

The **regular meeting** of the Alcona County Board of Commissioners was held in the County Building in the City of Harrisville, Michigan on **Wednesday, October 5, 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 Small, seconded by Thompson, to approve the September 21, 2022 Regular Meeting minutes and September 26, 2022 Special Meeting minutes.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Robert Turek, Harrisville Township resident, spoke of concerns with ACCOA and how the millage funds are spent, the property chosen for the building, how donations are handled, signs requiring masks if the public is not vaccinated and how board members for ACCOA are selected.

Gary Wnuk, Mitchell Township resident, spoke to the Board about a Principal Residence Exemption audit he has received and having to prove to the Township where he lives. He requested the board to stand up for principal rights of the residents.

Gerri Klingenberg, Harrisville Township resident, spoke concerning her disapproval of MEDC monies being used in the County as well as her non-consent of Dominion Voting equipment.

Lisa Turek, Harrisville Township resident, spoke in concerns of being denied a senior meal at ACCOA and believes there should be more oversight for the ACCOA.

Terri Goldstrom, Haynes Township resident, spoke of rumors concerning contractors to be used to build the new ACCOA building and to consider some oversight of the ACCOA.

At this time Chairman Brege added the EMS Union Contract under unfinished business, MGT reporting, the November 16th Commissioner's meeting date and the Register of Deeds request for a full-time position under New Business and Budget Workshop under Finance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Commissioner Gauthier gave an update on EDC and hiring a consultant for Alcona County for Broadband and the need to sign a Services Agreement with Connected Nation.

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Thompson, to authorize the Chair to sign a service agreement with Connected Nation.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Small, approve the ARPA Committee’s recommendation for the agreement with Connected Nation and that ARPA funds in the amount of \$49,500.00 be used for their services.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Brummund, seconded by Thompson, to ratify and approve and authorize the Chair to sign the contract between Alcona County and EMS Operating Engineers for the period July, 2022 through December 31, 2025.

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

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Small, to approve pre-authorized claims and open claims presented for payment between 9/21/2022 and 10/04/2022 for check numbers 148735 to 148845 and E-check numbers 1950 to 1961 for a grand total of \$1,300,351.60.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Brege, seconded by Brummund, to amend the budget for Fund 561 *Fair* for a new total of \$43,640.00.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Small, to move the Commissioner’s Regular meeting scheduled for November 16, 2022 to November 14, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Small, to change our dashboard services from Munetrix to MGT Services.

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

No – None

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Small, seconded by Thompson, to change Register of Deeds part-time position to full-time effective January 2023.

Roll Call: Yes – Small and Thompson

No – Gauthier, Brummund and Brege

MOTION FAILED

FINANCE REPORT:

Treasurer Franks reported on the progress of the FY 2023 budget. A Special Meeting was set for November 11, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. to continue working on the budget.

PERSONNEL REPORT:

Commissioner Brummund reported that they received a letter of resignation from one of the Sheriff's deputies.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Treasurer Franks stated that they have allocated the funds from the tax sale. There has been no communication from the class action lawsuit. Dog license reminders will be mailed soon.

CLERKS REPORT:

Deputy Clerk Somers reported that 44North will be here October 19, 2022 to present the 2023 Health Insurance quotes and discuss options with the Board. Public Accuracy Testing dates and times was received too late to publish in the paper, so dates and times are posted at the local precincts, on the County website and County Building entrances. Local Clerks have received ballots and have began to process absentee ballots.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Iron County Resolutions and Gogebic County Resolution.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Chairman Brege asked Patrick Smylie if they could schedule a meeting with the Village to discuss the new Veteran's building location.

Commissioner Small attended the DHHS meeting.

Commissioner Thompson received complaints from ACCOA regarding FOIA requests and the meals on wheels. ACCOA did purchase a lot in the amount \$9,979.00. Library decided to no longer work towards becoming district library at this time and offered Curtis Library to become a branch. The Road Commission will have the bridge on F-41 open as of 10/14/22. The Alcona Health Center has an issue with Fiber found in the roadway and are attempting to find out who owns the line.

Commissioner Brummund reported that Sunrise was unofficially told they passed their Carb testing resulting in a 3 year certification. Our 211 board is answering calls due to the hurricane in Florida. 911 Board reviewed their budget for 2023 and will be submitting it soon. Cedar Lake Improvement Board met and will be moving forward with the demolition of a property.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Craig Johnston, Harrisville Township, requested the Board issue Press Releases in regard to certain news and union contracts.

Gary Wnuk, Mitchell Township, spoke about attending ACCOA meetings and concerns of lack of transparency.

Lenny Avery, Caledonia Township, Executive Director ACCOA, provided to the Board a Community Means Assessment completed by NEMSCA.

At 2:27 p.m. the meeting adjourned to the **Special Meeting** to be held on **Tuesday, October 11, 2022** at 2:00 p.m.

County Clerk

Chairman