

The **regular meeting** of the Alcona County Board of Commissioners was held in the County Building in the City of Harrisville, Michigan on **Wednesday, September 7, 2022** at 1:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chairman, Adam Brege.

Invocation was given by Chairman Brege.

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 Somers, Deputy County Clerk and Cheryl Franks, County Treasurer.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Motion by Thompson, seconded by Small, to approve the August 17, 2022 Regular Meeting minutes.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Chairman Brege added closed session under the last public comment and Fund 267 Drug Forfeiture Fund under new business.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Troy Somers, Equalization Director, updated the Board that Assessors will be raising their assessed values by 20%. Somers mentioned speaking to Building and Grounds regarding a sign directing the public where to find the Commissioner's office.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Jennifer Lueck, Trial Court Administrator, presented the Child Care Fund Budget to the Board and asked for the Chair to sign.

**Motion by Brummund, seconded by Small, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Child Care Budget Summary for October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023.**

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

**No – None**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Gauthier gave an update on the ARPA meeting and the new anti-virus protection equipment needed and the recommendation on record keeping on ARPA Funds.

**Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Thompson, to approve the purchase of the new anti-virus protection equipment needed in the amount of \$15,916.20.**

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

**No – None**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion by Brummund, seconded by Thompson, to approve record keeping of the ARPA Funds by Treasurer Franks and to pay her \$1,500.00 per year to be paid by ARPA funds.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Thompson, upon approval of the LOI and MOU with PIE&G regarding the installation of Broadband Internet Service for Alcona County, that \$500,000.00 be allocated from the ARPA Funds.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion by Brummund, seconded by Thompson, that based on the recommendation from the ARPA Committee that the request from the Alcona County Road Commission be declined.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Small, to authorize the Chair to sign the letter to the Alcona County Road Commission responding to their request.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Small, to approve pre-authorized claims and open claims presented for payment between 8/17/2022 and 9/06/2022 for check numbers 148424 to 148589 and E-check numbers 1923 to 1940 for a grand total of \$1,514,690.63.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion by Brege, seconded by Thompson, to approve Sagasser & Associates, Inc. for Phase I and Phase II of the Environmental Site Assessment for the proposed Department of Veteran Affairs property.**

**Roll Call: Yes – Brege    No – Thompson, Small, Brummund and Gauthier**

**MOTION FAILED**

**Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Small, to increase Fund 213 *Ambulance Millage Maintenance and Equipment* Budget in the amount of \$27,666.00 creating a balanced budget in the amount of \$440,805.00.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion Thompson, seconded by Brummund, to increase Fund 267 *Drug Forfeiture Fund* by \$13,942.00 as a result of unclaimed Drug Forfeiture Sales.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Brummund, to approve the request from the EDC Committee to contribute an economic investment in the amount of \$2,400.00 to have Edgewater Resources complete a Harrisville Harbor study that will present three concept alternatives of pros and cons to improve fishing.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

Doug Cheek, EDC member, gave an update on broadband and working with PIE&G in regard to an LOI.

**FINANCE REPORT:**

Commissioner Gauthier reported on the recent finance meeting.

**Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Brummund, to increase 240-000-699.00 *MSUE Services* and 240-261-941.000 *MSUE Services* in the amount of \$2,000.00.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PERSONNEL REPORT:**

Recent ongoing EMS negotiations to be discussed during closed session.

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

Treasurer Franks reported on the tax sale held. There were 11 properties and they were all sold. The Budgets were sent out to Departments for the 2023 FY and they are awaiting responses.

**CLERKS REPORT:**

Deputy Clerk Somers informed the Board of the Annual Clerk’s Conference that they attended last week. The Clerk’s office is preparing to review the proof ballots for the November General Election. A late communication from Mitchell Township resident, Jerry Fogle, was provided to the Board for review.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Muskegon and VanBuren County Resolutions, Jueswi Person Specul Letter and Mitchell Township resident, Jerry Fogle Letter.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Commissioner Small gave brief reports on various meetings he recently attended. Commissioner Gauthier reported on the progress of the DHD#2 building. Commissioner Thompson gave an update on the ACCOA building plans and the use of Fair funds is being turned over the auditors. Commissioner Brummund reported on the 911 compliance review and that it went well.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Tony Atkinson, Veterans Counselor, requested the Board to either accept or deny the property location for the new building.

Rosie Perrin, Gustin Township resident, spoke to the Board regarding the ACCOA housing project and if it is going to be for senior residents or for low-income housing and her concerns with it being for low-income residents.

Robert Turek, Harrisville Township resident, spoke regarding ACCOA meetings and if they could be recorded their and put online, as it would be helpful for residents with questions.

Lisa Turek, Harrisville Township resident, spoke of her concerns about ACCOA not doing research on their purchases.

**Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Small, that Alcona County declines the acquisition of the lot in Lincoln for the Veteran’s Affairs new building.**

**Roll Call: Yes – Brummund, Small, Gauthier and Thompson** **No – Brege**

Rosie Perrin, Gustin Township resident, asked the Board if there is a back-up location for the Veteran’s Affairs building.

At 2:30 p.m. the Board recessed.

At 2:41 p.m. the Board resumed the regular meeting with all members present upon roll call.

**Motion by Brege, seconded by Small, to move into closed session.** **MOTION CARRIED**

At 2:41 p.m. the Board moved into closed session to discuss ongoing EMS union negotiations.

At 3:31 p.m. the Board resumed the regular meeting with all members present upon roll call.

**Motion by Brege, seconded by Thompson, to move into open session.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion by Brege, seconded by Thompson, to approve personnel to proceed with negotiations as discussed during closed session.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

At 3:33 p.m. the meeting adjourned to the next **Regular Meeting** to be held on **Wednesday, September 21, 2022** at 1:30 p.m.

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**County Clerk**

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**Chairman**