p.m.

County Clerk

Chairman