

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
ALPENA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Special Full Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 2, 2025 – 2:00 p.m.
Howard Male Conference Room/Zoom Room**

CALL TO ORDER

The Alpena County Board of Commissioners met for a Special Full Board Meeting and was called to order by Chairman in the County Annex Building, Howard Male Conference Room, Alpena, Michigan and via Zoom on Thursday, January 2, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called with the following Commissioners present: Bill LaHaie, District #1; Lucille Bray, District #3; Bill Peterson, District #4; Brenda Fournier, District #5; Todd Britton, District #6; Travis Konarzewski, District #7; and John Kozlowski, District #8.

AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner LaHaie and supported by Commissioner Fournier to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

INTERVIEWS – DISTRICT #2 COUNTY COMMISSIONER

County Administrator Jesse Osmer provided an outline background on what he had received from legal counsel. On December 16th Clerk Bertrand received a letter from candidate Griffin James who had won his election stating that he had moved out of the district and was no longer eligible as well as had taken on further commitments. This board approved posting the vacancy which took place from December 17th through December 30th. Speaking with legal counsel, the vacancy did occur effective January 1, 2025, and must be filled within 30 days. This board is operating within the conditions of its December 17th post indicating that there will be a public meeting as of today to interview the candidates.

APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT #2 COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Chairman Kozlowski reported only one application was received for the District #2 vacancy. Moved by Commissioner LaHaie and supported by Commissioner Fournier to appoint Dan Ludlow as the District #2 County Commissioner. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners LaHaie, Bray, Peterson, Fournier, Britton, Konarzewski, and Kozlowski. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Clerk Bertrand swore in Commissioner Dan Ludlow.

TREASURER'S OFFICE VACANCY

Administrator Osmer reported Kim Ludlow has retired leaving the Treasurer's Office down to two people and they would like to fill that vacancy.

Moved by Commissioner Konarzewski and supported by Commissioner Bray to recommend approval for the Treasurer's Office to fill their current vacancy as presented.

ACTION ITEM #2: Recommendation to allow the Treasurer's Office to fill their current vacancy as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

OTHER DISCUSSION

Discussion was made on the Commissioners having county cellphones. Administrator Osmer will work with IT and give an update at a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Commissioner Britton and supported by Commissioner Fournier to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

John Kozlowski, Chairman of the Board

Keri Bertrand, County Clerk