

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
ALPENA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Special Full Board Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2021
4:00 p.m.**

The Alpena County Board of Commissioners Special Full Board Meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert Adrian via Zoom conferencing in the Howard Male Conference Room on Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board Chairman Robert Adrian called for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called with the following Commissioners present: Donald Gilmet, District #1; Robert Adrian, District #2; Dave Karschnick, District #3; Bill Peterson, District #4; Brenda Fournier, District #5; Kevin Osbourne, District #6; Marty Thomson, District #7; and John Kozlowski, District #8.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021

Commissioner Adrian informed those present that Alpena County has been allocated approximately \$5.5 million through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021; however, we do need to apply in order to receive the funds.

ACTION ITEM #1: Recommendation that Alpena County complete the application process to receive funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

Moved by Commissioner Osbourne and supported by Commissioner Peterson to approve the above Action Item. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners Gilmet, Karschnick, Peterson, Fournier, Osbourne, Thomson, Kozlowski and Adrian. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

INFORMATION ITEM: Commissioner Karschnick shared information he has received at recent NEMCOG meetings regarding approved for non-approved uses.

INFORMATION ITEM: Commissioner Adrian suggested putting together a timeframe for consideration of expenditures and projects to plan for the first payment from the funding which is expected this summer. Research will be

required for the Clerk's Office and Treasurer's Office to report findings to the Personnel Committee if we are going to request reimbursement for revenue loss.

INFORMATION ITEM: Conversation ensued regarding areas that could potentially receive reimbursement, including Northern Lights Arena, Plaza Pool, expansion of broadband, solid waste treatment, drug court, ventilation systems, an elevator at the Courthouse, fair/fairgrounds, etc.

INFORMATION ITEM: Discussion was held regarding the format for receiving and discussing proposals and how that should occur. The consensus was that current committees will facilitate the requests. Current committees would include IT; Building, Maintenance, Recreation and Insurance; Personnel, Court, Finance, Ambulance and other committees as designated.

ACTION ITEM #2: Recommendation to submit proposed projects and reimbursements that could be pursued to the Commissioners' Office by the September 28, 2021 Full Board Meeting, for future review by the Board, as presented.

Moved by Commissioner Osbourne and supported by Commissioner Peterson to approve the above Action Item. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners Karschnick, Peterson, Fournier, Osbourne, Thomson, Kozlowski, Gilmet and Adrian. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Commissioner Osbourne and supported by Commissioner Fournier to adjourn. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners Peterson, Fournier, Osbourne, Thomson, Kozlowski, Gilmet, Karschnick, and Adrian. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.



Robert Adrian, Chairman of the Board

Bonnie Friedrichs, County Clerk