

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 3, 2022** at 1:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m. by Commissioner Carolyn Brummund.

Invocation was given by Commissioner Brummund.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Commissioner Brummund asked that the Chair and Vice Chair be marked excused rather than absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Small, to approve the July 20, 2022 Regular Meeting minutes.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Gary Wnuk, Mitchell Township resident, spoke regarding the Election Results and public trust and the responsibility of the Commissioner's in local government.

Robert Turek, Harrisville Township resident, spoke about resolutions recently passed by the Alcona County Republican Party. He also spoke of the financial aspect of running elections.

PRESENTATIONS:

Scott Stephenson, Sheriff, addressed the Board about security concerns and the necessity for a whole new program on courthouse security. Transports are taking a significant toll on the budget and the additional staff needed for security for a current case. He also spoke about miscommunication in budget transfers and the possibility of a school resource officer.

Commissioner Brummund added PIE&G Letter of Intent under Unfinished Business and a budget adjustment for Fund 242 Cedar Lake Project under New Business. The letter from the library was pulled from communications to be handled by the board liaison.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Brummund, to deny the Letter of Understanding from Teamsters Local 214, proposing an adjustment to the compensation for the Appraiser and Assistant positions.

Motion by Small, seconded by Thompson, to table the motion.

Roll Call: Yes – Small and Thompson

No – Brummund

MOTION TABLED

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Small, to accept and authorize the Chair to sign the amended PIE&G Letter of Intent.

Roll Call: Yes – Thompson, Small and Brummund

No – None

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Small, to move \$35,000.00 from Fund 805 *Special Assessments Capital Project* to Fund 242 *Cedar Lake Maintenance* to cover the maintenance and eliminate the project fund, as the project is complete.

Roll Call: Yes - Brummund, Thompson and Small

No – None

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Small, seconded by Thompson, to approve pre-authorized claims and open claims presented for payment between 7/20/2022 and 8/02/2022 for check numbers 148148 to 148289 and E-check numbers 1903 to 1915 for a grand total of \$715,609.98.

Roll Call: Yes – Small, Brummund and Thompson

No – None

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Small, to approve the request from the Harrisville Arts Council to use the county building grounds for the Arts and Craft Festival and the use of the county building for council staff only, pending receipt of liability insurance.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Small, to accept the MSUE Contract Agreement and authorize the Chair to sign.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Small, to place an ad in the Alcona County Review to inform interested organizations that the County is a recipient of a settlement regarding opioid damages and the funds are to be used for prevention, treatment and recovery.

MOTION CARRIED

PERSONNEL REPORT: Have been discussing letters from Equalization and working with the mediator for EMS union negotiations.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Treasurer Franks reported working with different departments and the Clerk’s office on budgets and changes due to union negotiations. Some insurance and retirement changes are required for appropriate funding. Franks further stated that the Board governs budget changes and that certain changes within a department’s budget are mandatory.

CLERKS REPORT:

Deputy Clerk MacNeill informed the Board that the Primary Election held on August 2, 2022 went well and extended thanks to the Township Clerks and Poll Workers for their time and dedication.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Oceana County Resolution, Allegan County Resolution, Clinton County Resolution and NMCA Follow-up meeting materials.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Commissioners gave brief reports on various meetings they recently attended. Commissioner Small reported that he attended the mental health meeting. Commissioner Thompson reported that ACCOA is working towards placing a road service button in their vehicles and a donation from Meijer in the amount of \$5,000.00 to the food bank. Thompson to take communication letter back to the library to have it amended. Commissioner Brummund attended the Sunrise meeting with hopes it will be set for 3 years and at the 911 board meeting they announced the hiring of a new part-time employee.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Troy Somers, Equalization Director, requested consistent steps within the Policy and Procedures to take when requesting wage increases.

Jerry Klingenberg, Harrisville Township resident, requested a copy of the PIE&G Letter of Intent.

Robert Turek, Harrisville Township, spoke to the Board about cleaning up and placing bird netting in the pavilion and possibly getting an outhouse by the tennis courts. Turek commented on David Hanson’s building and grounds updates and of his concern with the County paying for repairs of the MSUE building.

At 2:24 p.m. the meeting adjourned to the next **Regular Meeting** to be held on **Wednesday, August 17, 2022** at 1:30 p.m.

County Clerk

Chairman