

The **Public Hearing** of the Alcona County Board of Commissioners was held in the County Building in the City of Harrisville, Michigan on **Wednesday, December 7, 2022** at 1:25 p.m.

The hearing was called to order at 1:25 p.m. by Adam Brege, Chairman.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

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.

Commissioner Brummund arrived at the meeting at 1:29 p.m.

Public Hearing held to approve the FY 2023 General and Non-General Fund Budgets.

**Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Thompson, to adopt the FY 2023 General Fund Budget as posted and presented.**

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

**No – Brummund**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion by Brege, seconded by Thompson, to adopt the FY 2023 Non-General Fund Budget as posted and presented.**

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

**No – Brummund**

**MOTION CARRIED**

The **Regular Meeting** was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chairman Brege. Roll call given.

**Motion by Brummund, seconded by Small, to approve the minutes from the November 14, 2022 Regular Meeting.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

At this time Chairman Brege added several items to the agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Leroy Perrin, Gustin Township, spoke in favor of the Solar Ordinance for Gustin Township.

Sergio Trevino, Ranger Power, spoke to the Board about the process of solar projects and local ordinances on township and county levels.

Janice MacNeill, Haynes Township, spoke in support of Veterans Affairs.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Jennifer Lueck, Trial Court Administrator, spoke about the 2023 Drug Court Grant awarded to Alcona County in the amount of \$25,000.00 and asked that the Board authorize the Chair to sign. Lueck also requested the Board sign the 2023 Family Court Appointed Attorney Contracts.

Patrick Smylie, Veteran’s Board Chair, spoke to the Board regarding a \$3,000.00 invoice that was billed to the Veteran’s Department. Tony Atkinson, Veteran’s Counselor, spoke of his disapproval of the Board choosing to invoice the \$3,000.00 for indirect costs of services provided by the County Clerk, Treasurer and IT.

**Motion by Small, seconded by Gauthier, to increase the Veteran’s Committee Board from 5 members to 7.**

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

**No – Brummund**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Scott Stephenson, Sheriff, thanked his staff and 9-1-1 regarding the recent active shooter in Spruce. Stephenson spoke about the shortage of employees becoming significantly more severe and that the pay is not competitive to other counties. If new deputies are not recruited, 24-hour road patrol or the school liaison officer may have to be pulled. Stephenson gave further updates on the new drones, new patrol cars and grant monies towards a new snowmobile.

Chairman Brege, spoke about putting together a committee with two commissioners to work on solutions to recruit officers after the first of the year.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Gauthier gave an update on the importance of putting a County Recreation Plan back in place. Nico Tucker with NEMCOG offered to assist in getting it started.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Motion by Brege, seconded by Small, to approve amended pre-authorized claims and open claims presented for payment between 11/11/2022 and 12/06/2022 for check numbers 149221 to 149361 and E-check numbers 1986 to 2003 for a grand total of \$1,384,190.98.**

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

**No – None**

**MOTION CARRIED**

At this time Chairman Brege read aloud a letter from Gustin Township resident Mike Goddard addressing his concern regarding the Gustin Township Solar Ordinance.

**Motion by Small, seconded by Thompson, to approve the Gustin Township Solar Ordinance.**

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

**Abstain – Brege**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Deputy County Clerk spoke to the Board about the County policy regarding the cash-in-lieu benefit for spouses of employees receiving the buyout.

**Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Thompson, beginning January 1, 2023 the cash-in-lieu benefit will be available to any employee who chooses to opt-out of the county health insurance, including employees whose spouse is also a county employee.**

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

**No – Brege**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Brummund, to authorize the Chair to sign the 2023 Operation Clean-up Contract.**

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

**Abstain – Thompson**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Brummund, to authorize the Chair to sign the Marihuana Operation and Oversight Grant.**

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

**No - None**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion by Brummund, seconded by Thompson, to appoint Kevin Boyat to serve as Trustee for Oscoda Wurtsmith Airport Authority Board Trustee for a 4-year term.**

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

**No – Small**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Brummund, to authorize the Chair to sign the Drug Court Grant.**

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

**No – None**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion by Brummund, seconded by Gauthier, to authorize the Chair to sign the 2023 Family Court Contracts in the amount of \$5,350.00 annually.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**FINANCE REPORT:**

**Motion by Brege, seconded by Brummund, to amend the 101 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$32,505.00 from Homeland Security for a new total of \$5,700,035.00.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

Treasurer Franks asked the Board to increase Funds 265 *Law Enforcement* and 268 *Law Enforcement Fund #2* in the amount of \$8,975.00

**Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Brummund, to increase Funds 265 & 268 in the amount of \$8,975.00 for a new total of \$37,820.00.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion by Brummund, seconded by Gauthier, to grant the Finance Committee the authority to handle end of the year transfers to clean up line items.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion by Brege, seconded by Thompson, to approve the transfer from fund balance in the amount of \$3,000.00 for the Library.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PERSONNEL REPORT:** None.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Treasurer Franks stated she is asking departments to let them know about outstanding revenue so they can book it to the General Ledger and that the county is financially in a good place.

**CLERK’S REPORT:**

Deputy Clerk Somers provided the Board with the City of Harrisville Masterplan.

**Motion to amend the policy handbook under medical insurance on page 50 to reflect the change for the cash-in-lieu benefit.**

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

**No – Brege**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Ontonagon County Resolution, Gogebic County Resolution, Manistee County Resolution and Opposition Letter, NEMCOG Invitation to Introduction to Planning and Zoning for Renewable Energy, City of Harrisville Draft Master Plan, Manistee County Resolution, Wexford County Resolution and Oscoda-Wurtsmith Airport Authority Appointee Letter, MSU Extension District Advisory Council Member Recruitment, Communication from Geri Klingenberg.

The Board recessed at 3:03 p.m.

The Board resumed at 3:08 p.m. with all members present.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

George Perkins, Millen Township, spoke in support of helping the Veteran’s.

At 3:17 p.m. the meeting adjourned to the **Special Meeting** to be held on **Monday, December 12, 2022** at 4:00 p.m.

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**County Clerk**

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**Chairman**