

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 18, 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 Brummund, seconded by Thompson, to approve the May 4, 2022 Regular Meeting minutes.

MOTION CARRIED

At this time Chairman Brege added Steven Hiiter and Dr. Roshan Mahabir, MIFSM and Doug Cheek, EDC Director, to presentations and a Closed Session after the second Public Comment.

PRESENTATIONS:

Steven Hiiter, Chief Medical Examiner Investigator and Dr. Roshan Mahabir, Chief Medical Examiner, MIFSM, introduced themselves to the Board and discussed ways to improve communication and collaboration with the County.

John Hartley, IT Director, spoke to the Board regarding PIE&G's request for the County's shape files and 911 address point data to assist them with mapping the County and to set up the mapping online for access to the public for a fee.

Doug Cheek, EDC, discussed ARPA and asked the Board to sign a Letter of Intent for the construction of fiber to premise for the provisioning of Broadband between PIE&G and Alcona County.

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Small, to provide PIE&G the 911 address point shapefiles, the GIS shapefiles and the BS&A addresses from the Equalization Assessing Database.

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

No – Brummund

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Brummund, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Letter of Intent for construction of fiber to premise for the provisioning of Broadband between PIE&G and Alcona County.

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

MOTION CARRIED

At this time the Board discussed minimum bids for the patrol cars up for auction.

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Small, to place an ad for the patrol vehicles up for auction and that the minimum for Vehicle #1 2015 Chevy Impala would be \$1,000.00, Vehicle #2 2015 Chevy Impala \$1,000.00 and for Vehicle #3 2017 Ford Explorer \$5,000.00. Bids are due by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 14, 2022.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Brege, seconded by Thompson, to cancel the June 1, 2022 Commissioners Regular Meeting.

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

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Brege, to approve pre-authorized claims and open claims presented for payment between 5/04/2022 and 5/17/2022 for check numbers 147456 to 147595 and E-check numbers 1855 to 1863 for a grand total of \$409,607.44.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Commissioner Brege added Gustin Township Solar Energy Ordinance to New Business.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Brege, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Haynes Township Floodplain Resolution #2022-12 as attached:

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Small, to approve and authorize the chair to sign the Harrisville Township Floodplain Resolution #2022-13 as attached:

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Brege, to pay off the financed chassis.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Brege, to have Scott Rice, EMS Director, get the second chassis on order.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Brege, seconded by Thompson, to amend Fund 262 *VICTIMS SERVICE FUND* for an increase of \$1,846.00 for a new total of \$5,746.00.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Brege, seconded by Thompson, to amend Fund 268 *LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND #2* for an increase of \$10,000.00 for a new total of \$25,000.00.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Brege, seconded by Thompson, to amend Fund 285 *LOCAL CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS TRAINING FUND* for an increase of \$2,000.00 for a new total of \$2,000.00.

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

MOTION CARRIED

The Board discussed assigning an individual to complete ARPA Fund Reporting. The Board will give it thought and it will be placed on the agenda for June 15, 2022 under Unfinished Business.

Discussion held regarding monies overpaid to the District Health Department #2. Commissioner Gauthier volunteered to assist with the return of the funds.

Commissioner Brege reviewed the Gustin Township Solar Energy Ordinance. The Board will review and can become effective in 30 days.

FINANCE REPORT:

Commissioner Gauthier reported that the budget meetings with Department Heads are going well.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Treasurer Franks reported that budget amendments are necessary for Child Care Fund and Friend of the Court. The Treasurer's office has a new contract with Title Check. Franks further reported that auditors will be here the week of June 6th.

CLERKS REPORT:

Deputy Clerk MacNeill handed the Board additional communication and announced that the Clerk will be holding an Election Training for new Township Clerks from 5:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. that evening.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Kalamazoo County Resolution, Federal Highway Administration, MMRMA Greenstone Short Term Tax Collection Bond Program – Summer 2022 and Alcona County Residential E-Waste Collection Day.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Commissioners gave brief reports on the various committee meetings they recently attended. Commissioner Small reported that he attended the Sprinkler Lake meeting, the Veteran's meeting and Township meetings.

Commissioner Gauthier reported that Michigan Works sent an email regarding unemployment taking over and closing Michigan Works offices.

Commissioner Thompson reported that there is a new business opening in Harrisville. The tire recycle is Saturday, May 21, 2022 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Commissioner Brummund reported Harbortown's heating and cooling is functioning again.

Motion by Brege, seconded by Thompson, to work with Schneider GIS for online availability of the County GIS shape files.

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

No – None

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tony Atkinson, Veterans Affairs Director, presented an application for a grant for funds to establish a permanent location for the Veterans Affairs office.

Motion by Small, seconded by Thompson, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the application for a Veterans Affairs grant.

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

No - Brummund

MOTION CARRIED

Tony Atkinson further requested permission to use the Commissioner’s Room for the Memorial Day luncheon in case of bad weather.

Commissioner Gauthier spoke to the Board regarding Seniors night and that there were only 15 graduating seniors that applied for the scholarships. Dr. MacMaster announced the scholarships awarded. Gauthier further commented on the generosity of the County.

At 3:00 p.m. the Board recessed.

At 3:11 p.m. the Regular Meeting resumed.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Small, to move into closed session for union discussions.

MOTION CARRIED

At 3:10 p.m. the Board moved into closed session.

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

Roll Call was taken with all members present.

Motion by Brege, seconded by Brummund, that the Personnel Committee proceed as discussed in closed session regarding EMS union negotiations.

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

No – None

MOTION CARRIED

At 3:51 p.m. the meeting adjourned to the next **Regular Meeting** to be held on **Wednesday, June 15, 2022** at 1:30 p.m.

County Clerk

Chairman