

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
ALPENA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Full Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 27, 2024 – 1:00 p.m.
Howard Male Conference Room/Zoom Room**

CALL TO ORDER

The Alpena County Board of Commissioners met and was called to order by Chairman John Kozlowski in the County Annex Building, Howard Male Conference Room, Alpena, Michigan and via Zoom on Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

PRAYER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman John Kozlowski 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: Bill LaHaie, District 1; Jesse Osmer, District #2; Robin Lalonde, District #3; Bill Peterson, District #4; Brenda Fournier, District #5; Burt Francisco, District #6; and John Kozlowski, District #8. Travis Konarzewski, District #7, excused.

AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner Fournier and supported by Commissioner Lalonde to adopt the agenda with the following additions: 1) Commissioner Kozlowski – Discussion of outstanding invoices for NMMA (after bills), 2) Kim Elkie, 911/EM Director – HMEP Grant Application (after public comment). Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kevin Ginter of Alpena shared his concerns with public safety not being addressed at Alpena Township with their lack of a plan to address the need for more fire fighters stating that they currently receive 1 mil and felt they could apply for more, but do not.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Board Chair John Kozlowski reported that the County has a Resource Flyer on the website for the DPI Employees that lost their jobs and thanked the Commissioner's Office for putting the information out there on the website as well as shared his appreciation to the City for posting resources as well.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GRANT

911/EM Director Kim Elkie presented the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant Application (HMEP) to the board for approval reporting she just receive the grant application notice from the state and the deadline to submit the application is this Friday, March 1, 2024. Director Elkie informed the board that they applied for the same amount last year and received \$2,775 and though they are applying for the same amount this year, they are not sure what they will receive for 2024. Chairman Kozlowski recommended the director send information sooner to the board for approval if she knows that it is coming. Director Elkie clarified that the information just came to her last Friday from the state due to a new staff member in the state office, otherwise she would have received it sooner, but will email Lt. DeCastro and let him know. Director Elkie shared some background history of this grant and what the LEPC works on. Director Elkie noted that the \$300 In-Kind from the County would be meeting packets, # of members attended and copy charges (colored and black/white) can contribute to and cover the In-Kind amount.

Moved by Commissioner Peterson and supported by Commissioner Fournier to recommend approval of the MSP Emergency Management & Homeland Security Division Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant Application in the amount of \$1,500 with \$300 in-kind County match and to authorize the Local Emergency Planning Committee Chair to sign all pertaining documents as presented. This has Grant Review Committee approval. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners LaHaie, Osmer, Lalonde, Peterson, Fournier, Francisco, and Kozlowski. NAYS: None. Commissioner Konarzewski, excused. Motion carried.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT – DISTRICT/PROBATE COURT

Chrissy Deletka, District Court Administrator, presented the budget adjustment request for District/Probate Court to increase the 2024 budgeted Equipment Fund line item to pay the final invoice to BIS Digital. Chrissy reported that the District & Probate Court recording equipment was approved in the 2023 budget and a 50% deposit was paid. Chrissy reported that the equipment has been installed on February 9, 2024 and the final invoice needs to be paid and this is not budgeted for 2024. Chrissy informed the board that the system is working well and is ADA compatible.

Moved by Commissioner LaHaie and supported by Commissioner Osmer to approve the below action item as presented. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners LaHaie, Osmer, Lalonde, Peterson, Fournier, Francisco, and Kozlowski. NAYS: None. Commissioner Konarzewski, excused. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEM #2: Recommendation to approve the budget adjustment request from District/Probate Court to increase 2024 budgeted Equipment Replaced Fund line item #402-234-980.112 by \$14,452.98 to pay final Invoice #97507 to BIS Digital in the amount of \$14,452.98 (\$15,024.98 - \$572.00 credit memo) for the approved District & Probate Court Recording Equipment as presented.

A 50% deposit of \$15,024.98 was paid to BIS Digital on October 31, 2023 with the balance to be paid upon installation of new recording equipment, which was installed on February 9, 2024.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Chairman John Kozlowski presented the Consent Calendar with minutes and action items for approval.

A) **Finance Ways & Means Committee Meeting Minutes** – February 13, 2024* (*Minutes only)

B-1) **Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes** – February 9, 2024

ACTION ITEM #PM-1: The Committee recommends approval to appoint Kara LeMonds to the Northeast Michigan Community Mental Health Board for the term beginning April 1, 2024 and ending March 31, 2027, as presented. Motion carried.

B-2) **Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes** – February 21, 2024

ACTION ITEM #PM-1: The Committee recommends approval of the starting salary for the new County Administrator be between \$85,000 and \$95,000 as presented.

Pulled for further discussion – Not Approved on Consent Calendar

ACTION ITEM #PM-2: The Committee recommends approval to reinstate the Alpena County employee membership benefit to utilize the Alpena County Plaza Pool at no charge to employees with a 50% discounted rate for family members as presented.

ACTION ITEM #PM-3: The Committee recommends approval to reinstate the Alpena County employee membership benefit with the APlex Fitness Center at no charge to employees with a 50% discounted rate for family members and to authorize payment of the invoice up to the amount of \$950.00 as presented.

ACTION ITEM #PM-4: The Committee recommends approval to increase budgeted line item #101-101-708.000 (Board of Commissioner's Overtime) by \$4,000.00 and to decrease budgeted line item #101-173-703.000 (County Administrator) by \$4,000.00 as presented.

ACTION ITEM #PM-5: The Committee recommends approval to reappoint Eric Lawson on the Northeast Michigan Community Mental Health Board for a 3-year term beginning April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2027 as presented.

C) **Courts & Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes** – February 12, 2024* (*Minutes only)

D) **Facilities, Capital, & Strategic Planning Committee Meeting Minutes** – February 21, 2024

ACTION ITEM #FCSP-1: The Committee recommends approval of the Fairgrounds Rental Use Agreement request for the Military Working Dogs K-9 Training at the fairgrounds from May 6, 2024, to May 23, 2024, and to approve the waiver of any associated fees as presented.

ACTION ITEM #FCSP-2: The Committee recommends approval of the updated job description for the Fairgrounds Caretaker as presented.

INFORMATIONAL ONLY:

Alpena County Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes – January 10, 2024

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

Discussion on Action Item #PM-2 Alpena County Plaza Pool Membership for 2024 and Action Item #PM-3 APlex Fitness Center Membership for 2024 with the Treasurer Ludlow getting with the Interim County Administrator Mathis on the line-item number to pay these two memberships from.

ACTION ITEM #PM-1: SALARY FOR NEW COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Commissioner LaHaie shared his concerns for the salary recommended for a new county administrator reporting that education is a key factor. Discussion on salary and a quality candidate needed for this position. Commissioner Peterson informed the board that Amy Cell was hired to interview and grade the applicants and to bring her recommendations of the top five candidates to the board to interview. Commissioner Francisco recommended having former education and is essential for this position with a bachelor's degree. Commissioners discussed and shared their thoughts on educational experiences versus work experience and the salary ranges recommended for the new county administrator position.

Moved by Commissioner LaHaie and supported by Commissioner Peterson to recommend approval of the starting salary for the new County Administrator be between \$100,000 to \$115,000. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners LaHaie and Peterson. NAYS: Commissioners Lalonde, Fournier, Francisco, and Kozlowski. Commissioner Osmer recused. Commissioner Konarzewski, excused. Motion failed.

Moved by Commissioner Francisco and supported by Commissioner Lalonde to recommend approval of the starting salary for the new County Administrator be between \$90,000 to \$110,000. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners Lalonde, Peterson, and Francisco. NAYS: Commissioners LaHaie, Fournier, and Kozlowski. Commissioner Osmer recused. Commissioner Konarzewski, excused. Motion failed.

Further discussion on the salary range for the new county administrator.

Moved by Commissioner Peterson and supported by Commissioner Francisco to recommend approval of the starting salary for the new County Administrator be between \$85,000 to \$115,000. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners LaHaie, Lalonde, Peterson, Francisco, and Kozlowski. NAYS: Commissioner Fournier. Commissioner Osmer recused. Commissioner Konarzewski, excused. Motion carried.

Discussion on educational experience needed for the new county administrator position. Moved by Commissioner Lalonde and supported by Commissioner Kozlowski to approve the educational experience needed for this position to have a high school diploma, bachelor's degree preferred but also 5 years' experience in judiciary, management or governmental experience would be considered as well. Further discussion to include business experience. Commissioner Lalonde amended her motion to include business experience will be considered.

Moved by Commissioner Lalonde and supported by Commissioner Kozlowski to recommend approval for the educational requirement for the new County Administrator position needs to have a high school diploma, bachelor's degree preferred but also 5-years' experience in judiciary, business, management, or governmental would be considered as well. Roll call vote was taken: AYES:

Commissioners Lalonde, Peterson, Fournier, Francisco, and Kozlowski. NAYS: Commissioner LaHaie. Commissioner Osmer recused. Commissioner Konarzewski, excused. Motion carried.

BILLS TO PAY

Clerk Keri Bertrand presented the bills to be paid.

	SUBMITTED:	APPROVED:
General Fund & Other Funds	\$ 92, 637.20	\$ 92,637.70

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

NMMMA INVOICES DISCUSSION

Chairman Kozlowski reported two Northeast Michigan Materials Management Authority invoices have not been paid and presented for discussion. Treasurer Ludlow reported that the first invoice was for a printer bill not paid and the second invoice was for a monitor that the IT Department purchased for NMMMA but did not bill them for it, so that the County could be reimbursed. Treasurer Ludlow stated that she does have the invoice for NMMMA for the printer.

City Manager Rachel Smolinski reported that she is the treasurer of NMMMA and did not receive the bills and still has a credit for overpaying on a cell phone bill.

Interim County Administrator Mathis informed the board that she will get with the IT Director on billing NMMMA for the monitor.

ALPENA COUNTY PACE PROGRAM – AMENDED RESOLUTION

Todd Williams, President of Lean & Green MI, presented the updated Alpena County PACE Program Report and Amended Resolution for approval. Todd reported that Senate Bill 0302 and Senate Bill 0303 were passed and approved by the state, and he wanted Alpena County to be in line with the current best practices with the statute for the PACE program for Alpena County. Todd presented the amended PACE Program Report and Resolution for approval.

RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION #22-07 APPROVING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY (PACE) PROGRAM RESOLUTION #24-04

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Alpena County, Michigan previously adopted Resolution #22-07, a Resolution approving the establishment of a property assessed clean energy program (“PACE Program”) and creating a PACE district pursuant to Act No. 270, Public Acts of Michigan, 2010, as amended (“PACE Statute”), for the purpose of promoting the use of renewable energy systems and energy efficiency improvements by owners of certain real property; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners established a PACE Program as described in the PACE Program Report, so as to provide a property owner based method of financing and funds for projects, including owner-

arranged financing from a commercial lender, which funds and financing shall be secured and repaid by assessments on the property benefited, with the agreement of the record owners, such that no Alpena County moneys, general Alpena County taxes or Alpena County credit of any kind whatsoever shall be pledged, committed, impaired or used in connection with any project as required by, and subject to the PACE statute; and

WHEREAS, the Alpena Board of Commissioners has found that financing PACE projects is a valid public purpose because it stimulates economic development, improves property values, reduces energy costs, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, and increases employment in Alpena County; and

WHEREAS, the types of projects that may currently be financed under the PACE Program include, but are not limited to: insulation in walls, roofs, floors, foundations, or heating and cooling distribution systems; storm windows and doors; multi-glazed windows and doors; heat-absorbing or heat-reflective glazed and coated window and door systems; and additional glazing, reductions in glass area, and other window and door system modifications that reduce energy consumption; automated energy control systems; heating, ventilating, or air-conditioning and distribution system modifications or replacements; caulking, weather-stripping, and air sealing; replacement or modification of lighting fixtures to reduce the energy use of the lighting system; energy recovery systems; day lighting systems; installation or upgrade of electrical wiring or outlets to charge a motor vehicle that is fully or partially powered by electricity; measures to reduce the usage of water or increase the efficiency of water usage; any other installation or modification of equipment, devices, or materials approved as a utility cost-savings measure by the Board of Commissioners; a fixture, product, device, or interacting group of fixtures, products, or devices on the customer's side of the meter that use one or more renewable energy resources to generate electricity. Renewable energy resources include but are not limited to: biomass; solar and solar thermal energy; wind energy; geothermal energy and methane gas captured from a landfill.

WHEREAS, the PACE Statute, Public Act 270 of 2010 has recently been amended with the passage of Senate Bills 302 & 303 of 2023; and

WHEREAS, the projects that may now be financed under the PACE Program have been amended to provide the option for property owners of retrofits or rehab projects to waive the energy savings guarantee; for new construction, the energy savings guarantee is no longer required; require that new construction be built above Michigan's energy code; allow for the financing of environmental hazard projects including mitigation of lead, heavy metal, or PFAS contamination in potable water systems, mitigation of lead paint contamination; mitigation of the effects of floods or drought; and increase the resistance of property against severe weather.

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the PACE Program and PACE Program Report approved in 2022 require amendment to be consistent with the amended statute; and

WHEREAS, an amended PACE Program Report has been prepared and reviewed by the county.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alpena County Board of Commissioners amends Resolution #22-07 approving amendments to the Alpena PACE Program and adopts the amended PACE Program Report attached to this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all other provisions of the PACE Program and PACE Program Report not amended herein shall remain in full force and effect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions and parts of resolutions are, to the extent of any conflict with this resolution, hereby rescinded.

Moved by Commissioner Peterson and supported by Commissioner Lalonde to adopt Resolution #24-04 as presented above amending the Establishment of a Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program for Alpena County as presented. Motion carried.

AMAZON BUSINESS FOR GOVERNMENT PRESENTATION

Tessa Sullivan, Customer Advisor - Amazon Business for Government presented to the board the options available for the County to have an Amazon Business Prime to help save money as a government entity and by having one centralized Amazon Business Account. Tessa informed the board of a rebate program available if they decide to pursue Amazon Business Prime and will not charge the fee for one year to have the County try it to see if they like it. Tessa reported there is quicker and free shipping included with prime and they provide training, 6-month reviews,

Tessa explained the process of the rebate program reporting if all the departments combined spend over \$100,000 in a 12-month period will receive 1% back, if reach \$175,000 will receive 2% back and if spend \$250,000 will receive 3% back for 12-month spending period and is offered as a once a year rebate. Tessa informed the board that there are local businesses that sell in Alpena County and can still buy locally.

Moved by Commissioner Osmer and supported by Commissioner Peterson to recommend approval of setting up a centralized Amazon Business account for every department in the County and to receive the Amazon Business Prime (medium package) in the amount of \$1,299 for free to try for 1 year with service for up to 100 users that includes free shipping. Amazon's rebate program for accumulating 12 months spend is included in the Amazon Business Prime program. Once the free trial is up will decide to keep the service or cancel at that time. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners LaHaie, Osmer, Lalonde, Peterson, Fournier, Francisco, and Kozlowski. NAYS: None. Commissioner Konarzewski, excused. Motion passed.

ALPENA COUNTY REGIONAL AIRPORT FY24 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Steve Smigelski, Airport Manager, presented the 5-year Capital Improvement Plan for the Alpena County Regional Airport to the board for review reporting on the funding availability, projects, and the state, local, and CRTC contribution for each development year. Steve gave an update on the equipment repair stating he will not know the cost until the tech takes it apart.

CRTC BASE SECURITY CONTRACT PROPOSAL

Sheriff Erik Smith presented the CRTC Base Security Contract Proposal for discussion reporting the Sheriff's Office has not had a contract with security at the base since 2019 when they lost the bid and has not provided security out there since. Sheriff Smith noted that the current contract with Allied Security and the state will be expiring in August of this year and proposals will be accepted by the state until the April 1, 2024 deadline. Sheriff Smith reported that the previous contract for security at the base provided by the Sheriff's Office brought in \$105,000 per year. Sheriff Smith informed the board that if they approved him to put out a proposal from the County Sheriff's Office to the state and are awarded the bid by the state, he would do things differently and would hire a supervisor to be out there. Sheriff Smith will attend the March 5th Personnel Committee meeting and will update the board.

DISCUSSION ON AMENDING THE CREDIT CARD POLICY

Jennifer Mathis, Interim County Administrator/HR Specialist presented the discussion on amending the Credit Card Policy reporting the procurement and purchase policy was approved in December of 2023 for credit cards for the County. Jennifer spoke with the credit union with the Treasurer and found out the County is grandfathered in and could keep the credit card issuance as is and if need new cards would need to be card specific to a person. Jennifer reported that Table A has

been updated on who has what credit card for the credit union. Treasurer Ludlow reported that there are old employees listed on the credit cards at the credit union and they need an updated table and a copy of the minutes approving this, with updating the table on a regular basis. The treasurer noted that the column on the left is what is currently in place for the credit cards for each department and the column on the right are the changes.

Moved by Commissioner LaHaie and supported by Commissioner Fournier to recommend approval of the amended Credit Card Policy as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion on Table A for the credit union to know who the contact person for each department is and how many credit cards are issued to that department.

Moved by Commissioner Fournier and supported by Commissioner Osmer to recommend approval of the updated Table A - contact information for each department - for the credit union and to go with the amended Credit Card Policy for Alpena County as presented. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF REGULAR COMMITTEES

Facilities, Capital & Strategic Planning Committee Update – Commissioner Konarzewski was not present for an update.

Courts & Public Safety Committee Update – Commissioner Lalonde gave an update reporting the committee met and discussed the following: 1) offering active shooter training paid for with grants, \$8,000 grant funded training; 2) first responder distribution.

Personnel Committee Update – Commissioner Fournier gave an update reporting the committee met and discussed the following: 1) survey results from the board and sent to Amy Cell, 2) membership perks, and 3) closed session.

Animal Control Adhoc Committee Update – Commissioner Francisco reported on the following: 1) meeting tomorrow with city and county cooperative and will report back an update, and 2) management of animal shelter itself and a nonprofit proposal at next meeting on 03.07.24.

OTHER BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

District #1 Commissioner Bill LaHaie gave an update on the following boards/commissions he represents:

Planning Commission – Elected new officers for 2024, reports from members, gave report on the county, next meeting 03.28.24.

Health Department – Oil spill at Grand Lake, monitoring well and cannot do much with it winterized and will when able to open, environmental cleanup, Montmorency keeping on top of vaccines for prevention, and Sheriff's Officer has a place if need storage.

District #2 Commissioner Osmer gave an update on the following boards/commissions he represents:

HUNT – Not met yet.

Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (NEMCOG) – Did not attend.

Parks & Recreation Commission – Campspot up and running, discussion on credit card charges and look at moving forward, discussion restructure how parks and recreation work, previous county administrator was the department head and reform with a special adhoc committee created for raises and bonuses and contracts for managers, update discussion on contracts for managers.

Thunder Bay Marine Sanctuary – Not met yet.

District #3 Commissioner Robin Lalonde gave an update on the following boards/commissions she represents:

Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency (NEMCSA) – nothing major addressed, AAA building purchase did not go through and looking at other options to expand.

Thunder Bay Transportation – shared the staff loss from accident with drivers having a difficult time with their loss, other staff had to pick up the extra work to cover shifts, staff receiving support with counseling provided and community support, staff raised funds for families loss. Roof leaking and voted on repairs, grant funded for repairs. Millage renewal in August this year to support the dial-a-ride program.

District #4 Commissioner Bill Peterson gave an update on the following boards/commissions he represents:

Montmorency Oscoda Alpena (MOA) Landfill Authority – Ribbon cutting for new injection well with close to \$1 million savings.

Materials Management Plan (MMP) Committee – Alpena County working on a designated plan for the region with Montmorency, Alcona, Oscoda, and Iosco Counties, not heard back yet from Presque Isle County.

Target - RSS will get information back out to committee and board of commissioners for commercial lot interest with an anonymous bid proposal received, after attorney review.

District #5 Commissioner Brenda Fournier gave an update on the following boards/commissioners she represents:

District Health Department #4 – Eight policy updates, hired accounting firm to do audit, syphilis outbreak increased, meetings are hold once per month and health department office hours are 8 am to 4 pm.

District #6 Commissioner Burt Francisco gave an update on the following boards/commissions he represents:

Northeast Michigan Regional Entity – next meeting on Monday, did not meet in February yet.

Opioid update – RFP process being worked on to maximize the opioid settlement.

District #8 Commissioner John Kozlowski gave an update on the following boards/commissions he represents:

DARE – Removing as DARE and going in a different direction with TEAMS (couple sheriff deputies, city police, and state police) and the Sheriff's Office reported a better fit for the schools with police presence back in schools through TEAMS.

Northeast Michigan Consortium –

Northeast Michigan Materials Management Authority (NMMMA) – Stan Mischley resigned, and Commissioner Kozlowski stated he did not attend meeting due to out of town with daughter having baby.

United Way – Nothing to report.

OTHER BOARDS & COMMISSIONS: FAIRBOARD LIASION

Fair Board Liaison – Commissioner Robin Lalonde gave an update reporting Commissioner Konarzewski donated \$300 for the fairgrounds dust control, fair board raised funds for improvements of the fairgrounds and have ideas for different fundraising events and would like to not be charged some fees towards improvements of the grounds down the road.

NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION ON ALPENA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Board Chairman John Kozlowski presented the discussion on the Alpena County Agricultural Society reporting received an attorney opinion regarding the fairgrounds. Commissioner Lalonde reported that she spoke with the Fair Board President Courtney Krentz and she can attend a board meeting and explain it easier if the board would like and she is applying for grants for programs for the fair and have to currently go through the agricultural society and they want to be on their own. Commissioners discussed and shared their concerns about losing rights to the property at the fairgrounds and recommended they need more information before signing anything and want legal review. Commissioner Francisco recommended this be brought back to the board under unfinished business for further discussion at the full board.

CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Commissioner Francisco and supported by Commissioner Lalonde to go into closed session for litigation updates. Motion carried. Closed session at 3:13 p.m. Open session at 3:33 p.m. Roll call was taken: Commissioners LaHaie, Osmer, Lalonde, Peterson, Fournier, Francisco, and Kozlowski present.

PAY CLARK HILL INVOICES

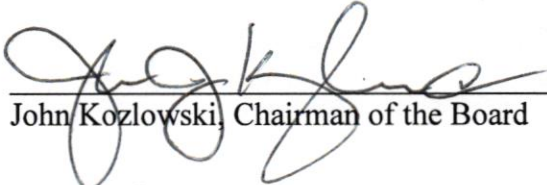
Moved by Commissioner Peterson and supported by Commissioner Lalonde to recommend approval to transfer \$105,824 from the ARPA Funds to the General Fund and to increase line item #101-200-801.002 Outside Attorney Fees by \$105,824 to pay the two Clark Hill Invoices (Invoice #1398864 of \$43,594.50, and Invoice #1405183 of \$61,688.42). Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners LaHaie, Osmer, Lalonde, Peterson, Fournier, Francisco, and Kozlowski. NAYS: None. Commissioner Konarzewski, excused. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

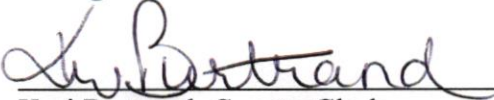
Kevin Gintar of Alpena shared his concerns of the Charter Township Board in regard to public safety for the community and the funding needed for Charter Township to have police patrolling. Kevin requested that the Commissioners reach out to Charter Township officials to support their fire department and to support the County's Sheriff's Office Police patrolling.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Commissioner Osmer and supported by Commissioner Fournier to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:37 p.m.



John Kozlowski, Chairman of the Board



Keri Bertrand, County Clerk