

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 6, 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: Stephany, County Clerk and Cheryl Franks, County Treasurer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Thompson, to approve the June 15, 2022 Regular Meeting minutes.

MOTION CARRIED

Chairman Brege amended the agenda to add Lenny Avery, ACCOA Director to presentations, GIS Schneider Geospatial Contract change to new business and remove Equalization and Building Department Teamsters Letters of Understanding to the next meeting agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Gary Wnuk, Mitchell Township resident, addressed the Secretary of State Resolution he submitted at the last meeting.

Gerri Klingenberg, Harrisville Township resident, spoke of her concerns on various election matters and machine accreditation.

Erin Mahalak, Equalization Appraiser, spoke of her concern with the delays addressing the Letters of Understanding for Teamsters.

Barb Kacel, Haynes Township resident, spoke of her concern on the election machines.

PRESENTATIONS:

Lenny Avery, ACCOA Director, presented a power point presentation of the plans to build a multifamily housing unit and community center. He read a Press Release announcing the award of a State Allocation Economic and Workforce Grant to ACCOA in the amount of 12.5 million dollars for the FY 2022-23.

Nena Sork, Executive Director for Community Mental Health, presented on the FY 2021 Annual Report.

Commissioner Dan Gauthier spoke on behalf of the Building Department and the requirements for Alcona County Tiny Homes. Harry Harvey, Building Inspector, would like the Building

Department to send letters to Townships for Off-Site Structures and Buildings used for Sheds, Cabins, Play Structures and More.

Dave Hanson, Building and Grounds Director, handed out a list of 2022 repair projects for the County Building, Jail Kitchen and MSUE building.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

At this time Clerk Eller opened the sealed patrol car bids. Bid amounts submitted:

Car #1	2015 Chevy Impala	Eric Gill	\$700.00
Car #2	2017 Ford Explorer	Paul Noonan	\$3,500.00
Car #1	2015 Chevy Impala	James Chase	\$625.00
Car #2	2017 Ford Explorer	Lannis Sutherland	\$3,515.00
Car #1	2015 Chevy Impala	Lauren Desonia	\$502.00
Car #2	2017 Ford Explorer	Lauren Desonia	\$2,852.00

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Small, to accept the patrol car bids as submitted.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Small, to accept the bid in the amount of \$3,515.00 for the 2017 Ford Explorer and the bid in the amount of \$700.00 for the 2015 Chevy Impala.

MOTION CARRIED

Commissioner Gauthier discussed submitted ARPA proposals. One from BRANRO Enterprises for the study of the County Building and one for the Sheriff's Department for officer body cams.

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Brege, to not accept or approve the proposal as received from BRANRO Enterprises.

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

No – Brummund

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Small, to approve ARPA Funding Proposal from Dave Hanson, Building and Grounds, for projects to bring the building up to code in the amount of \$27,808.00.

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

No – None

MOTION CARRIED

Commissioner Dan Gauthier presented a request from Scott Rice, EMS Director, regarding ARPA funding for AED Devices for buildings in the County. Brege and Gauthier have met with Scott

Rice about the AED devices for different buildings. Further discussion to be had at the next ARPA Committee meeting.

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Small, to approve the proposal from Sheriff Scott Stephenson through ARPA Funding for the project of patrol car dash cameras in the amount of \$27,461.00 for the cameras and \$11,830.47 for the servers and supplies.

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

No – None

MOTION CARRIED

Clerk Eller stated that ARPA Fund Reporting is listed under Unfinished Business on the agenda due to addressing the reporting portion. The Board recommended it remain on the agenda to discuss at the next regular meeting.

Motion by Brege, seconded by Thompson, to approve the Region 9 Planning Area Agency Draft Plan and to accept it as written.

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Thompson, to approve pre-authorized claims and open claims presented for payment between 6/15/2022 and 7/05/2022 for check numbers 147831 to 148015 and E-check numbers 1880 to 1890 for a grand total of \$521,884.85.

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

No – None

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Small, to approve the Gustin Township Zoning Ordinance for Commercial Wind Energy Systems and waive the 30 day wait period.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Thompson, to authorize the Chair to sign the Alcona Township Land Division Act Services Agreement.

MOTION CARRIED

Chairman Brege discussed the modification of the memorandum of understanding between Alcona Schools and the County of Alcona regarding IT and the ability to assist each other if necessary. This will be added to the agenda of the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Small, to amend the gas mileage rates to \$.62 cents per mile.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Brege, to approve the purchase of the 2010 Brown Chief Excel ambulance chassis in the amount of \$26,000.00.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Brummund, to approve body work, painting and decals for the new ambulance chassis, not to exceed \$15,000.00.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Small, to accept the Client Representation Letter with Anderson, Tackman & Company, PLC and authorize the Chair to sign.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Brege, seconded by Small, to authorize the chair to re-sign the GIS Contract amending the name of the Liability Company.

MOTION CARRIED

FINANCE REPORT:

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Brummund, to approve that effective July 5, 2022 to raise the Plumbing, Heating and Electrical Inspectors fees from \$50.00 to \$60.00 per inspection.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Treasurer Franks spoke to the Board regarding an amendment from the General Fund to the DPW budget for an increase of \$2,400.00 to \$10,000.00.

Motion by Brege, seconded by Thompson, to increase the DPW budget from \$2,400.00 to \$10,000.00.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Brege, to amend the Housing Commission Budget to reflect the Grant.

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

No – None

MOTION CARRIED

TREASURERS REPORT:

Treasurer Franks reported on the Audit and funding from the Cedar Lake project to create a new fund and she will speak to the Finance Committee regarding that. Tax bills have gone out and there is a list of properties that have been foreclosed on and stated if anyone needs a list for the auction, they are available.

CLERKS REPORT:

Clerk Eller gave an update on the insurance renewal for MMRMA and reviewed items for the Boards consideration. The cost will be lower due to the closure of the jail and the Member Award History credit will be approximately \$6,000.00. MMRMA has decreased their coverage for cyber security. John Hartley, IT Director, is also making some changes to assist in the security. Eller also reported on the election training that was held on June 30, 2022 at the Harrisville Township Hall.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Branch, Cheboygan, Iron, Kalkaska, Allegan, Ontonagon, Calhoun, Leelanau, Lake, Jackson, Eaton, and Gogebic Counties Resolutions Opposing Zillow House Bills 4729, 4730, 4731, & 4732, Berrien County Resolutions, Huron County Resolution and Livingston County Resolution

The Board discussed presenting a Resolution Opposing Zillow House Bills to be presented at the next regular meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Commissioner's gave brief reports on various meetings they recently attended.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Erin Mahalak, Equalization Appraiser, spoke in regard to an illegal marijuana operation in Glennie and about the risk involved with her job and asked to be informed on the Zillow bills and how their office should respond.

Patrick Smylie, Veterans Board member, asked if there was anything that the Board needed regarding the new Veterans building.

Robert Turek, Harrisville Township resident, spoke of his concerns using Sharpie markers to vote, as well as what the pros and cons are on not using machines to count ballots.

Gerri Klingenberg, Harrisville Township resident, asked Chairman Brege if he's read the Gustin Township Zoning Ordinance for Commercial Wind Energy Systems.

Tony Atkinson, Veterans Counselor, notified the Board that the Lincoln Downtown Development Authority donated property to the V.A. Information will be presented to the Board as it's received. Further, that the V.A. received notification that they've been approved for a \$55,000.00 Grant.

At 3:25 p.m. the meeting adjourned to the next **Regular Meeting** to be held on **Wednesday, July 20, 2022** at 1:30 p.m.

County Clerk

Chairman