

FINANCE WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, April 10, 2025 – 12:00 p.m.  
Howard Male Conference Room/Zoom Room

Commissioners Present: Bill Peterson, Vice Chair/Finance Chair  
John Kozlowski, Board Chair  
William LaHaie  
Dan Ludlow  
Lucille Bray  
Brenda Fournier  
Todd Britton  
Travis Konarzewski

Others Present: Keri Bertrand, County Clerk  
Jesse Osmer, County Administrator

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Bill Peterson called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll call was taken: All committee members present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**ADOPT AGENDA**

Moved by Commissioner LaHaie and supported by Commissioner Bray to adopt the agenda with removal of the Consent Calendar. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**BILLS TO PAY**

INFORMATION ITEM: Chairman Peterson presented the bills to pay for approval.

	SUBMITTED:	APPROVED:
General Funds & Other Funds	\$15,610.86	\$15,610.86

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

**ENTERPRISE INVOICE**

INFORMATION ITEM: Chairman Peterson presented the most recent Enterprise invoice for approval.

Moved by Commissioner Konarzewski and supported by Commissioner Britton to approve paying Enterprise Invoice FBN5291506 as presented. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners LaHaie, Ludlow, Bray, Fournier, Britton, Konarzewski, Kozlowski, and Peterson. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

**ACTION ITEM #2: The Committee recommends approval to pay Enterprise Invoice FBN5291506 in the amount of \$21,679.35 as presented.**

## **COUNTY TREASURER MONTHLY REPORTS**

INFORMATION ITEM: Chairman Peterson presented the monthly reports for March 2025.

Moved by Commissioner Bray and supported by Commissioner Fournier to approve receiving and filing of the monthly Treasurer's Report for March 2025 as presented. Motion carried.

## **BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS**

County Administrator Jesse Osmer reported a budget adjustment in the amount of \$2,060.64 would be needed for the Emergency Management Budget – EOC Support line item for the two employees that worked in the EOC during the recent ice storm to recoup the costs.

Moved by Commissioner Kozlowski and supported by Commissioner Fournier to recommend approval of the budget adjustment as presented. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners LaHaie, Ludlow, Bray, Fournier, Britton, Konarzewski, Kozlowski, and Peterson. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

**ACTION ITEM #4: The Committee recommends approval of a budget adjustment to the EOC Support line item # in the amount of \$2,060.64 for the two employees that worked in the EOC during the recent ice storm as presented.**

## **MOTION TO RISE & REPORT**

Moved by Commissioner LaHaie and supported by Commissioner Konarzewski to rise and report. Motion carried.

## **RESOLUTION #25-05 911 OPERATING SURCHARGE**

Emergency Management & E911 Director Kim Elkie presented Resolution #25-05 911 Operating Surcharge for review and approval.

### **RESOLUTION #25-05 911 OPERATING SURCHARGE**

**WHEREAS**, the following ballot language was previously approved in May 2021:

### **911 OPERATING SURCHARGE REAUTHORIZATION PROPOSAL**

For the period beginning on January 1, 2022 and continuing through the month of December in the year 2026, Alpena County shall be authorized to continue to assess a monthly surcharge of up to and not to exceed \$3.00 in the monthly billings of landline, wireless and VOIP service suppliers within the geographic boundaries of Alpena County; to be used exclusively for the continuing funding of 911 emergency telephone call answering and dispatch services within Alpena County, including facilities, equipment, and operations

**WHEREAS**, the intent of the 911 Operating Surcharge funding is to benefit the citizens of Alpena County by providing a well-known emergency telephone number, and

**WHEREAS**, the Alpena County Board of Commissioners continues to believe that the 911 service will benefit the citizens of Alpena County.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Alpena County Board of Commissioners continues to approve the collection of its ballot-supported 911 surcharge of \$3.00 with no change in the amount from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

**LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Alpena County Board of Commissioners approve this resolution and authorize the Alpena County 911 Director to sign the letter advising of such.

Moved by Commissioner Peterson and supported by Commissioner Fournier to adopt Resolution #25-05 as presented. Motion carried.

### **RESOLUTION #25-06 PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATOR WEEK**

#### **RESOLUTION #25-06**

**A Resolution Proclaiming April 13-19, 2025 as  
Public Safety Telecommunicator Week in Alpena County.**

Whereas, on February 16, 1968, the first 9-1-1 call was made in Haleyville, Alabama with the first 9-1-1 call in Michigan made in Detroit on October 31, 1973;

When emergencies occur, the public dials 9-1-1 for assistance; and

Whereas, Alpena County Central Dispatch Telecommunicators answer those calls, serving as the first First Responder to our citizens and visitors, and

Whereas, the safety of the police officers, firefighters, and emergency medical service personnel rely on the quality and precision of information obtained from citizens who use the 9-1-1 system, and

Whereas, Alpena County Central Dispatch Telecommunicators provide a vital link for our police officers, firefighters and emergency medical service personnel by monitoring their status by radio, providing them with information and ensuring their safety, and

Whereas, all Alpena County Central Dispatch 9-1-1 Telecommunicators exhibit professional compassion and empathy during their performance of their job duties, and

Whereas, Telecommunicators of Alpena County Central Dispatch have assisted with saving many lives, the apprehension of numerous criminals, and prevention of property loss each year; and

Whereas, many unfortunate events in our national, state and local history have clearly demonstrated the essential role Public Safety Telecommunicators play in the emergency services arena, and

Whereas, on October 9<sup>th</sup>, 1991, the United States Congress took official legislative action designating the second week in April of each year as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Alpena County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaim the week of April 13-19, 2025 as Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in Alpena County, honoring the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our county and citizens safe.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Alpena County Board of Commissioners urges county residents to join with them in honoring and commending the Public Safety Telecommunicators of Alpena County who answer and dispatch our 9-1-1 calls for police, fire, and emergency medical assistance.

Moved by Commissioner Ludlow and supported Commission Bray to adopt Resolution #25-06 as presented. Motion carried.

### **2025 EQUALIZATION REPORT**

Alpena County Equalization Director Ted Somers presented the 2025 Equalization Report for Alpena County along with Resolution #25-07 giving an update on the report.

#### **RESOLUTION #25-07 TO ADOPT THE 2025 COUNTY EQUALIZATION REPORT AS SUBMITTED:**

WHEREAS, the Equalization Department has examined the assessment rolls of the 8 Townships and 1 City within Alpena County to determine whether the real and personal property in the respective Townships and City has been equally and uniformly assessed; and

WHEREAS, based on this examination and studies it conducted, the Equalization Department has prepared and presented to the County Board of Commissioners the attached 2025 Equalization Report; and

WHEREAS, said Equalization Report presents recommended County equalized valuations for each of the 8 Townships and 1 City within the County; and

WHEREAS, the recommended County equalized valuations were determined by adding to or deducting from the assessed valuations of taxable property in the 8 Townships and 1 City within the County an amount which represents true cash value.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alpena County Board of Commissioners accepts and adopts the recommended County equalized valuations presented in the 2025 Equalization Report prepared by the Alpena County Equalization Department for a total 2025 equalized valuation of real and personal property of \$1,827,263,179 with the breakdown of equalized valuation by property classification as follows:

Agricultural Real Property	\$124,652,600
Commercial Real Property	\$161,112,500
Industrial Real Property	\$51,558,200
Residential Real Property	\$1,384,767,100
Timber Cut-over Real Property	\$0
Developmental Real Property	\$0
 Total Real Property	 <u>\$1,722,090,400</u>
 Total Personal Property	 <u>\$105,172,779</u>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Alpena County Board Chairperson and the County Clerk are authorized to sign the report; further, that the County Equalization Director is authorized to represent Alpena County at both preliminary and final State Equalization sessions, if deemed necessary.

Moved by Commissioner Konarzewski and supported by Commissioner Britton to approve the 2025 Equalization Report and adopt Resolution #25-07 as presented. Motion carried.

### **ALPENA COUNTY FAIR SOCIETY CONTRACT**

Administrator Osmer reported that the County's and Agricultural Society's attorneys have been working on contract language in order to get things cleared up for their new organization, Alpena County Fair Society. Because they changed their name, they need to update the deed.

Moved by Commissioner LaHaie and supported by Commissioner Peterson to approve the superseding declaration regarding use of county fairs as presented. Motion carried.

**ACTION ITEM #8: Recommendation to approve the Superseding Declaration Regarding use of County Fairs and authorize the Chairman to sign all pertaining documents as presented.**

### **INFORMATIONAL**

Administrator Osmer reported there was an airport meeting earlier today and that Airport Manager Steve Smigelski's new departure date will be April 30<sup>th</sup> due to auditing at the airport.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Emergency Management & E911 Director Elkie expressed how proud she is to work for Alpena County. During the recent ice storm, the Board Chair, County Administrator, Sheriff, Undersheriff and many employees stepped up and set the bar.

Board Chairman Kozlowski thanked Jesse, Erik and Kim for all their hard work. There is a huge list of people that stepped up and himself and the whole board appreciate everything that everyone did.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Commissioner Bray and supported by Commissioner Fournier to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 12:29 p.m.

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John Kozlowski, Board Chairman

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Keri Bertrand, County Clerk