

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
ALPENA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

January 23, 2007

1:00 p.m.

The Alpena County Board of Commissioners met in the Howard Male Conference Room in the County Annex building in the City of Alpena on January 23, 2007 at 1:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hall who called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRAYER

Prayer was offered by Pastor Larry Kirby of the Long Rapids Congregational Church.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called, the following Commissioners present: Bell, Donakowski, Mullaney, VanWormer, Fournier, Habermehl, Estlack and Hall. ABSENT: None.

AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner Habermehl and supported by Commissioner Estlack to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A) Approval of the Official Proceedings of the Alpena County Board of Commissioners

Regular Session - December 19, 2006

Organizational Session - January 4, 2007

B) Personnel Committee - January 11, 2007

ACTION ITEM PM#1: The Committee recommends that Bob Foor be reappointed to the Alpena County Road Commission for a six year term expiring 12/31/12.
(Not approved in the consent calendar.)

ACTION ITEM PM#2: The Committee recommends that the County Coordinator draft a letter to the final 911 Director candidate explaining that he will report to work no later than January 29th if he is accepting the position.

C) Finance/Building Maintenance and Recreation Committee - January 17, 2007

General Fund:	\$120,608.30
Per Diems:	\$ 900.00
Taxable mileage:	\$ 12.00
Other bills:	\$100,360.50

ACTION ITEM: FM#1: The Committee recommends that we approve the attached 2007/2008 Letter of Agreement between NEMCSA and Alpena County for technical assistance services for Alpena County Home Improvement and authorize Mark Hall, Board

Chairman, to sign it.

ACTION ITEM FM#2: The Committee recommends that we transfer \$1,492.25 from the Contingency fund into 701-000-265 to balance the bond fund to zero per the recommendation of the State Auditor.

ACTION ITEM FM#3: The Committee recommends that the Sheriff be authorized to fill the vacant deputy position immediately.

(Not approved in the consent calendar.)

ACTION ITEM FM#4: The Committee recommends that the County forgive the Personal Property debt owed by Maple Ridge Township in the amount of \$1,075.28.

ACTION ITEM FM#5: The Committee recommends that we deny the Target Alpena funding request.

(Not approved in the consent calendar.)

ACTION ITEM FM#6: The Committee recommends we approve the Fiscal Policy for line items transfers/quarterly adjustments as presented.

ACTION ITEM FM#7: The Committee recommends we approve attorney fees in the amount of \$1,500 out of the General Fund attorney line item for the CRTC project and if the contract is received, this money will be put back in the general fund.

(Not approved in the consent calendar.)

ACTION ITEM FM#8: The Committee recommends that \$2,500 be transferred from the Building and Grounds Maintenance fund - contingency line item 631-266-998 into 631-266-975.142 for the jail reception area remodeling project.

(Not approved in the consent calendar.)

ACTION ITEM FM#9: The Committee recommends that we approve the repair of the leak in the boiler at the Department of Human Services in the amount of \$2,500 with monies to be taken out of line item # 101-267-931.

ACTION ITEM FM#10: The Committee recommends that we approve the Certification of Local Approval for Non-Profit Organizations and Local Units of Government Homeless Grant Program for Shelter, Inc. and authorize the Chairman to sign it.

ACTION ITEM FM#11: The Committee recommends we approve purchasing and maintenance of a Pontem software program for putting property information on our website in the amount of \$5,530 for the first year with monies to come out of the Tax Foreclosure fund line item 517-254-977 in the amount of \$2,765 and the Equipment Fund data processing

line item 402-234-980.251 for \$2,765 and maintenance budgeted for every year thereafter in the amount of \$2,530.

D) Resolution of Tribute to Michael Nunneley (#07-03)

WHEREAS, Michael W. Nunneley was first elected to the office of County Commissioner District #1 to serve commencing January 1, 2001 and has served since that time through December 31, 2006, and,

WHEREAS, Michael W. Nunneley has served the County of Alpena on the Finance Committee for five years and Personnel Committee for five years, and

WHEREAS, Michael W. Nunneley has represented the County of Alpena on the following: District Health Department #4 Board, Alpena Area Recreation Commission, Alpena County Planning Commission, the Multi-Purpose Collaborative Board, the 26th Circuit Court Judicial Local Court Management Council, the Local Emergency Planning Committee, and as the alternate to the Montmorency-Oscoda-Alpena Landfill Authority, and

WHEREAS, Michael W. Nunneley has served as liaison from the County to the Senior Citizens Council, Family Independence Agency/Department of Human Services Board, and the Huron Humane Society, and

WHEREAS, Michael W. Nunneley was active on the Intergovernmental

Council and served on Intergovernmental Committees such as the Communications Committee, the Economic Development Committee, the Planning Committee, the Drainage Committee, and the Public Safety Committee, and

WHEREAS, Michael W. Nunneley served as Chairman of the Finance Committee for one year and served as the Chairman of the Personnel Committee for five years, and

WHEREAS, Michael W. Nunneley served as the Vice-Chairman of the Board on January 3, 2006 and assumed the duties of Chairman on February 25, 2006 and served in that capacity through December 31, 2006, and,

WHEREAS, Michael W. Nunneley has served diligently and with devotion to the citizens of the entire County, and

WHEREAS, Michael's eloquence of language and dignity of chairing the meetings will be greatly missed, and

WHEREAS, Michael's kind consideration and consolation he gave to families and friends during some of the hardest times such as the passing of Chairman Howard Male will never be forgotten,

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Alpena County Board of Commissioners hereby go on record recognizing and paying tribute to Michael W. Nunneley and thank him for his years of service, his dedication, and perseverance in all endeavors.

Moved by Commissioner Habermehl and supported by Commissioner

Fournier to approve the Consent Calendar which includes actions as listed above and filing of all reports. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners Bell, Donakowski, Mullaney, VanWormer, Fournier, Habermehl, Estlack, and Hall. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

ALPENA GENERAL HOSPITAL

Jeff Thornton, County Coordinator, explained about the Alpena General Hospital millage. John McVeety, Damone Sorenson and James Mazrum were present for questions. Chairman Hall presented the resolution for adoption.

COUNTY OF ALPENA

At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Alpena, Michigan, held on the 23rd day of, January 2007, at 1:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, in the Alpena County Courthouse in Alpena, Michigan there were:

PRESENT: Roll was called, the following Commissioners present: Bell, Donakowski, Mullaney, VanWormer, Fournier, Habermehl, Estlack and Hall.

ABSENT: None.

The following preambles and resolution were Moved by Commissioner Estlack and supported by Commissioner Bell to adopt the resolution as presented. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners Bell, Donakowski, Mullaney, VanWormer, Fournier, Habermehl, Estlack, and Hall. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

**A RESOLUTION SUBMITTING TO THE ALPENA COUNTY ELECTORS A
PROPOSITION SUBMITTING TO THE VOTERS A BALLOT QUESTION
REGARDING THE CONTINUATION OF THE ALPENA GENERAL
HOSPITAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT MILLAGE**

ALPENA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

January 23, 2007

WHEREAS, the voters in Alpena County approved the levy of one mill for the purpose of acquisition, construction and equipping of health care facilities by the Alpena General Hospital in November of 2002, which millage expired after December 1, 2006, and

WHEREAS, the Alpena County Board of Commissioners wishes to authorize the submission of a renewal millage of one mill to replace the millage which expired in 2006, and

WHEREAS, the millage proposition will be submitted to the electors of the county at an election to be held on the 8th day of May, 2007.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ALPENA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, AS FOLLOWS:

2. There shall be submitted to the electors of the County of Alpena at a special election to be held on May 8, 2007 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. prevailing time, the following proposition.

ALPENA GENERAL HOSPITAL PROPOSITION -

A NEW MILLAGE TO CONTINUE THE ALPENA

GENERAL HOSPITAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT MILLAGE

“Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes of which may be imposed each year for all purposes on real and tangible personal property in Alpena County be increased as provided in Section 6, Article IX of the Michigan Constitution and the Board of Commissioners be authorized to levy a tax not to exceed one mill (\$1.00 cents per \$1,000.00 of state taxable value) on the taxable value of such property for a period of ten (10) years beginning with the levy made on December 1, 2007 (which will generate approximately \$877,566.00 the first year) for the purpose of acquisition, construction and equipping of health care facilities by Alpena General Hospital.”

3. The Election shall be held in accordance with Chapter XXVII, the General Election Laws of the State of Michigan.
4. The Alpena County Clerk is hereby instructed to carry out all appropriate statutory duties as set forth in this Resolution and the General Election laws of the State of Michigan so that the question of adoption may be submitted to the voters on May 8, 2007.
5. The Alpena County Board of Commissioners hereby certifies to the County Clerk the following question as the appropriate ballot wording for the May 8, 2007 Special Election for the above-referenced proposition:

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YES ___

NO ___

6. Each city and township clerk shall be given appropriate notice of the submission of the above-referenced proposition as provided by law, which notice shall contain the statement of the Alpena County Treasurer as to previously voted tax limitation increases affecting property within Alpena County.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

YES: 8

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

) ss.

COUNTY OF ALPENA)

The undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the County of Alpena, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Alpena County Board of Commissioners at its regular meeting held on the 23rd day of January, 2007, at which meeting a quorum was present and remained throughout and that an original thereof is on file in the records of the County. I further certify that the meeting was conducted, and public notice thereof was given, pursuant to and in full compliance with Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended, and that minutes of such meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required thereby.

Alpena County Clerk

Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners Bell, Donakowski, Mullaney, VanWormer, Fournier, Habermehl, Estlack, and Hall. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

OLDER PERSONS BILLS

Moved by Commissioner Habermehl and supported by Commissioner VanWormer to approve the Older Persons Fund bills as submitted. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners Bell, Donakowski, Mullaney, VanWormer, Fournier, Habermehl, Estlack, and Hall. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

OLDER PERSONS COMMITTEE

Jeff Thornton reported on the Older Persons Committee restructuring.

ROAD COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

Moved by Commissioner Mullaney and supported by Commissioner Estlack that Bob Foor be reappointed to the Alpena County Road Commission for a six year term expiring 12/31/12. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners Bell, Donakowski, Mullaney, VanWormer, Fournier, Habermehl, Estlack, and Hall. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

FILL VACANT SHERIFF'S DEPUTY POSITION

Sheriff Kieliszewski answered questions regarding the Jail Report from the State.

Moved by Commissioner VanWormer and supported by Commissioner Habermehl that the Sheriff be authorized to fill the vacant deputy position immediately. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners Bell, Donakowski, Mullaney, VanWormer, Fournier, Habermehl, Estlack, and Hall. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

TARGET ALPENA FUNDING REQUEST

Moved by Commissioner Fournier and supported by Commissioner Bell that we deny the Target Alpena funding request. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners Bell, Donakowski, VanWormer, Fournier, Habermehl, and Estlack. NAYS: Commissioners Mullaney and Hall. Motion carried.

CRTC PROJECT ATTORNEY FEES

Moved by Commissioner Mullaney and supported by Commissioner Bell that we approve attorney fees out of the General Fund attorney line

item for the CRTC project and if the contract is received, this money will be put back in the general fund. Roll call vote was taken: AYES:

Commissioners Bell, Donakowski, Mullaney, VanWormer, Fournier, Habermehl, Estlack, and Hall. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

JAIL RECEPTION AREA REMODELING PROJECT

Moved by Commissioner VanWormer and supported by Commissioner Fournier that \$2,500 be transferred from the Building and Grounds Maintenance fund - contingency line item 631-266-998 into 631-266-975.142 for the jail reception area remodeling project. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners Bell, Donakowski, Mullaney, VanWormer, Fournier, Habermehl, Estlack, and Hall. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

2007 APPOINTMENT CHANGES

Moved by Commissioner Fournier and supported by Commissioner Bell to approve the 2007 appointment changes as presented below:

Board Member Appointment changes

1. Human Services Coordinating Council-Richard Donakowski replacing Cam Habermehl
- 2) NE MI Consortium-Gerald Fournier replacing Cam Habermehl
- 3) United Way-Richard Donakowski replacing Dale Bell
- 4) Department of Human Services-Richard Donakowski replacing Dale Bell

Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners Bell, Donakowski, Mullaney,

VanWormer, Fournier, Habermehl, Estlack, and Hall. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEES

Chairman Hall asked for volunteers for the Intergovernmental Communications Committee and the Intergovernmental Air & Water Quality Committee. Volunteers were Mark Hall and Bill Estlack respectfully serving on the above Committees.

Moved by Commissioner Habermehl and supported by Commissioner VanWormer to approve Mark Hall as the County's representative on the Intergovernmental Communications Committee and Bill Estlack on the Intergovernmental Air & Water Quality Committee. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners Bell, Donakowski, Mullaney, VanWormer, Fournier, Habermehl, Estlack, and Hall. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

COORDINATOR REPORT

County Coordinator Jeff Thornton gave a 911 Update and that he has been in contact with the 911/ESTC Administrator. They will be here in February and will continue funding if everything is okay. Jeff also reported that the 911 Director/Emergency Services Coordinator had been sent a letter and was to report to work on 1/29/07.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chairman Hall reported that Commissioner VanWormer is the AARC representative and asked Commissioners that have concerns, please discuss them with Commissioner VanWormer.

ROAD COMMISSION ADHOC COMMITTEE

Chairman Hall requested that an ADHOC Committee be set up to study the new law which could expand the Road Commission board. He asked that the Prosecutor's Office assist on how to proceed (also that MAC may be able to assist us) and asked that all interested parties comments be reviewed such as the Road Commission board and the general public.

Moved by Commissioner Habermehl and supported by Commissioner VanWormer to create an ADHOC Committee for the purpose of studying the new law concerning expansion of the Road Commission board and that the following volunteers be on the Committee: Commissioner Estlack as Chairman, Commissioner Habermehl and Commissioner VanWormer. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners Bell, Donakowski, Mullaney, VanWormer, Fournier, Habermehl, Estlack, and Hall. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Commissioner Bell received correspondence regarding legal council for the County. Moved by Commissioner Bell and supported by Commissioner Fournier to write a letter thanking them and advising them that we already retain counsel. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Estlack reported that the HUNT team will be mailing out a quarterly newsletter to Commissioners.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Commissioner Donakowski and supported by
Commissioner Habermehl to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

Mark Hall, Chairman of the Board

tsb

Bonnie Friedrichs, County Clerk