

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
ALPENA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

June 26, 2007

5:00 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 June 26, 2007 at 5:00 p.m.

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

PRAYER

Prayer was offered by Father Patrick Maher from St. John the Baptist Catholic Church.

ROLL CALL

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

AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner Habermehl and supported by Commissioner Bell to adopt the agenda with the additions of Commissioner Mullaney - landfill report and New Business - to appoint a Parks Board member. Motion carried.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Regular Session - May 22, 2007

- B) 1) Personnel Committee -June 1, 2007

ACTION ITEM #PM-1: The Committee recommends that we allow Commissioners to purchase medical insurance at their own expense through the County program and the in lieu of benefits money be applied to this and that costs above this amount be deducted from their payroll checks.

ACTION ITEM #PM-2: The Committee recommends that we hire Brent Kohnert and Jillian Seguin as certified lifeguards effective 5/22/07.

ACTION ITEM #PM-3: The Committee recommends that we hire two replacement lifeguards, one is Steven Dorr effective June 18, 2007 and another individual is yet to be determined.

ACTION ITEM #PM-4: The Committee recommends we approve the memo of understanding for Local Union 211-02.

ACTION ITEM #PM-5: The Committee recommends Juergen Thusat be

appointed to the Planning Commission for a three year term effective immediately through 12/31/09.

B) 2) Personnel Committee - June 6, 2007

ACTION ITEM #PM-1: The Committee recommends that Sally Tremain be appointed to the Local Emergency Policy Planning Committee.

C) Emergency Services Policy Committee - June 13, 2007

ACTION ITEM #ESPCM-1: The Committee recommends that we adopt the Search and Rescue Emergency Policies & Procedures as presented.

ACTION ITEM #ESPCM-2: The Committee recommends that we adopt the Marine Emergency Policies & Procedures with the recommended changes made to be made.

ACTION ITEM #ESPCM-3: The Committee recommends that we adopt the Weather Watches and Warning-Sirens Policies & Procedures with the recommended changes made.

(Not approved in the consent calendar)

D) Airport Committee - June 19, 2007

ACTION ITEM #AP-1: The committee recommends that the County of Alpena enter into a contract with RS & H, Inc. for

future airport engineering services.

ACTION ITEM #AP-2: The committee recommends approval of Peckham Engineering Amendment #12, clearing and grubbing for wildlife habitat removal as part of the drain project, and that the Chairman of the Board be authorized to sign the contract.

ACTION ITEM #AP-3: The committee recommends approval of Peckham Engineering=s Amendment #14, wetland mitigation and MDEQ permit applications for the airport drain project, and that the Chairman of the Board be authorized to sign the contract.

ACTION ITEM #AP-4: The committee recommends approval of Peckham Engineering=s Amendment #15, to provide construction documents to replace a culvert under perimeter road at the north end of airport property, and authorize the chairman of the board to sign the contract.

ACTION ITEM #AP-5: The committee recommends that the county accept the low bid for an airport snow blower from Industrial Marketing at \$540,724.00 with the county=s match of \$13,518.10 to come out of 631-266-975.182.

E) Finance/Building Maintenance and Recreation Committee -
June 20, 2007

General Fund: \$140,445.85

Per Diems: \$ 1,110.00

ACTION ITEM #FM-1: The Committee recommends we approve the request for \$100 for the Veterans Counselor to attend the 2007 Service Officer School with monies to be taken out of 101-200-732.

ACTION ITEM #FM-2: The Committee recommends we approve the request from the Optimist Club to construct a gazebo at the fairgrounds Kiddy Park and to construct signs near the fairgrounds gate.

ACTION ITEM #FM-3: The Committee recommends that the Clerk be authorized to purchase a fax machine with monies to be taken out 101-215-977.

(Not approved in the consent calendar)

ACTION ITEM #FM-4: The Committee recommends an increase of the Second Assistant Prosecutors contract with funds to be taken from the Prosecutors budget in the amount of \$2,000 effective for the time period 7-1-07/12-31-07.

ACTION ITEM #FM-5: The Committee recommends the Older Persons

Committee GUIDELINES be adopted.

ACTION ITEM #FM-6: The Committee recommends that we continue to pay the ticket reimbursement for Northern Lights Arena when submitted appropriately and that we will no longer pay the administration fee.

ACTION ITEM #FM-7: The Committee recommends that approximately \$6,400 be taken from the contingency fund to meet the counties obligation to this person retiring referred to in the 6-1-07 minutes.

ACTION ITEM #FM-8: The Committee recommends we approve the Region 9 Area Agency on Aging Plan.

ACTION ITEM #FM-9: The Committee recommends we authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign the amended County Child Care Fund and re-submit it to the State of Michigan.

ACTION ITEM #FM-10: The Committee recommends we table the Department of Human Services Carpet purchase to the July Finance meeting.

ACTION ITEM #FM-11: The Committee recommends we authorize up to \$2,000 for the jail painting project.

ACTION ITEM #FM-12: The Committee recommends that the Sheriff=s office be authorized to purchase five Brackets for

SCBA=s, and that funds come from within their own budget.

Moved by Commissioner Fournier and supported by Commissioner VanWormer 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, and Hall. NAYS: None. Commissioner Estlack excused. Motion carried.

WEATHER WATCHES AND SIRENS

Moved by Commissioner Bell and supported by Commissioner Habermehl that we adopt the Weather Watches and Warning-Sirens Policies & Procedures with the recommended changes made to include changing the wording in section 3.2 from ANear Cliff Anschuetz - Henry and Wilson Streets@ to APied Piper Center and Alpena Township Northside Fire Station@. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners Bell, Donakowski, Mullaney, VanWormer, Fournier, Habermehl, and Hall. NAYS: None. Commissioner Estlack excused. Motion carried.

CLERK=S FAX MACHINE

Moved by Commissioner VanWormer and supported by Commissioner Fournier that the Clerk be authorized to purchase a fax machine with monies to be transferred from 101-215-931 into the equipment fund 402-234-980.152. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners Bell,

Donakowski, Mullaney, VanWormer, Fournier, Habermehl, and Hall. NAYS: None. Commissioner Estlack excused. Motion carried.

2006 AUDIT

Mark Sandula, from Straley, Ilsley & Lamp CPA=s, presented the 2006 Audit. Questions were asked of Mark regarding GASB 45 which is concerning retirees benefits would require the county to have an actuarial study completed at the estimated cost of \$5,000.

APPROVAL OF AUDIT

Moved by Commissioner VanWormer and supported by Commissioner Bell to approve the 2006 Audit as presented. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners Bell, Donakowski, Mullaney, VanWormer, Fournier, Habermehl, and Hall. NAYS: None. Commissioner Estlack excused. Motion carried.

CITIZENS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL INQUIRY

Joseph P. Swallow, Circuit Judge Retired, representing Citizens for Environmental Inquiry, spoke on Global Warming and presented the Board with a video called the Inconvenient Truth.

AMBULANCE RATE INCREASE

Thad Taylor, Interim City Manager, and Ken Hubbard, City of Alpena Deputy Fire Chief, presented a request for an Ambulance Rate Increase for Advanced Life Support transfers from \$500 to \$600.

Moved by Commissioner Habermehl and supported by Commissioner

Bell that the ambulance rate increase for Advanced Life support transfers be increased by 5% which would increase the rate from \$500 to \$525. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners Bell, Donakowski, VanWormer, Fournier, Habermehl, and Hall. NAYS: Commissioner Mullaney. Commissioner Estlack excused. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #07-11

Sheriff Steve Kieliszewski presented the following resolution for adoption:

A Resolution Recognizing the 10 -Year Anniversary for Victim Advocates

Whereas, the Alpena County Victim Advocate Services was formed in June of 1997 by the Alpena County Sheriff, Jim Marquardt; his secretary, Holly Wyman; and twenty-one concerned citizens that followed the example of the Michigan Sheriffs= Association, and;

Whereas, the current Alpena County Sheriff Steve Kieliszewski, twelve charter members and four new members make up the Alpena County Victim Advocate Services, and;

Whereas, the Alpena County Victim Advocate Services step in, stay with the victim and assist with what may be the worst time of his or her life; as long as needed, and;

Whereas, Victim Advocate Services are directly related to victims of crime, disasters or tragedy, Victim Advocates are skilled volunteers trained in crisis intervention, prevention, and are

compassionate listeners who work in strict confidentiality, and;

Whereas, they respond to calls from police, fire, medical, and 911 services in the following instances: motor vehicle accidents, robbery, breaking and entering, assaults, homicides, multi-casualty disasters, fires, safety planning, family crisis, elder abuse, sexual assault, missing persons, suicide/attempts, spousal/partner abuse, death notification and bereavement, and;

Whereas, Victim Advocates serve as a go-between for victims, their families, police officials, and emergency providers. They accompany victims to the hospital, police station or shelter, as needed, and;

Whereas, Victim Advocates offer comfort at times of need, and assist in helping anyway they can, their motto is and always will be APeople Helping People.®

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Alpena County Board of Commissioners urge Alpena County residents to join them in honoring and commending the Alpena County Victim Advocate Services who answer and respond to our 9-1-1 calls for police, fire and emergency medical assistance and assist those in need.

Be It Further Resolved, that the Alpena County Board of Commissioners would like to express gratitude and appreciation for the endless

volunteer hours put forth by the Alpena County Victim Advocate Services, thank you for making a difference in so many lives.

Moved by Commissioner Habermehl and supported by Commissioner Mullaney to approve the above resolution. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners Bell, Donakowski, Mullaney, VanWormer, Fournier, Habermehl, and Hall. NAYS: None. Commissioner Estlack excused. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #07-12

Prosecutor Dennis Grenkowicz and County Coordinator Jeff Thornton presented the following resolution:

ALL STATES RECEIVE PERFORMANCE INCENTIVES

Whereas, all states receive performance incentives including Paternities established, Support Orders established, Current Support collected, Arrears collected, and Cost Effectiveness; and

Whereas, all qualified expenditures are reimbursed by the Federal Government at 66%, therefore, all incentive funded expenditures are reimbursed at 66% also; and

Whereas, this match is eliminated by the Deficit Reduction Act resulting in a loss of Federal Revenue to Michigan of over 50 million dollars (20% of total program funding); and

Whereas, this action will directly impact Michigan counties with a direct

loss of 29 million dollars; and

Therefore Be It Resolved that we, the Alpena County Board of Commissioners, strongly urges our U.S. Senators and Representatives to maintain current federal funding and the Michigan legislature to hold counties harmless of any losses as a result of legislative action;

Further Be It Resolved that copies of this resolution be forwarded to U. S. Senator Carl Levin, U. S. Senator Debbie Stabenow, Governor Jennifer Granholm, State Senator Tony Stamas, State Representative Matthew Gillard and Michigan Association of Counties.

Moved by Commissioner Mullaney and supported by Commissioner Bell to approve the above resolution. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners Bell, Donakowski, Mullaney, VanWormer, Fournier, Habermehl, and Hall. NAYS: None. Commissioner Estlack excused. Motion carried.

COORDINATOR REPORT

Coordinator Jeff Thornton presented information concerning the two sidewalk bills presented by the City of Alpena for the Health Department and the Northern Lights Arena. He reported that we do not own the Health Department property and forwarded that information to the City and the Health Department. Moved by Commissioner Mullaney and supported by

Commissioner Bell that Jeff Thornton be requested to attend the City hearing to protest the assessment for the sidewalks. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners Bell, Donakowski, Mullaney, VanWormer, Fournier, Habermehl, and Hall. NAYS: None. Commissioner Estlack excused. Motion carried.

Montmorency-Oscoda-Alpena Solid Waste Management Authority

Letter of Financial Assurance

Sandy Cunningham, Montmorency-Oscoda-Alpena Solid Waste Management Authority, requested a letter of Financial Assurance from Alpena County.

Moved by Commissioner Fournier and supported by Commissioner Mullaney to authorize sending a letter of Financial Assurance from Alpena County to the Montmorency-Oscoda-Alpena Solid Waste Management Authority contingent upon legal review and sending an invoice with it. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners Bell, Donakowski, Mullaney, VanWormer, Fournier, Habermehl, and Hall. NAYS: None. Commissioner Estlack excused. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL OR AD HOC COMMITTEE

Commissioner Fournier requested that an alternate be appointed to the Finance Committee to fill in if a commissioner was absent. Moved by Commissioner Fournier and supported by Commissioner VanWormer to appoint Commissioner Habermehl as an alternate on the Finance

Committee to fill in when a Committee member is not able to attend the meeting. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners Bell, Donakowski, Mullaney, VanWormer, Fournier, Habermehl, and Hall. NAYS: None.

Commissioner Estlack excused. Motion carried.

Commissioner VanWormer gave an update on the Northern Lights Arena. He reported that are operating at a deficit of \$24,000.

Commissioner Mullaney requested that the Airport Committee consist of one less member because it is hard to get a quorum together for a meeting. Commissioner Habermehl volunteered to step down from the Airport Committee.

LANDFILL QUESTIONS

Coordinator Jeff Thornton read the board actions regarding the landfill as listed below:

- 1) Board action #20 from 3/27/07 regarding financial transactions

Moved by Commissioner Mullaney and supported by Commissioner Bell that this item has been resolved and that it be closed. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners Bell, Donakowski, Mullaney, VanWormer, Fournier, Habermehl, and Hall. NAYS: None. Commissioner Estlack excused. Motion carried.

- 2) Board action #21 from 3/27/07 regarding reports, minutes, or vouchers on retirement.

Moved by Commissioner Mullaney and supported by Commissioner

Bell that this item has been resolved and that it be closed. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners Bell, Donakowski, Mullaney, VanWormer, Fournier, Habermehl, and Hall. NAYS: None. Commissioner Estlack excused. Motion carried.

- 3) Board action #22 from 3/27/07 regarding the bill for \$444.91 for retirement.

Moved by Commissioner Mullaney and supported by Commissioner Habermehl that this item has been resolved and that it be closed. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners Bell, Donakowski, Mullaney, VanWormer, Fournier, Habermehl, and Hall. NAYS: None. Commissioner Estlack excused. Motion carried.

- 4) Board action #23 from 3/27/07 regarding Bylaw change - Election of Officers

Moved by Commissioner Mullaney and supported by Commissioner Habermehl that this item has been resolved and that it be closed. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners Bell, Donakowski, Mullaney, VanWormer, Fournier, Habermehl, and Hall. NAYS: None. Commissioner Estlack excused. Motion carried.

- 5) Board action #24 regarding the bylaw change - citizen at large.

Moved by Commissioner Mullaney and supported by Commissioner VanWormer that this item has been resolved and that it be closed. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners Bell, Donakowski, Mullaney,

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

6) Board action #25 regarding the Treasurer/Investment Holder
Moved by Commissioner Mullaney and supported by Commissioner VanWormer that this item has been resolved and that it be closed. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners Bell, Donakowski, Mullaney, VanWormer, Fournier, Habermehl, and Hall. NAYS: None. Commissioner Estlack excused. Motion carried.

PARKS COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

Moved by Commissioner Mullaney and supported by Commissioner Habermehl to appoint Commissioner VanWormer to the Alpena County Parks Commission effective immediately. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners Bell, Donakowski, Mullaney, VanWormer, Fournier, Habermehl, and Hall. NAYS: None. Commissioner Estlack excused. Motion carried.

CLERK=S PASSPORT FEES

County Clerk Bonnie Friedrichs reported that the Federal Government is restricting the County Clerk=s Office from processing a passport if the birth certificate was issued by their office.

Moved by Commissioner Habermehl and supported by Commissioner Fournier to send a letter to our Federal Representatives regarding this matter. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners Bell, Donakowski,

Mullaney, VanWormer, Fournier, Habermehl, and Hall. NAYS: None.

Commissioner Estlack excused. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Commissioner Habermehl and supported by Commissioner Mullaney to go into closed session to discuss a grievance. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners Bell, Donakowski, Mullaney, VanWormer, Fournier, Habermehl, and Hall. NAYS: None. Commissioner Estlack excused. Motion carried. The meeting was closed at 7:16 p.m. and reopened at 7:40 p.m. Roll was called with the following Commissioners present: Bell, Donakowski, Mullaney, VanWormer, Fournier, Habermehl, and Hall. Commissioner Estlack excused.

GRIEVANCE SETTLEMENT

Moved by Commissioner Mullaney and supported by Commissioner Bell to authorize settlement of grievance #06-504. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners Bell, Donakowski, Mullaney, VanWormer, Fournier, Habermehl, and Hall. NAYS: None. Commissioner Estlack excused. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Commissioner Bell and supported by Commissioner Mullaney to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Mark Hall, Chairman of the Board

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Bonnie Friedrichs, County Clerk