

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
ALPENA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 23, 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 May 23, 2006 at 1:00 p.m.

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

PRAYER

Prayer was offered by Commissioner Wegmeyer.

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: None.

AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner Fournier and supported by Commissioner Hall to adopt the agenda with the following additions: Public hearing for ballot issues - older persons fund millage, Headlee amendment for older persons fund millage, and 911 surcharge and millage ballot, County Coordinator - mutual aid agreement for the Sheriff's Dept, filling of a

corrections officer position, workshop tour, unfinished business - location of the next board meeting, and special reports - landfill. Motion carried.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Marie Twite, Alpena Township Supervisor, reported that the County-wide cleanup on Saturday was successful. Chairman Nunneley expressed congratulations and appreciation to those involved.

#### PUBLIC HEARING ON BALLOT ISSUES

A Public Hearing was opened to discuss ballot issues.

#### OLDER PERSONS FUND MILLAGE

Older Persons Millage ballot language was read by Chairman Nunneley. Assistant Prosecutor Don Dowling informed the board that the Prosecutor's Office does not have any problems with the language as presented.

Mark Hunter, 614 Eighth Street, stated that the County needs to find a process for the public to apply for senior activity funding.

Moved by Commissioner Donakowski and supported by Commissioner Hall to approve the proposed ballot language as follows:

#### I. OPERATING MILLAGE PROPOSITION

#### FOR ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES

#### FOR OLDER PERSONS

Shall the limitations on the amount of taxes which shall be assessed against all property both real and personal in Alpena County, Michigan be renewed as provided by Public Act 39 of

1976 (Activities and Services for Older Persons), and the Alpena County Board of Commissioners be authorized to levy a tax not to exceed 0.5394 of one (1) mill (\$0.5394 on each \$1,000.00 of Equalized State Taxable Value) for a period of four (4) years starting with the Levy made December 1, 2006 for the sole purpose of providing "Activities and Services" for Older Persons (individuals 60 years of age or older) for social, legal, health, housing, educational, emotional, nutritional, recreational and mobility services and senior service facility improvements? (The estimate of the revenue the County of Alpena will collect if the millage is approved and levied in the first year (2006) is \$449,000).

and that it be placed on the ballot on the August 8<sup>th</sup> election. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners Donakowski, Mullaney, Male, Fournier, Hall, Wegmeyer, Estlack, and Nunneley. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

#### OLDER PERSONS FUND MILLAGE RESTORATION

Older Persons Millage restoration proposition was read by Chairman Nunneley. Assistant Prosecutor Don Dowling informed the board that the Prosecutor's Office does not have any problems with the language as presented. No public comment.

Moved by Commissioner Male and supported by Commissioner Wegmeyer to approve the proposed ballot language as follows:

#### II. MILLAGE RESTORATION PROPOSITION

#### FOR ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES

#### FOR OLDER PERSONS

(If Proposition I and Proposition II are both approved, the result would be to have renewed

the same .55 of one (1) mill (\$.55 on each \$1,000.00 of Equalized State Taxable Value) for operating purposes for the Activities and Services for Older Persons previously approved by the electors in 2002.)

In order to restore the .55 of one (1) mill, which was levied in 2002 and expires with the 2006 tax levy, shall the limitation on the annual property tax imposed on all property within the boundaries of Alpena County, Michigan, for the purpose and in the manner provided by law be restored by 0.0106 mills (\$0.0106 on each \$1,000.00 of Equalized State Taxable Value) of taxable valuation for a period of four (4) years, starting with the Levy made December 1, 2006? (The estimate of the revenue the County of Alpena will collect if this millage is approved and levied in the first year (2006) is \$8,841.00.)

and that it be placed on the ballot on the August 8<sup>th</sup> election. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners Donakowski, Mullaney, Male, Fournier, Hall, Wegmeyer, Estlack, and Nunneley. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

#### 911 SURCHARGE AND MILLAGE BALLOT ISSUES

Chairman Nunneley explained that there was a board action taken on 3/24/06 which places the 911 surcharge proposal on the ballot. If the board wanted to put a millage issue on the ballot, they could rescind the 3/24/06 board action. Assistant Prosecutor Don Dowling informed the board that the Prosecutor's Office does not have any problems with both of ballot languages as presented.

#### RESCIND MOTION FOR 911 SURCHARGE PROPOSAL

Moved by Commissioner Hall and supported by Commissioner

Mullaney to rescind the following motion:

PROPOSITION TO CONTINUE TO FUND E-911 SERVICES  
AND A CONSOLIDATED CENTRAL DISPATCH CENTER.

In order to continue the funding of E-911 and a consolidated central dispatch center in Alpena County, under Public Act 32 of 1986 as amended, shall the County Board of Commissioners be authorized to assess a surcharge on the monthly flat rate charged by the telephone provider for a one (1) party access line, each year, not to exceed sixteen (16%) percent a year, for a period of four (4) years, starting January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008 until December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012?

YES \_\_\_\_\_

NO \_\_\_\_\_

Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners Mullaney, Hall, and Nunneley. NAYS: Commissioners Donakowski, Male, Fournier, Wegmeyer and Estlack. Motion failed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sheriff Steve Kieliszewski expressed his concern and asked for clarification of 911 surcharge and millage issues. Marie Twite, Alpena Township Supervisor, expressed concern over funding issues concerning E-911 Central Dispatch.

ALPENA COUNTY CENTRAL DISPATCH - CONTINUED OPERATION

Moved by Commissioner Mullaney and supported by Commissioner Hall to place the 911 Central Dispatch Continued Operation millage on the

ballot for the August 8<sup>th</sup> election. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Mullaney, Male, Hall, and Nunneley. NAYS: Donakowski, Fournier, Wegmeyer, and Estlack. Motion failed.

The public hearing was closed at 2:10 p.m.

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

Moved by Commissioner Wegmeyer and supported by Commissioner Male 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 -April 25, 2006

- B) Personnel Committee - May 17, 2006

ACTION ITEM #PM-1: The Committee recommends we appoint Darlene Wilmot to the Alpena County Planning Commission - Recreation position which is effective immediately to fill a term ending 12/31/08.

ACTION ITEM #PM-2: The Committee recommends we appoint Patrick Bordeau to the Alpena County Planning Commission - Industrial position which is effective immediately to fill a term ending

12/31/08.

ACTION ITEM #PM-3: The Committee recommends we appoint Shirley Dietlin to the Department of Human Services Board to be effective immediately to fill a term ending 12/31/07.

ACTION ITEM #PM-4: The Committee recommends we appoint Mark Hall as the Insurance Representative for the County Board for 2006.

C) Finance/Building Maintenance and Recreation Committee

Finance -May 18, 2006

General Fund: \$76,177.05

Per Diems: \$ 684.00

ACTION ITEM #FM-1: The Committee recommends we approve the Plaza Pool fee schedule as presented.

<b>Budget</b>	<b>50.00%</b>	<b>50.00%</b>
\$32,000.00	\$16,000.00	Gate Fees
Monthly payment	\$ 1,333.00	

The \$16,000 appropriation would be retroactive to January 1, 2006.

Gate Fees	At Gate	Coupon (10 swims)
Swim Fee	\$ 4.00	\$ 34.00

Seniors Pay	\$ 1.00	\$
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8.50

Older Persons Fund \$ 1.00 \$

8.50

Not to exceed \$16,000

This fee schedule would be effective June 1,  
2006

ACTION ITEM #FM-2: The Committee recommends we purchase a camera/accessories for Pass Port issues for the Clerk's Office up to \$1,440.00, with monies to be transferred from Equipment Fund Equity # 402-000-390 into the Equipment fund line item # 402-234-980-154.

ACTION ITEM #FM-3: The Committee recommends the approval of \$500, with monies to be transferred from the Contingency fund line item #101-941-998 into the General fund line item # 101-215-801, to implement a court cost collections program in the Clerk's office.

ACTION ITEM #FM-4: The Committee recommends we adopt Resolution # 06-13.

ACTION ITEM #FM-5: The Committee recommends the purchase of Recording Equipment for Probate Court in the amount of \$3,076.00 with monies to be transferred from the Deputy Probate

Register wage line item #101-148-704 into the Equipment Fund line item #402-234-980.142.

ACTION ITEM #FM-6: The Committee recommends we award the sale of the 4,060 feet of 10-foot high chain link fence at the Alpena County Regional Airport to the highest bidder, Floyd L. Monte in the amount of \$2,030.

(Not approved in the consent calendar)

ACTION ITEM #FM-7: The Committee recommends the approval of the ballot language for Operating Millage Proposition for Activities and Services for Older Persons, and to be put on the ballot in August.

(not approved in the consent calendar)

ACTION ITEM #FM-8: The Committee recommends the approval of ballot language for Millage Restoration Proposition for Activities and Services for Older Persons, and to be put on the ballot in August.

(Not approved in the consent calendar)

ACTION ITEM #FM-9: The Committee recommends the approval of ballot language for Continued 911 Operation and to be put on the ballot in August.

(Not approved in the consent calendar)

ACTION ITEM #FM-10: The Committee recommends that Secondary Road Patrol Grant monies through the State of Michigan be allocated for the purchase of police/emergency equipment for the Secondary Road Patrol Deputy in amount of \$2,890.00 with monies from line item # 101-304-977.

ACTION ITEM #FM-11: The Committee recommends we forgive the 2004 bill for utilities and insurance for the fairboard in the amount of \$14,638.85.

ACTION ITEM #FM-12: The Committee recommends the approval of funds for three (3) planning commission members to attend a workshop regarding the New Michigan Zoning enabling Act at \$100 each, total \$300. with monies to be transferred from the General fund line item # 101-400-721 into the General fund line item # 101-400-860.

ACTION ITEM #FM-13: The Committee recommends we increase the E-911 surcharge fees from 16% to 20% as allowed by state statute, effective immediately.

(Not approved in the consent calendar.)

ACTION ITEM #FM-14: The Committee recommends we authorize GIS

training for 2 staff people from Equalization Department in the amount of \$360 from Contingency line item # 210-651-998.000 to Ambulance fund line item # 210-651-728.

ACTION ITEM #FM-15: The Committee recommends that \$200 out of the Equalization Education and Training reimbursement line item that was designated for use by Jerry Halas be applied to training for Harry Guthrie for Level 3 Certifications.

ACTION ITEM #FM-16: The Committee recommends that we pay \$875 for the study of the Mich-e-ke-wis Park Heritage Center project, with monies to be transferred from the Contingency fund line item # 101-941-998 into the General fund line item # 101-999-907, for the study of the Mich-e-ke-wis Park Heritage Center project.

ACTION ITEM #FM-17: The Committee recommends we pay the Lappan Insurance bill in the amount of \$1316.00 with monies being transferred out of line item # 101-941-998 Contingency Fund into line item #101-265-803 public liability. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEM #FM-18: The Committee recommends we do not express any further interest in the former MDOT/Alpena Sign Shop property located on Campbell Street.

ACTION ITEM #FM-19: The Committee recommends we pay ½ of the bill to VERIZON now in the amount of \$11,590.27 from line item # 402-234-980-321, plus the \$5,800.11 from NE MI Community Mental Health)and the other ½ of the bill in January 2007, in the amount of \$11,590.27.

(Not approved in the consent calendar)

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

#### REMOVAL AND SALE OF AIRPORT FENCE

Moved by Commissioner Mullaney and supported by Commissioner Hall to award the sale of the 4,060 feet of 10-foot high chain link fence at the Alpena County Regional Airport to the highest bidder, Floyd L. Montie in the amount of \$2,030. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners Donakowski, Mullaney, Male, Fournier, Hall, Wegmeyer, Estlack, and Nunneley. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

#### E-911 SURCHARGE FEES

Moved by Commissioner Hall and supported by Commissioner

Mullaney to increase the E-911 surcharge fees from 16% to 20% (\$4.00 per land line phone) as allowed by state statute, effective immediately. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners Donakowski, Mullaney, Male, Fournier, Hall, Wegmeyer, Estlack, and Nunneley. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

#### VERIZON BILL

Moved by Commissioner Hall and supported by Commissioner Male that we pay ½ of the bill to VERIZON now in the amount of \$11,590.27 from line item #402-234-980-321, plus the \$5,800.11 from NE MI Community Mental Health)and the other ½ of the bill in January 2007, in the amount of \$11,590.27. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners Donakowski, Male, Fournier, Hall, Wegmeyer, Estlack, and Nunneley. NAYS: Commissioner Mullaney. Motion carried.

#### MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT CARPET CLEANER

Tom Christianson, Maintenance Superintendent, presented information on purchasing a carpet cleaner for the Maintenance Department.

Moved by Commissioner Fournier and supported by Commissioner Male to approve purchasing a carpet cleaner (CADET 7 Carpet Extractor-7 gallon capacity) for the Maintenance Department in the amount of 1895.00 with monies to be taken out of the following line items: 101-267-783 - \$200, 101-267-784 - \$100, 101-265-783 - \$850, and 101-265-932 - \$850. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners Male,

Fournier, Wegmeyer, Estlack, and Nunneley. NAYS:  
Commissioners Donakowski, Mullaney, and Hall. Motion carried.

#### HEALTH DEPARTMENT

District 4 Health Department update was given by  
Commissioners Wegmeyer and Mullaney. Discussion was held over  
what Montmorency County owes/was forgiven by the Health  
Department.

#### RECESS

Chairman Nunneley declared a recess at 2:46 p.m. and  
called the meeting back to order at 2:52 p.m. Roll call was  
taken with the following Commissioners present: Donakowski,  
Mullaney, Male, Fournier, Hall, Wegmeyer, Estlack, and  
Nunneley. ABSENT: None.

#### COORDINATOR'S REPORT

County Coordinator Jeff Thornton gave a report on the  
following items:

#### MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT

Moved by Commissioner Estlack and supported by  
Commissioner Donakowski to approve the Mutual Aid agreement  
with the Sheriff's Department *with legal review*. Roll call vote was taken:  
AYES: Commissioners Donakowski, Mullaney, Male, Fournier, Hall,  
Wegmeyer, Estlack, and Nunneley. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

#### CORRECTIONS OFFICER VACANCY

Moved by Commissioner Male and supported by Commissioner

Wegmeyer to fill the vacant corrections officer position. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners Donakowski, Mullaney, Male, Fournier, Hall, Wegmeyer, Estlack, and Nunneley. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

#### ALPENA COUNTY JAIL

Coordinator Thornton reported that he has been talking with Devere Construction on our current jail situation of maintenance and being over capacity. Chairman Nunneley referred this issue to the Law Enforcement Committee.

#### TOUR

Chairman Nunneley reported that there would be a tour of county properties on June 10, 2006. This will be considered a workshop session of the County Board of Commissioners and will start at 8:30 a.m. at the courthouse.

#### NEXT BOARD MEETING

Chairman Nunneley reported that the next board meeting would be held at 1:00 p.m. at the Alpena Senior Citizens Center.

#### GIS - AERIAL PHOTOS

Coordinator Thornton reported that the County has been approached by Image America who will do aerial photography of Alpena at a cost of \$43,911. Coordinator Thornton is looking into various ways of funding this and will report back.

#### REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Commissioner Wegmeyer gave a report on the transportation platform from MAC Transportation Committee.

Commissioner Mullaney gave a report on the platform for the MAC Judiciary and Public Safety Committee. The platform will be available in the notebook in the commissioners office. Coordinator Thornton was directed to check into the information.

Commissioner Mullaney expressed concern that the Landfill was not accepting contaminated soil from Alpena and it had accepted contaminated soil and various other contaminated items from various counties.

Commissioner Estlack reported that Alpena County is participating in an emergency exercise at 4:00 p.m. today.

Commissioner Estlack reported that the Natural Resource Commission will not be limiting the amount of doe permits issued. He also reported that approximately 60 cormorants a week are being harvested and the first week in June, they are going to oil eggs.

#### EDUCATIONAL SESSION

Everyone was invited to attend the Educational Session following the board meeting in the Register of Deeds Office. The Prosecutor's Office was asked for the next Educational Session.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Commissioner Wegmeyer and supported by Commissioner

Donakowski to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

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Michael W. Nunneley, Chairman of the Board

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Bonnie Friedrichs, County Clerk