

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS**  
**OF THE**  
**ALPENA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**March 3, 2006**

**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 March 3, 2006 at 1:00 p.m.**

**The meeting was called to order by Chairman Michael Nunneley who called for the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**PRAYER**

**Prayer was offered by Commissioner Wegmeyer.**

**ROLL CALL**

**Roll was called, the following Commissioners present: Nunneley, Donakowski, Mullaney, Tom Male, Fournier, Wegmeyer, and Estlack.**

**ABSENT: None. At this time, a candle was lit in memory of Board Chairman Howard Male.**

**TRIBUTE TO HOWARD MALE**

**Persons speaking to honor Howard Male were Commissioner Mullaney, Commissioner Fournier, Commissioner Estlack, Sheriff Steve Kieliszewski, Prosecutor Dennis Grenkowicz, Former County Coordinator**

**James Peltier, Commissioner Donakowski, Board Secretary Tammy Bates, and Commissioner Nunneley.**

**RESOLUTION #06-06**

**RESOLUTION OF TRIBUTE TO HOWARD MALE**

**Whereas, Howard Male served as Maple Ridge Township Treasurer from April 1, 1957 -February 10, 1962 and**

**Whereas, on February 10, 1962, Howard Male served as the Maple Ridge Township Supervisor/Assessor, and**

**Whereas, Howard Male served on the Alpena County Board of Supervisors from 1962 until 1968, and**

**Whereas, Howard Male served on the original Alpena County Board of Commissioners from 1969-74, and then again from 1981-82, 1989-90, and 1993-2006; and**

**Whereas, Commissioner Howard Male passionately supported numerous issues including, but by no means limited to, representing the residents Alpena County's Sixth District, the Alpena County Parks Commission, the Alpena County Fairgrounds and Alpena County Sheriff's Department; and**

**Whereas, Commissioner Howard Male served the Alpena County Board of Commissioners on the Alpena County Parks Commission, the Airport Committee, the Law Enforcement/Public Safety and Health**

**Committee, the Personnel Committee, the Roads & Bridges Committee, the 26<sup>th</sup> Judicial Local Court Management Council, the Public Works Board, the MSU Extension Council and Intergovernmental Roads Committee; and**

**Whereas, Commissioner Howard Male was the liaison for County of Alpena for the Alpena County Road Commission and the Alpena County Supervisors; and**

**Whereas, one of Howard Male's proudest days as a County Commissioner was seeing his son Tom Male appointed and then duly elected to serve by his side as County Commissioner of Alpena County's Fourth District; and**

**Whereas, Commissioner Howard Male served on and as committee chairman for the Alpena County Building Maintenance and Recreation Committee, the Roads & Bridges Committee and the Alpena County Finance/Budget Committee as well as the Vice Chairman of the Alpena County Board of Commissioners; and**

**Whereas, Vice Chairman Howard Male fulfilled the remaining term as Chairman of the Board for the Alpena County Board of Commissioners effective October 30, 2005 to December 31, 2005; and**

**Whereas, Howard Male was unanimously elected Chairman of the Alpena County Board of Commissioners at the January 2006**

**organizational meeting and served until his passing February 25, 2006.c**

**Now therefore be it resolved, that effective the day of February 25, 2006 the Chairman's Gavel that governed the County of Alpena of the sovereign State of Michigan for many, many years shall by decree of the Alpena County Board of Commissioners be officially retired in memory of Chairman Howard Male; and**

**Let it be further resolved, that the month of March 2006 be set aside in memory of Howard Male's many years of service to the County of Alpena and that we encourage all throughout our land to take the time to convey their appreciation, thoughts and prayers to the family of Chairman Howard Male; and**

**Be it Ultimately Resolved, that on this day of Friday, March 3, 2006 the meeting of the Alpena County Board of Commissioners shall close in silence and without adjournment in memory of Chairman Howard Male.**

**Moved by Commissioner Fournier and supported by Commissioner Mullaney to adopt resolution #06-06. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners Nunneley, Donakowski, Mullaney, Tom Male, Fournier, Wegmeyer, and Estlack. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

### **RECESS**

**Chairman Nunneley declared a recess at 1:25 p.m. The meeting was called back to order at 1:40 p.m. Roll was called with the following persons**

**present: Nunneley, Donakowski, Mullaney, Tom Male, Fournier, Wegmeyer, and Estlack. ABSENT: None.**

**AGENDA**

**Moved by Commissioner Wegmeyer and supported by Commissioner Fournier to adopt the agenda with additions as presented. Motion carried.**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Moved by Commissioner Tom Male and supported by Commissioner Donakowski to approve the Consent Calendar which includes actions as listed above and filing of all reports.**

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

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

**Regular Session - January 24, 2006**

- B) Airport Committee - December 22, 2005  
- February 24, 2006
- C) Personnel Committee - January 31, 2006

**ACTION ITEM #pm-1: The Committee recommends that the following ex-officio positions on the Planning Commission be reappointed for three year terms:**

**Grant Werth - Ex officio for Environmental 12/31/2008**

**Mary Dunckel - Ex officio for MSU Extension 12/31/2008**

**ACTION ITEM #pm-2:       The Committee recommends that we  
authorize the hiring a an airport secretary position  
for 17 hours a week.**

**D)   Finance/Building Maintenance and Recreation Committee**

**Finance - February 16, 2006**

**General Fund:   \$178,155.06**

**Per Diems:       \$   720.00**

**ACTION ITEM #fm-1: The Committee recommends that we establish two  
separate positions (Public Guardian and Home  
Improvement) at 28 hours a week at the starting  
rate of \$16.00 per hour with all benefits of a part-  
time person.**

**(Not approved in the consent calendar.)**

**E)   Personnel Committee - February 21, 2006**

**ACTION ITEM #pm-1:               The Committee recommends we  
approve Personnel Policies and Procedures  
Manual/Handbook as presented.**

**ACTION ITEM #pm-2:               The Committee recommends we  
amend the HIPAA policy as presented.**

**ACTION ITEM #pm-3:               The Committee recommends we  
approve the hiring of Chris Skiba as the new**

**Home Improvement Director and to place her at Step 5 on the wage scale.**

**ACTION ITEM #pm-4:**

**The Committee recommends that the Public Guardian position be set at 28 hours a week and that the starting wage be \$16.00 per hour and to advertise accordingly.**

**(Not approved in the consent calendar.)**

**ACTION ITEM #pm-5:**

**The Committee recommends that we reappoint Patricia Przeslawski and Mark McConnell to the Northeast Michigan Community Mental Health Board for three year terms to begin on 4/1/06 through 3/31/09.**

**ACTION ITEM #pm-6:**

**The Committee recommends we modify the comp time policies for exempt and non-exempt employees to reflect up to 24 hours may be used and that this be effective February 28, 2006. Hours over this amount may not be used after this date.**

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

**Tom Male, Fournier, Wegmeyer, Estlack, and Nunneley. NAYS: None.**

**Motion carried.**

### **HOME IMPROVEMENT POSITION**

**Moved by Commissioner Estlack and supported by Commissioner Tom Male to approve the Home Improvement Director position at the starting rate of \$16.00 per hour with all benefits of a part-time person.**

**Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners Nunneley, Donakowski, Mullaney, Tom Male, Fournier, Wegmeyer, and Estlack. NAYS: None.**

**Motion carried.**

### **PUBLIC GUARDIAN POSITION**

**Moved by Commissioner Wegmeyer and supported by Commissioner Tom Male to approve the Public Guardian position at the starting rate of \$16.00 per hour with all benefits of a part-time person and to advertise accordingly. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners Nunneley, Donakowski, Mullaney, Tom Male, and Wegmeyer. NAYS: Commissioners Fournier and Estlack. Motion carried.**

### **TARGET**

**Paul Wegmeyer representing the Chamber of Commerce and Target, introduced board members of Target: Greg Winter (large business), Bob Young (small business) Damone Sorensen, President of Target Alpena and Chief Financial Officer at ARMC, Dr. Olin Joynton - ACC President, and**

**Dennis Schultz - Timm Construction/DBA Board. This executive team was formed a year ago. It also consists of the County (Michael Nunneley), City (John Gilmet), and Alpena Township (Marie Twite). Paul handed out the Mission statement.**

**RESOLUTION #06-05**

**Resolution in support of  
Economic Development Efforts**

**Whereas, the Alpena County Board of Commissioners believe that economic development efforts will help to advance the Alpena community's quality of life; and,**

**Whereas, the Alpena County Board of Commissioners recognizes the historic contributions of the numerous regional economic development organizations; and,**

**Whereas, the Alpena County Board of Commissioners sees value in encouraging economic development stakeholder groups in the Alpena area to commit to interdependence; therefore,**

**Be it resolved that the Alpena County Board of Commissioners support the vision,**

**mission and value statements presented today and attached.**

**Be it also resolved that the Alpena County Board of Commissioners support a revised**

**leadership structure of the Target organization that will focus on fulfillment of the vision and mission through a collaborative coordination of economic development activity.**

**Moved by Commissioner Estlack and supported by Commissioner Wegmeyer to adopt the above resolution. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners Nunneley, Donakowski, Mullaney, Tom Male, Fournier, Wegmeyer, and Estlack. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

#### **AIRPORT COMMITTEE**

**Commissioner Mullaney presented the February 24, 2006, Airport Committee minutes.**

#### **AIRPORT**

**Moved by Commissioner Estlack and supported by Commissioner Wegmeyer to allow Jeff Thornton to enter into negotiations for a temporary agreement with the Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center (CRTC) and authorize the chairman to sign the agreement. Roll call was taken: AYES: Commissioners Nunneley, Donakowski, Mullaney, Tom Male, Fournier, Wegmeyer, and Estlack. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

#### **AIRPORT PFC APPLICATION**

**Moved by Commissioner Mullaney and supported by Commissioner**

**Tom Male that Peckham Engineering, Inc. be authorized to proceed with preparation of the airport's second PFC application with the approximate cost of \$4,500 to be invoiced in FY-2007. Roll call was taken: AYES: Commissioners Nunneley, Donakowski, Mullaney, Tom Male, Fournier, Wegmeyer, and Estlack. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

**AIRPORT - CRTC Radar Equipment**

**Moved by Commissioner Mullaney and supported by Commissioner Estlack that the County enter the Memorandum of Agreement with Alpena CRTC regarding ownership of the radar equipment installed in and on the county-owned radar tower at Alpena County Regional Airport. Motion carried.**

**AIRPORT - Wetland Delineation**

**Moved by Commissioner Mullaney and supported by Commissioner Wegmeyer that the County enter into an agreement for services with Peckham Engineering, Inc. for wetland delineation at a cost of \$18,486.88 to be paid by the State of Michigan. Motion carried.**

**AIRPORT - ME Global contract terminated**

**Moved by Commissioner Mullaney and supported by Commissioner Tom Male that the contract with ME Global be terminated due to default in terms of the contract. Motion carried.**

**VACANCY**

**Prosecutor Dennis Grenkowicz informed the board of the procedure to fill the vacancy of Commissioner District #6. Michael Nunneley is the chair and the board can elect a vice-chair. He informed the board of the time constraints regarding filling the vacancy. In April, the vice-chair will be elected.**

#### **NEXT MEETING DATE**

**Moved by Commissioner Mullaney and supported by Commissioner Tom Male to move the March meeting to March 24 instead of March 28 at 1:00 p.m. Motion carried.**

#### **HOMELAND SECURITY**

**Bruce Wozniak, Emergency Services Coordinator/911 Director, presented information on Resolution #06-04 re: Regionalization of Homeland Security.**

#### **RESOLUTION #06-04**

#### **ADOPTING THE REGIONALIZATION OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

**WHEREAS, the President in Homeland Security Directive (HSPD) 8, directed the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to develop a National Preparedness Goal to strengthen the preparedness of the United States to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from terrorist attacks,**

**major disasters, and other emergencies; and,**

**WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security has developed the National Preparedness Goal which establishes a vision for a National Preparedness System; and establishes seven National Priorities; one of which is expanded regional collaboration, in order to enhance coordinated development of capabilities; and, achieving the vision for the National Preparedness Goal depends upon regional collaboration; and,**

**WHEREAS, the State of Michigan has adopted the National Priorities, including regionalization collaboration, to implement Homeland Security; and,**

**WHEREAS, Alpena County has been designated as being located within State Homeland Security Region 7; sharing regional Homeland Security with the Counties of District 7, and,**

**WHEREAS, Alpena County is committed to providing for the safety of all first responders and citizens within the County; now, therefore, be it**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Alpena County does hereby support the**

**regionalization of the homeland security program; and, be it**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Alpena County does hereby support**

**this National**

**Priority by providing representation through a primary and alternate representative elected by, and from, the County's Local Planning Team of record to the Regional Homeland Security Board, Region 7, and, be it further**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Alpena County further support this**

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**Priority and the State of Michigan's regionalization efforts for Homeland Security.**

**Moved by Commissioner Estlack and supported by Commissioner Fournier to adopt Resolution #06-04. Roll call was taken: AYES: Commissioners Nunneley, Donakowski, Mullaney, Tom Male, Fournier, Wegmeyer, and Estlack. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

**RESOLUTION #06-03**

**Whereas, Leonard T. Zolnierек was officially elected on February 22, 2000 and served as the representative of the Fifth District of Alpena County until January 4, 2006; and**

**Whereas, Commissioner Zolnierек has served the County of Alpena on the Building Maintenance & Recreation Committee, Finance Committee, Personnel Management Committee, Law Enforcement\Public Safety & Health\Roads & Bridges Committee, Ambulance Committee, and Airport Committee; and**

**Whereas, Commissioner Zolnierек has actively represented the County of Alpena on the NEMCOG Committee, Regional Development Advisory Committee, Family Independence Advisory Board, 4-County Health, Insurance, Community Corrections Advisory Board, 24th Judicial Court, Office of Public Advocacy, Target 2000, Target Alpena, NEMCSA, MI Sheriff's Coordinating & Training Council, United Way, Northern Michigan Counties Association, Multi-Purpose Collaborative Body, Huron Humane Society, and Alpena County Senior Citizens Board; and**

**Whereas, Commissioner Zolnierек has served as Alpena County's Representative on the Intergovernmental Communication Committee, Intergovernmental Planning Committee, Intergovernmental Drainage Committee, and the Intergovernmental Economic Development Committee; and**

**Whereas, Commissioner Zolnierек's insurance background and expertise brought valuable insight and leadership to the Board of Commissioners as he guided Alpena County in identifying and structuring insurance for the many properties owned by the County of Alpena; and**

**Whereas, Commissioner Zolnierек became Chairman of the Alpena County Board of Commissioners on January 2, 2001 and served in that capacity until October 29, 2005; and**

**Whereas, of the many causes for which Chairman Zolnierек shall be remembered, the finest may be his contribution and commitment to the construction and completion of Northern Lights Arena and the resurrection of the Alpena County Planning Commission and adoption of the Alpena County Master Plan; as well as bringing Alpena County to a leadership role in the Economic Development of Northeastern Lower Michigan; and**

**Whereas, Chairman Zolnierек allowed open, frank and democratic discussion during the regular meetings of the Alpena County Board of Commissioners to allow valuable input, insight, comment and critique from the citizens and other government representatives of the County of Alpena;**

**Now Therefore Let it be Resolved, the Alpena County Board of**

**Commissioners would like to express our gratitude and sincere appreciation to Commissioner Leonard T. Zolnierек for his unsurpassed dedication, commitment and conviction to and for the County of Alpena.**

**Be it Further Resolved, that the Alpena County Board of Commissioners**

**encourages all throughout our land to take the opportunity to express their thanks and appreciation to Leonard T. Zolnierек and his family as we commemorate his service to the County of Alpena of the Sovereign State of Michigan during the week of April 3rd - 9th, 2006 as "Leonard T. Zolnierек Appreciation Week".**

**Moved by Commissioner Tom Male and supported by Commissioner Fournier to adopt the Resolution #06-03. Roll call was taken: AYES: Commissioners Nunneley, Donakowski, Mullaney, Tom Male, Fournier, Wegmeyer, and Estlack. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

#### **REPORTS OF SPECIAL OR AD HOC COMMITTEE**

**The MAC report from attendees Commissioner Mullaney and Coordinator Jeff Thornton has been referred to March 24 meeting.**

#### **COORDINATOR REPORT**

**Jeff Thornton, County Coordinator, reported on landfill monies. Jeff also distributed a packet from District Health Department #4 concerning their fee structure.**

**Commissioner Estlack passed out an agenda for the Natural Resources meeting on March 9, 2006 at Alpena Holiday Inn.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**The meeting was not adjourned but left in silence at 3:15 p.m.**

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**Michael Nunneley, Chairman of the Board**

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**Bonnie Friedrichs, County Clerk**