

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
ALPENA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Full Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 24, 2022 – 1:00 p.m.
Howard Male Conference Room/Zoom Room**

The Alpena County Board of Commissioners met and was called to order by Chairman Robert Adrian in the County Annex Building, Howard Male Conference Room, Alpena, Michigan and via Zoom on Thursday, May 24, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

PRAYER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board Chairman 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: Don Gilmet, District #1; Robert Adrian, District #2; Dave Karschnick, District #3; Commissioner Brenda Fournier, District #5; Commissioner Kevin Osbourne, District 6; Marty Thomson, District #7; and John Kozlowski, District #8. Commissioner Bill Peterson, District #4, excused.

AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner Karschnick and supported by Commissioner Thomson to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION OF TRIBUTE TO SHERIFF STEVE KIELISZEWSKI

Chairman Adrian read aloud and presented a Resolution of Tribute to Former Sheriff Steve Kieliszewski, which included a summary of his employment with the County of Alpena. He was thanked for his service to the County and to this board for his hard work and dedication. Steve thanked multiple people for their acknowledgement and expressed his gratitude for serving the citizens of Alpena County.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dennis Schultz of Alpena expressed his anger to the board regarding the use of election machines.

Jerry Kaschnar of Alpena presented his concern to the board with an issue of flooding on his property. He stated the Alpena County Road Commission refuses to dig out ditch and he is looking for a solution or idea.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A) **Finance Ways & Means Committee Meeting Minutes – May 10, 2022 (*Minutes only)**
- B) **Facilities, Capital & Strategic Planning Committee Meeting Minutes – May 19, 2022**

ACTION ITEM #FCSPC-1: The Committee recommends approval of a Civil War Canon being placed on County property at the corner of 9th and Chisholm by the Civil War Canon Project Committee with addition of lighting being installed as presented.

ACTION ITEM #FCSPC-2: The Committee recommends approval to donate the sanitizer equipment in the kitchen of the old County Jail building to the City Fire/EMS Building for their kitchen project as presented.

ACTION ITEM #FCSPC-3: The Committee recommends approval to rescind Board Action #02 from May 10, 2022 board meeting.

ACTION ITEM #FCSPC-4: The Committee recommends approval to carryover \$7,500 (approved from 2021 budget) to remove material from the ballfield at the fairgrounds and authorize the Treasurer to increase line item #101-268-933.000 by \$7,500 for budget 2022 as presented.

C) **Courts & Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes – May 19, 2022**

Moved by Commissioner Gilmet and supported by Commissioner Osbourne to approve the Consent Calendar which includes actions as listed above and filing of all reports. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners Gilmet, Karschnick, Fournier, Osbourne, Thomson, Kozlowski, and Adrian. NAYS: None. Commissioner Peterson, excused. Motion carried.

BILLS TO PAY

Clerk Keri Bertrand presented the bills to be paid.

	SUBMITTED:	APPROVED:
General Fund & Other Funds	\$46,238.40	\$46,238.40

Moved by Commissioner Thomson and supported by Commissioner Karschnick to pay all bills as submitted. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners Fournier, Osbourne, Thomson, Kozlowski, Gilmet, Karschnick, and Adrian. NAYS: None. Commissioner Peterson, excused. Motion carried.

COURTHOUSE & ANNEX ROOF BIDS & BUDGET BOARD ACTION

Administrator Mary Catherine Hannah presented recommended approval to replace rescinded Board Action FCSPC-2. Moved by Commissioner Gilmet and supported by Commissioner Thomson to replace rescinded Action Item with Board Action #3. Motion carried.

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

ACTION ITEM #3: Recommend approval of the Maintenance Superintendent's recommendation to accept bids from TRC Roofing for the Courthouse Building Roof & Annex Building Roof projects and authorize the Treasurer to make the following budget adjustments:

Reduce General Fund Roof Replacement Reserve (within the General Fund) line item #101-000-382.001 balance of \$199,732.00; and

Increase Budget and Approve Transfer to Building/Ground Fund line item #101-969-998.018 in the amount of \$199,732.00 from General Fund to Building/Ground Fund line item #631-265-699.000 in the amount of \$199,732.00; and

Create new line item numbers & Budget for Annex Building Roof Replacement line item #631-265-975.052 in the amount of \$116,901.00 and for Courthouse Roof Replacement line item #631-265-975.053 in the amount of \$82,831.00.

REPORTS OF REGULAR COMMITTEES

Facilities, Capital & Strategic Planning Committee Update – Chair Don Gilmet reported the committee met and discussed the following: 1) Walk through in old jail; 2) Moving forward with Munitrex and hoping to have CIP before the end of the year.

Courts & Public Safety Committee Update – Chair Kevin Osbourne reported the committee met and discussed the following: 1) Part-time 911 Dispatcher; 2) Court Safety; 3) Working with local building inspector on the tower project.

Personnel Committee Update – Chair Marty Thomson reported the committee met and discussed the following: 1) In the process of conducting interviews for both Maintenance and HR positions; 2) Negotiations with District Court; and 3) Next meeting will be held June 7 at 11am.

CORRESPONDENCE

Chair Adrian received an email from the State Treasury that local Fiscal Year 2023 Recovery Funds opened to receive applications and will send information to Administrator Hannah to submit.

RESOLUTION #22-13

ALPENA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RESOLUTION 2022-13 Employment Services USDOL Proposed Rule

Whereas, the US Department of Labor (USDOL) has published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on Wagner-Peyser Act Staffing (Docket No. ETA–2022–0003) which would require States, with no exceptions, to use State merit staff to provide Wagner-Peyser Act Employment Service (ES) services, and,

Whereas, the proposal would reverse current federal policy that allows States maximum flexibility in staffing to provide ES services, and,

Whereas, current federal policy has allowed the State of Michigan to use local merit staff employees to deliver ES services through the local network of Michigan Works! Agencies to over 86,000 job seekers in 2021, and,

Whereas, our primary concern is the negative impacts of this proposal to Michiganders and the primary customers of the workforce development system – both job seekers and employers, and,

Whereas, a key benefit to greater staffing flexibility is strong local strategic relationships with businesses, higher education, nonprofits, childcare, elementary and secondary education, adult education providers, and other partners which allows for more efficient customer service to connect job seekers with in-demand jobs and training opportunities and facilitates a pipeline for those students to local employers, and,

Whereas, Northeast Michigan Consortium Workforce Development Board, comprised of business, labor and community leaders, is currently responsible for the effective and efficient delivery of eight Michigan Works! American Job Centers in Alcona, Alpena Crawford, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego and Presque Isle Counties using 10 Employment Service local staff, and this rule would take away local control of Employment Services, and

Whereas, with this required staffing model, staff and service reductions are inevitable as services currently provided by over 400 Michigan Works! staff would be reduced to approximately 100 State of Michigan staff, resulting in significantly longer wait times for job seekers and delays in services for the 32,000 businesses served annually, and,

Whereas, this change would risk potential loss of several of the 99 full and satellite Michigan Works! American Job Centers across the state, and would negatively impact our constituents by decreased assistance filling job openings, reduction and elimination of job fairs, cutting of industry-led collaboratives, and decreased or no access to job training programs, and,

Whereas, limiting ES staffing to State staff, would eliminate the advantage of the streamlined current staffing model in Michigan which leverages other program funding from WIOA Title II Adult Education, SNAP, TANF, TAA, and others to supplement the Wagner-Peyser state allocation, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alpena County Board of Commissioners hereby urges the USDOL to abandon this proposed rule change, and urges Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer and the Michigan Congressional Delegation to support local control by the Workforce Development Boards and oppose this rule and notify the USDOL Secretary that it would have an adverse impact on the Michigan "One Stop" workforce development system,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the U.S. Employment and Training Administration/U.S. Department of Labor, Governor Whitmer, our U.S. Legislators and State Legislators.

Commissioner Karschnick presented Resolution #22-13 Employment Services USDOL Proposed Rule for approval. Motion made by Commissioner Karschnick and supported by Commissioner Gilmet to approve above Resolution #22-13. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners Thomson, Kozlowski, Gilmet, Karschnick, Fournier, Osbourne, and Adrian. NAYS: None. Commissioner Peterson, excused. Motion carried.

BID REQUEST: 2012 PICKUP & A GENERATOR

Commissioner Osbourne presented the recommended approval for bidding on 2012 pickup with plow and a generator. Motion was made by Commissioner Kozlowski and supported by Commissioner Gilmet to approve seeking bids for a 2012 pickup truck and a generator. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners Kozlowski, Gilmet, Karschnick, Fournier, Osbourne, Thomson, and Adrian. NAYS: None. Commissioner Peterson, excused. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Commissioner Thomson and supported by Commissioner Fournier to go into Closed Session for Litigation updates. Motion carried. Closed Session at 1:32 p.m. and Opened Session at 1:56 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Jerry Kaschner of Alpena presented photos showing an issue of flooding on his property.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Commissioner Karschnick and supported by Commissioner Fournier to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 1:57 p.m.



Robert Adrian, Chairman of the Board



Keri Bertrand, County Clerk

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