

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
ALPENA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Special Full Board Meeting Minutes  
May 12, 2021  
4:00 p.m.**

The Alpena County Board of Commissioners meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert Adrian via Zoom Conference Call in the Howard Male Conference Room on Wednesday, May 12, 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.

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

John Amrhein, MSU Extension, made a presentation to the board for County Administrator with administration options, skills for the administrator position, as well as board of commissioner skills for discussion.

The board gave input and discussed human resource, financial with budget and strategic planning background experience would be an asset to the County. Discussion to put together a plan and the County Administrator Adhoc Committee will meet and work on.

**RESOLUTION #21-11 FOR 911 SURCHARGE**

Chairman Adrian presented the following 911 Surcharge Resolution #21-11 for approval.

RESOLUTION #21-11  
911 OPERATING  
SURCHARGE

WHEREAS, the following ballot language was previously approved in 2016:

911 OPERATING SURCHARGE  
REAUTHORIZATION PROPOSAL

For the period beginning on January 1, 2017 and continuing through the month of December in the year 2021, 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

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

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, 2021, through June 30, 2022.

LET IT BE FUTHER 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 Gilmet to approve Resolution #21-11 as presented. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners Gilmet, Karschnick, Peterson, Fournier, Osbourne, Thomson, Kozlowski and Adrian. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

#### **TARGET RESOLUTION #21-12 FOR FEDERAL DECERTIFICATION**

Chairman Adrian presented the following Federal Decertification Target Resolution #21-12 for approval.

#### **RESOLUTION #21-12**

At a meeting of the Alpena County Board of Commissioners, the following Resolution was duly authorized this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021:

WHEREAS, The County of Alpena was a “sponsoring entity” and a 25% contributor to the hereinafter described Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) established through the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA); and

WHEREAS, The County of Alpena wishes to hereby support the request of Target Alpena Development Corporation (Target Alpena) to have the “federal interest” in the Award Funds released pursuant to the statutory authority hereafter set forth; and

WHEREAS the resolution approved by the Target Alpena Development Corporation (Target Alpena), which the County of Alpena adopts and submits as its request to the EDA as well, is set forth as follows:

WHEREAS, from June 1991 to present, the Target Alpena Development Corporation (Target Alpena) has administered U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA) Revolving Loan Funds (RLF); and

WHEREAS, the Target Alpena Development Corporation, the “Recipient”, administers the Economic Development Administration RLF Award Fund pursuant to the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (PWEDA) (42 U.S.C. Section 3121 et. seq.); and

WHEREAS, the current value of the revolving loan fund capital base is \$ 645,774.30, the federal investment rate is 75% and the federal share of the capital base is \$ 300,000.00 (the Award Funds); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to authority under the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, EDA retains a “federal interest” in the Award Funds; however, Recipient has been invited to submit a request to EDA to release such “federal interest” in the Award Funds consistent with the requirements of the Reinvigorating Lending for Future Act (Pub. L. 116-192); and

WHEREAS, Recipient has requested that EDA release its “federal interest” in the Award Funds provided that Recipient will use the Award Funds for one or more of the approved activities that carry out the economic development purposes of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Directors of Target Alpena (i.e., the Recipient) hereby authorize Michael W. Mahler, Executive Director, (i) to request on behalf of the Corporation that EDA release its “federal interest” in the RLF Award Funds (a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit “A”**) and (ii) that, upon acceptance of such request, Michael W. Mahler execute the Agreement to Release Federal Interest in a Revolving Loan Fund Award.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that concurrent with EDA’s release of its “federal interest” in the Award Funds, Target Alpena (i.e., the Recipient) hereby agrees that it will utilize such funds in accordance with the following authorized activities consistent with the economic development purposes of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, to-wit:

- a. Recipient shall not use Award Funds to construct schools, community centers, municipal buildings, or otherwise use Award Funds to carry out activities outside of the economic development purposes of PWEDA, nor shall Recipient use Award Funds to pay general costs of government.
- b. Recipient shall not transfer Award Funds to a natural person, for-profit entity, or other entity ineligible for award under sections 3(4) and 209 of PWEDA (42 U.S.C. § 3122(4) and § 3149). For the sake of clarity, Award Funds may be used to contract with for-profit entities for goods and services for one or more activities that continue to carry out the economic development purposes of PWEDA and to operate an RLF that makes loans to for-profit organizations.
- c. Award Funds must be used in a manner consistent with EDA's non-relocation policy. Specifically, Recipient shall not use Award Funds to induce the relocation of existing jobs within the U.S. that are located outside of a jurisdiction to within that jurisdiction in competition with other U.S. jurisdictions for those same jobs.
- d. Award Funds must be used in accordance with section 602 of PWEDA (42 U.S.C. § 3212). Specifically, Recipient shall ensure that all laborers and mechanics employed by contractors or subcontractors on projects assisted by Award Funds shall be paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing on similar construction in the locality as determined by the Secretary of Labor as provided by section 602 of PWEDA or as it may be amended in the future.
- e. Recipient shall use Award Funds in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local law, including applicable non-discrimination law. Recipient may not use Award Funds for any purpose that would be prohibited by the Establishment Clause of the U.S. Constitution if the Award Funds were expended directly by the Federal Government.
- f. Recipient is not required by the terms of the Agreement to seek EDA approval or permission to use Award Funds for one or more activities that continue to carry out the economic development purposes of PWEDA but that differ from the activities described in the Letter Request.
- g. Recipient shall provide timely and accurate responses to EDA inquiries regarding Recipient's use of the Award Funds. Following the release of EDA's federal interest, EDA remains interested in working with Recipient to promote Recipient's RLF or other activities that continue to carry out the economic development purposes of PWEDA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Michael W. Mahler is furthermore authorized to execute and deliver any and all documents as may be necessary to effectuate the purpose and intent of this Resolution.

Moved by Commissioner Osbourne and supported by Commissioner Thomson to approve Resolution #21-12 as presented. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners Gilmet, Karschnick, Peterson, Fournier, Osbourne, Thomson, Kozlowski, and Adrian. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

### **LAFARGE SOLID WASTE CONSISTENCY REVIEW**

Chairman Adrian presented the LaFarge Solid Waste Consistency Review for approval.

**ACTION ITEM #3: Recommendation to approve \$7,500 being set as the fee for the LaFarge Solid Waste Consistency Review as presented.**

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

### **FAIRGROUNDS CARETAKER POSITION**

Commissioner Kozlowski presented the Fairgrounds Caretaker position for approval.

**ACTION ITEM #4: Recommendation to advertise and hire a couple for the Fairgrounds Caretaker position at the rate of \$15,000 total with a camp host who will receive a camping site for the season to assist with monies to be taken out of the General Fund Balance and put into the Fairgrounds budget. Agreement to be approved as presented with legal review and changes as necessary.**

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

### **APPOINTMENT TO ALPENA (CRTC) COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Chairman Adrian appointed Commissioner John Kozlowski to Alpena (CRTC) Community Council.

**ACTION ITEM #5: Recommendation to concur with Chairman Adrian's appointment of Commissioner John Kozlowski as the County representative to the Alpena (CRTC) Community Council.**

Moved by Commissioner Karschnick and supported by Commissioner Fournier to concur with Chairman Adrian's appointment recommendation as presented in Action Item above. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners Gilmet, Karschnick, Peterson, Fournier, Osbourne, Thomson, Kozlowski, and Adrian. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

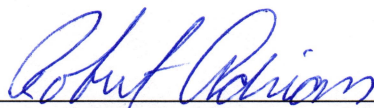
**PUBLIC COMMENT**

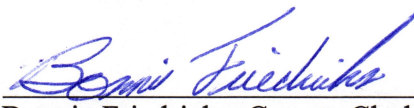
Bruce Johnson, WATZ, complimented the County IT Department on the quality of the Zoom meeting and recommended to continue streaming, and to record and post on the County website.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Commissioner Osbourne and supported by Commissioner Thomson to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

  
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Robert Adrian, Chairman of the Board

  
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Bonnie Friedrichs, County Clerk

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