

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
ALPENA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Full Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 22, 2025 – 1:00 p.m.
Howard Male Conference Room/Zoom Room**

CALL TO ORDER

The Alpena County Board of Commissioners met, and the meeting was called to order by Chairman John Kozlowski in the County Annex Building, Howard Male Conference Room, Alpena, Michigan and via Zoom on Tuesday, July 22, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called with the following Commissioners present: Bill LaHaie, District #1; Dan Ludlow, District #2; 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.

PRAYER

Prayer was offered by Pastor Warren Hoffman of Huron Shores Fellowship.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Kozlowski called for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner Peterson and supported by Commissioner Konarzewski to adopt the agenda with the following changes: 1) Remove Resolution #25-13; and 2) Add memo from Maintenance Superintendent Nick Akins regarding equipment trades at the fairgrounds. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board went into closed session at 1:06 p.m. for litigation update. Session opened at 1:39 p.m. All members present.

Moved by Commissioner Britton and supported by Commissioner Peterson to approve Attorney Charles Lawler move forward presenting to the judge in the eastern district of Michigan our support for

settlement as presented. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners LaHaie, Bray, Peterson, Fournier, Britton, Konarzewski, and Kozlowski. NAYS: Commissioner Ludlow. Motion carried.

BEAVER LAKE PARK MANAGERS' RECOGNITION

Chair Kozlowski recognized Beaver Lake Park Managers' Earl and Marcia Martin who recently performed life-saving measures during a medical emergency.

AMENDMENT TO FY26 COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE FUND GRANT APPLICATION

Director of Veterans Affairs Dan Perge presented a revised FY26 County Veterans Service Fund grant application in the amount of \$12,893.00 for review and approval. The previously approved application in the amount of \$22,635.00 was sent back from the State for additional information. At that same time the MVAA notified counties that they will no longer be doing advanced payments of grant funds, changing this to a reimbursement grant. The money will need to come out the Veterans budget.

Moved by Commissioner Bray and supported by Commissioner LaHaie to approve the revised FY26 County Veterans Service Fund grant application as presented. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners LaHaie, Ludlow, Bray, Peterson, Fournier, Britton, Konarzewski, and Kozlowski. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEM #3: Recommendation to approve the revised FY26 County Veterans Service Fund Grant Application in the amount of \$12,893 and authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign all pertaining documents as presented. This is a reimbursement grant.

BILLS TO PAY

Chairman Kozlowski presented the bills to be paid.

	SUBMITTED:	APPROVED:
General Fund & Other Funds	\$145,138.44	\$145,138.44

Moved by Commissioner Peterson and supported by Commissioner Fournier to pay all bills as presented. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners LaHaie, Ludlow, Bray, Peterson, Fournier, Britton, Konarzewski, and Kozlowski. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Chairman Kozlowski presented the Consent Calendar with minutes for approval.

A) Finance Ways & Means Committee Meeting Minutes – July 8, 2025

B) Facilities, Capital & Strategic Planning Committee Meeting Minutes – July 16, 2025

ACTION ITEM #1: The Committee recommends approval to obtain a temporary campsite permit for the Alpena County Fairgrounds to be used during the week of the fair as presented.

Moved by Commissioner LaHaie and supported by Commissioner Ludlow to approve the Consent Calendar which includes actions as listed above and filing of all reports. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners LaHaie, Ludlow, Bray, Peterson, Fournier, Britton, Konarzewski, and Kozlowski. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

POLL VOTE: TELECAD

Chairman Kozlowski presented the following poll vote as informational:

POLL VOTE ACTION ITEM #1: Recommendation to allow TeleCAD, a company working on behalf of Verizon to:

- Place a tower at our property location on M-32, on the grounds of the Alpena County Sheriff's Department – preferably behind the jail, but possibly in the lot near the pole barn when you first enter the parking lot.
- Signing a 75-year lease with the company.
- Charging a total of \$125,000.00, to be paid in a lump sum.
- If modifications or additions are made to the tower, an opportunity to collect a small fee or payment if it generates additional revenue for Verizon.
- To offer up other property, if appropriate, pending identifying said property and getting approval by the Board.

Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners LaHaie, Ludlow, Bray, Peterson, Fournier, Britton, Konarzewski, and Kozlowski. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL OR AD HOC COMMITTEES

Facilities, Capital & Strategic Planning Committee Update – Discussion was made on camping during fair week and working with agencies to find better situations for the homeless campers.

Airport Committee Update – Equipment has been inspected and approved. Finances are looking good.

Courts & Public Safety Committee Update – Meeting was cancelled due to lack of discussion items.

Personnel Committee Update – Updates were given on the hiring policy and interviews were done.

NEW BUSINESS

Maintenance Superintendent Nick Akins is asking permission to trade the John Deere Gator and a New Holland Zero-Turn for a 2015 gas powered golf cart. This would be an even trade with an accompanying letter/donation slip for the amount of \$2,000. The supplier in this trade is Don's Tractor Supply. The golf cart would be used at the fairgrounds by the manager.

Moved by Commissioner Peterson and supported by Commissioner Konarzewski to approve the trade of the John Deere Gator and New Holland Zero-Turn for a 2015 gas powered golf cart as presented.

Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners LaHaie, Ludlow, Bray, Peterson, Britton, Konarzewski, and Kozlowski. NAYS: Commissioner Fournier. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEM #7: Recommendation to approve the county trade the John Deere 4.2 Gator and New Holland Zero-Turn along with a letter or donation slip in the amount of \$2,000 to Don's Tractor Supply for a 2015 Gas Powered Golf Cart; and that any additional action required to accomplish this goal be conducted by the Grounds & Maintenance Superintendent in conjunction with the County Administrator as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Commissioner LaHaie and supported by Commissioner Britton to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

John Kozlowski, Chairman of the Board

Keri Bertrand, County Clerk