

The **regular meeting** of the Alcona County Board of Commissioners was held in the County Building in the City of Harrisville, Michigan on **Wednesday, April 20, 2022** 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 recited.

Commissioners present: Adam Brege, Chairman, Dan Gauthier, Vice Chairman, Carolyn Brummund, William Thompson and Terry Small. Also present: Trena MacNeill, Deputy County Clerk and Cheryl Franks, County Treasurer.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Motion by Thompson, seconded by Small, to approve the April 6, 2022 Regular Meeting minutes.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

At this time Chairman Brege added Scott Rice, EMS Director, and the Greenbush Township Resolution to New Business.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Ken Melvin, Roscommon County Commissioner and Roscommon Board of Directors of the Veterans Board encouraged the Alcona Board of Commissioners to come and visit Roscommon County to see outreach programs available to Veterans.

Marie Fielder, Alpena County resident, introduced herself to the Board and announced her candidacy as a Democrat for Michigan State House of Representatives 106<sup>th</sup> District.

Gary Wnuk, Mitchell Township resident, responded to an article in the Alcona County Review regarding the Board of Commissioners.

Geyer Balog, Montmorency County resident, introduced himself to the Board and announced his candidacy for the Michigan State House of Representatives 106<sup>th</sup> District as a Republican. He also thanked the Board for their service to local government.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Scott Stephenson, Sheriff, updated the Board regarding the jail arrangements with Iosco County. He spoke about fuel costs and the current staff shortage. He asked the Board to set up a committee to consider benefits for the deputies to give Alcona the ability to gain and retain employees.

At this time Deputy Clerk MacNeill notified the Board that Tony Radjenovich and Debbie Rochester from MERS will be here on Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. to discuss benefits

and options. Commissioner Small, Commissioner Gauthier and Deputy Clerk MacNeill volunteered to be on a retirement benefit committee.

Jennifer Lueck, Trial Court Administrator, presented a letter regarding the dissolution of the Public Guardian Administrator position and requested the Board transfer the funds from the Probate line item to the Trial Court line item.

Melissa Cordes, Register of Deeds, provided a quarterly report for the Boards review and discussed imaging updates to allow people to see documents online.

Rebecca McKim, Stryker Sales Representative, gave a demonstration on how to use AED's and Defibrillators. Scott Rice spoke about the equipment being useful especially in areas that are very rural.

Daniel Davis and Kelly Robinson, Schneider Geospatial, presented to the Board an online parcel search with mapping, tax and assessment information.

Dennis Smith, Millen Township Supervisor, addressed the Board regarding PILT monies and requested the return of same to the townships.

**Motion by Thompson, seconded by Brummund, to return 25% of the PILT money starting in 2023 to the townships.**

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

**No – Gauthier and Brege**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Patrick Smylie, Veterans Board member, spoke to the Board and expressed concerns of support of Veteran's by the Board of Commissioners and moving forward on a building. Chairman Brege scheduled a meeting with the Veteran's Board on May 5, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. for further discussion.

At 3:38 p.m. the Board recessed.

At 3:50 p.m. the Board resumed.

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Small, to approve pre-authorized claims and open claims presented for payment between 4/06/2022 and 4/19/2022 for check numbers 147224 to 147348 and E-check numbers 1832 to 1845 for a grand total of \$290,229.82.**

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

**No – None**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Thompson, to dissolve the position of the Public Guardian Administrator.**

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

**No – None**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Small, to transfer \$3,000.00 from 298-150-802.000 Probate Public Guardian-Contractual Services to 101-130-704.000 Probate Register Salary and transfer \$1,800.00 from 298-150-802.000 Probate Public Guardian-Contractual Services to 101-130-712.000 Scheduling Clerk/Recorder and \$368.00 from 298-150-715.000 Probate Public Guardian-Contractual Services to 101-130-715.000 Trial Court Employer Share FICA effective April 25, 2022.**

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

**No – None**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion by Brege, seconded by Thompson, to acknowledge receipt of the “Draft” Hawes Township Zoning Ordinance.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion by Brummund, seconded by Thompson to authorize the Chair to accept and sign the Greenbush Floodplain Resolution #2022-11 as attached:**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Scott Rice, EMS Director, spoke to the Board about the recent remount and requested the Board consider paying off the remount with a surplus and look at remounting another Ambulance. Commissioner Gauthier requested the Finance Committee receive a payoff amount and a quote for remounting the second chassis. Rice further asked the Board to consider buying the ambulance that EMS has been using in the meantime. Rice also spoke about concern on retirement options to retain employees.

**FINANCE REPORT:**

Budget Liaison Franks spoke about preparing for quarterly meetings with departments regarding their budgets.

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

Treasurer Franks reported that settlements are complete and 132 delinquent tax bills have been mailed out. Franks also stated that they are working with Equalization and Register of Deeds regarding changes with the Township Contracts.

**CLERKS REPORT:**

Deputy Clerk MacNeill reported the filing deadline for candidates for partisan and nonpartisan offices ended at 4:00 p.m. on April 19, 2022. The Clerk will hold a training session for new Township Clerks at 5:00 p.m. on April 21, 2022. MERS will be here on 4/27/2022 at 1:30 p.m. to

present and answer questions about retirement benefits. MacNeill further requested direction of the Board to proceed with the renewal process for MMRMA, which is due May 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Motion by Thompson, seconded by Brummund, to proceed with the MMRMA renewal process and to include information for cyber security.**

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

**No - None**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

MAC Broadband Survey and Iosco County Resolution

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Commissioners gave brief reports on the various committee meetings they recently attended. Commissioner Gauthier reported that he will be attending a meeting with NEMCOG and Michigan Works next week.

Commissioner Thompson reported that the Road Commission have projects planned for Mikado, Haynes and Hawes. He also reported that a Drain Commissioner workshop needs to be scheduled soon.

Commissioner Brummund reported LEPC has a new member, Abbie Jones, who is replacing Corey Upper, the new Environmental Health Officer.

**Motion by Brummund, seconded by Small, to welcome Abbie Jones to the LEPC Board.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Chairman Brege reported that Lenny Avery, ACCOA Director, asked the Board to write a letter of support for the Community Center.

**Motion by Brege, seconded by Gauthier, to write a letter of support for ACCOA for the Community Center.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Jerry Klingenberg, Harrisville Township, spoke in regard to various concerns.

At 4:35 p.m. the meeting adjourned to the next **Regular Meeting** to be held on **Wednesday, May 4, 2022** at 1:30 p.m.

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**County Clerk**

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**Chairman**