

HOUSING/PUBLIC CONSERVATOR ADHOC COMMITTEE MEETING

Howard Male Conference Room

Wednesday, May 12, 2021 – 9:00 a.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Marty Thomson, Chair  
Dave Karschnick  
Robert Adrian

OTHERS PRESENT: Thea Lucas, Home Improvement Director  
Nicki Janish, Public Conservator  
Tammy Sumerix-Bates, Executive Manager  
Kim Elkie, Administrative Assistant

INFORMATION ITEM: Thea Lucas presented new project application #020-19-EM for new electrical and plumbing at an estimated cost of \$23,000.00. Moved by Commissioner Adrian to approve application #020-19-EM in the amount of \$23,000.00 with support by Commissioner Karschnick. Motion carried.

INFORMATION ITEM: Thea presented new project application #023-19-EM for a new roof and seven new basement windows with an estimated cost of \$13,800.00. Moved by Commissioner Adrian to approve application #023-19-EM in the amount of \$13,800.00 with support by Commissioner Karschnick. Motion carried with Commissioner Thomson voting no.

INFORMATION ITEM: New project application #028-19-EM was presented by the Home Improvement Director in the amount of \$8,400.00 for a new roof and chimney with tree removal, if tree removal can be a qualified expense. Moved by Commissioner Adrian to approve application #028-19-EM in the amount of \$8,400.00 with support by Commissioner Thomson. Motion carried.

INFORMATION ITEM: Ms. Lucas presented the following bills to be paid:

Allegra                   \$ 42.30  
Mike Kieliszewski \$370.00

Moved by Commissioner Thomson and supported by Commissioner Adrian to recommend to approve to pay the invoices as presented. Motion carried.

INFORMATION ITEM: Thea Lucas, Home Improvement Director, informed the Committee she has received an email from MSHDA, as many counties did, regarding 2016 reporting. Commissioner Thomson and Tammy will meet with Thea and Nicki Janish, Public Conservator who has assisted in Home Improvement in the past, to work through the information

needed for this report.

INFORMATION ITEM: Ms. Lucas presented the Fair Housing Resolution (attachment #1) to the Committee.

Moved by Commissioner Karschnick with support by Commissioner Adrian to approve the below action item. Motion carried.


**ACTION ITEM #1: The Committee recommends to approve Resolution #21-16 - Fair Housing Resolution, as presented.**


INFORMATION ITEM: Thea informed the Committee she plans to apply for a Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) grant in the amount of \$37,125. She was instructed on the proper steps to move a grant application through the process. Moved by Commissioner Adrian with support by Commissioner Karschnick to recommend to support the MSHDA Grant application, which will go to Finance Committee and then to Full Board for approval. Motion carried.

INFORMATION ITEM: The Home Improvement Program, per Thea, has been having complications getting well drilling businesses interested in working on projects. There is packet of information needed in the Clerk's office as well as additional documentation needed for the Home Improvement Program requirements. She has found one company (Chuck's Well Drilling) and will be moving forward with them.

INFORMATION ITEM: Nicki Janish, presented a request to the Committee for a new laptop for her office. Because of COVID she has had online hearings. The PC in her office is not adequate for these. She informed the Committee that having remote access is vital since she needs to be able to access her office after hours and even while on vacation. Steve Mousseau, IT Director, informed Ms. Janish and the Committee that his department can supply the Public Conservator's Office with a new laptop that was purchased recently using COVID grant funds. Moved by Commissioner Karschnick with support by Commissioner Adrian to have the IT Department provide the Public Conservator's Office a new laptop for virtual hearings and remote access to her office, purchased using COVID-19 grant funds. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Karschnick with support by Commissioner Thomson. The meeting adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

  
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Marty Thomson, Chair

  
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Kim Elkie, Administrative Assistant

ALPENA COUNTY  
RESOLUTION #21-16  
FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, under the Federal Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, it is illegal to deny housing to any persons because of race, color, religion, gender, physical or mental disability or national origin; and,

WHEREAS, under the Michigan Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act, PA 453 of 1976, as amended, it is illegal to deny the opportunity to obtain housing to any person because of religion, race, color, national origin, age, sex, height, weight, familial status, or marital status;

LET IT BE KNOWN TO ALL PERSONS, that it is the policy of Alpena County to implement programs to ensure equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of religion, race, color, national origin, age, sex, height, weight, familial status, or marital status. Therefore, Alpena County does hereby pass the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Alpena County shall not discriminate in the sale, rental, leaving, or financing of housing because of religion, race, color, gender, physical or mental disabilities, national origin, age, height, weight, familial status, or marital status

Alpena County will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against because of religion, race, color, gender, physical or mental disabilities, national origin, age, height, weight, familial status, or marital status to seek equity under federal and state laws by providing information to said persons on how to file a complaint with the Michigan Department of Civil Rights.

Alpena County will at a minimum post this policy or the Fair Housing poster or other posters, flyers or other information which will bring to the attention of owners of real estate, developers and builders their respective responsibilities and rights under the Federal Fair Housing Law and Michigan Elliott Act.

It is hereby declared by the Alpena County Board of Commissioners that Thea Lucas, Alpena County Housing Director was appointed on February 26, 2019 to be the Alpena County Housing Program Fair Housing contact person. Upon any complaints that refer to any discrimination based on the above description Ms.

Lucas will follow the County Housing Discrimination Policy stated in their 2011 Housing Procedural Guidelines Section XIV.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that this Resolution be adopted by the Alpena County Board of Commissioners, at the regular meeting on May 25, 2021.