

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
ALPENA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Full Board Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, April 28, 2026 – 1:00 p.m.  
Howard Male Conference Room/Zoom Room**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Alpena County Board of Commissioners met, and the meeting was called to order by Chairman John Kozlowski in the County Annex Building, Howard Male Conference Room, Alpena, Michigan and via Zoom on Tuesday, April 28, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.

**PRAYER**

Prayer was offered by Major Prezza Morrison of the Salvation Army Church.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Kozlowski 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: Bill LaHaie, District #1; Dan Ludlow, District #2; Lucille Bray, District #3; Brenda Fournier, District #5; Todd Britton, District #6; Travis Konarzewski, District #7; and Commissioner John Kozlowski, District #8. Bill Peterson, District #4, excused.

**AGENDA**

Moved by Commissioner LaHaie and supported by Commissioner Fournier to adopt the agenda with the following changes: 1) Move Special Order - DPW Thank You to the beginning of the meeting; 2) Add Comments by the County Administrator after Special Order; 3) Add Correspondence from the Girl Scouts and; 4) Add Budget Adjustment for HUNT. Motion carried.

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS THANK YOU**

On behalf of Alpena County Chairman Kozlowski presented a thank you to the Department of Public Works team for their partnership and efforts with helping to clear debris and remove damaged trees at the courthouse after the recent ice storm.

**COMMENTS BY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

County Administrator Jesse Osmer addressed some of the questions being posted on social media regarding the fairground deed timelines, meetings that took place with Blackwater, and answered some of the most basic questions found online regarding the fairground's proposal.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comments were heard regarding the fairground proposal, Fair Board, and 4H.

### **BILLS TO PAY**

Chairman Kozlowski presented the bills to be paid.

	<b>SUBMITTED:</b>	<b>APPROVED:</b>
General Fund & Other Funds	\$212,087.43	\$212,087.43

Moved by Commissioner LaHaie and supported by Commissioner Bray to pay all bills as presented. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners LaHaie, Ludlow, Bray, Fournier, Britton, Konarzewski and Kozlowski. NAYS: None. Commissioner Peterson, excused. Motion carried.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Chairman Kozlowski presented the Consent Calendar with minutes for approval.

- A) **Finance Ways & Means Committee Meeting Minutes** – April 14, 2026
- B) **Special Full Board Meeting Minutes** – April 17, 2026
- C) **Facilities, Capital and Strategic Planning Committee Meeting Minutes** – April 15, 2026
- D) **Grants & Contracts Committee Meeting Minutes** – April 16, 2026

ACTION ITEM #GCC-1: The Committee recommends approval of the professional service agreement with Huron Engineering & Surveying in the amount of \$17,550.00 and Lewis and Lewis Professional Surveying in the amount of \$16,200.00 for remonumentation services in Alpena County for 2026 as presented.

ACTION ITEM #GCC-2: The Committee recommends approval of the Firearm Policy with discussed revisions as presented.

ACTION ITEM #GCC-3: The Committee recommends approval of the LoU between the County of Alpena and the Michigan Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council representing E911 Central Dispatch Telecommunicators as presented.

ACTION ITEM #GCC-4: The Committee recommends approval to proceed with the already budgeted cleaning of the air ducts at the courthouse with ServiceMaster as presented.

**E) Courts & Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes – April 20, 2026**

ACTION ITEM #CPSC-1: The Committee recommends approval of the reimbursement request from the City of Alpena for the annual service of the Stryker Power-Load cot/lift system and Lifepak cardiac monitors, in the amount of \$30,999.20 per the Ambulance Service Agreement as presented.

ACTION ITEM #CPSC-2: The Committee recommends approval to for Sheriff’s Deputy Mike Lash to work in conjunction with the County Administrator to proceed with applying for a grant through the State Justice Institute to help move forward with court security as presented.

Moved by Commissioner Ludlow and supported by Commissioner Konarzewski to approve the Consent Calendar which includes actions as listed above and filing of all reports. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners LaHaie, Ludlow, Bray, Fournier, Britton, Konarzewski, and Kozlowski. NAYS: None. Commissioner Peterson, excused. Motion carried.

**FIRST QUARTER BUDGET ADJUSTMENT**

County Treasurer Cindy Cebula presented the first quarter budget adjustment for review and approval.

Moved by Commissioner Fournier and supported by Commissioner LaHaie to approve the first quarter budget adjustment as presented. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners LaHaie, Ludlow, Bray, Fournier, Britton, Konarzewski, and Kozlowski. NAYS: None. Commissioner Peterson, excused. Motion carried.

**ACTION ITEM #3: Recommendation to approve the First Quarter Budget Adjustment as presented.**

**HUNT BUDGET ADJUSTMENT**

Treasurer Cebula presented a budget adjustment request for HUNT to increase their revenue and expenditure lines for an unexpected grant received from MCOLES.

Moved by Commissioner Bray and supported by Commissioner Ludlow to approve the HUNT budget adjustment as presented. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners LaHaie, Ludlow, Bray, Fournier, Britton, Konarzewski, and Kozlowski. NAYS: None. Commissioner Peterson, excused. Motion carried.

**ACTION ITEM #4: Recommendation to approve the HUNT budget adjustment as presented.**

**ANIMAL CONTROL CREDIT CARD REQUEST**

Undersheriff Cash Kroll presented a request for a credit card to be issued to Animal Control to pay for veterinary care at the point of service to align with the vet's accounting practices. The card would be used primarily for vet expenses but could include specialized food or things of that nature as well.

Moved by Commissioner Konarzewski and supported by Commissioner Britton to approve issuing Animal Control a credit card as presented. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners LaHaie, Ludlow, Bray, Fournier, Britton, Konarzewski, and Kozlowski. NAYS: None. Commissioner Peterson, excused. Motion carried.

**ACTION ITEM #4: Recommendation to approve the Sheriff's request to issue an Animal Control credit card with a limit of no more than \$5,000.00 as presented.**

#### **BIOREFINERY LAWSUIT**

No updated communication was received from Attorney Bill Pfeifer. Any information received will be added to the next meeting.

#### **BUDGET ADJUSTMENT**

Administrator Osmer presented budget adjustment requests to increase the expenditure line item for an insurance claim on one of the maintenance trucks and increase two line items to begin spending the \$5,000.00 received through the Community Foundation grant for the ice storm clean up.

Moved by Commissioner LaHaie and supported by Commissioner Ludlow to approve the budget adjustments as presented. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners LaHaie, Ludlow, Bray, Fournier, Britton, Konarzewski, and Kozlowski. NAYS: None. Commissioner Peterson, excused. Motion carried.

**ACTION ITEM #5: Recommendation to approve the County Administrator's budget adjustments as presented.**

#### **DEBRIS COLLECTION SITE**

Administrator Osmer reported the debris collection site at the airport will be open for the month of May. He thanked the Community Foundation and Northeast Michigan Materials Management Authority for partnering with the county.

#### **FAIRGROUNDS CONTRACT**

Administrator Osmer reported that due to the amount of activity within the last couple of weeks regarding the fairground contract this was placed on today's agenda for the board to discuss amongst themselves anything they would like to touch base on regarding the contract.

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

**Facilities, Capital & Strategic Planning Committee Update** – Chair Britton provided an update from April’s Facilities Committee meeting.

**Courts & Public Safety Committee Update** – Chair Bray provided an update from April’s Courts & Public Safety Committee meeting.

**Grants and Contracts Committee Update** – Chair Ludlow provided an update from April’s Grants and Contracts Committee meeting.

**Personnel Committee Update** –Chair Fournier had no updates from April’s Personnel Committee meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Administrator Osmer reported a letter was received this morning from the two Girl Scouts who had built the rainbow bridge and placed it at the fairgrounds. They have found a permanent location for the bridge and intend to remove it within the next two weeks. They wanted to thank the board for the help they gave to them and in reply, Administrator Osmer thanked the scouts for their work on the project and giving citizens who have lost their beloved pets a place to memorialize them and wished them both the best in their continued service to the Girl Scouts.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comments were heard regarding the fairground’s proposal, the fair board, and 4H.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Commissioner LaHaie and supported by Commissioner Fournier to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:04 p.m.

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John Kozlowski, Chairman of the Board

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Keri Bertrand, County Clerk