

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
ALPENA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Full Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 26, 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, May 26, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.

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 addition of a budget adjustment for the Plaza Pool. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

BILLS TO PAY

Chairman Kozlowski presented the bills to be paid.

	SUBMITTED:	APPROVED:
General Fund & Other Funds	\$150,415.63	\$150,415.63

Moved by Commissioner LaHaie and supported by Commissioner Ludlow 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** – May 12, 2026

B) **Grants & Contracts Committee Meeting Minutes** – April 16, 2026

ACTION ITEM #GCC-1: The Committee recommends approval of the FY2027-2028 salary recommendations for the contracted attorneys as presented.

****Pulled from Consent Calendar**

***After the meeting it was noted that the amount for Emilee Manning was incorrect. The item was added to the Courts & Public Safety Committee on May 18th for correction and reapproval.*

***The Courts & Public Safety Committee voted on May 19th to table approving the attorney salary recommendations pending further information and the agenda item will now be reassigned to the Courts & Public Safety Committee for future review and approval.*

ACTION ITEM #GCC-2: The Committee recommends approval to continue leasing with Enterprise Fleet Management and turn in the three 36 month leased Grounds and Maintenance plow trucks that are at the end of their lease term for three 2026 plow trucks as presented.

C) **Courts & Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes** – May 18, 2026

ACTION ITEM #CPSC-1: The Committee recommends approval to transfer ownership of radio equipment no longer in use by Central Dispatch to the Alpena County Road Commission at no charge as presented.

D) **Facilities, Capital and Strategic Planning Committee Meeting Minutes** – May 20, 2026

INFORMATIONAL ONLY

Parks & Recreation Meeting Minutes – March 23, 2026, and April 8, 2026

Moved by Commissioner Fournier and supported by Commissioner Britton 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.

LOCAL COUNTY PROSECUTOR SUPPORT GRANT

Alpena County Prosecutor Cynthia Muszynski presented the Local Prosecutor Support Grant application for review and approval. This is a reimbursement grant for up to \$108,147.00 with no county match that can be stretched over the next 5 years or spent prior to that. Prosecutor Muszynski would use the funding for software with the remaining funds to be used to attempt to bring in another prosecutor as a contractual position.

Moved by Commissioner Bray and supported by Commissioner Konarzewski to approve the Local County Prosecutor Support Grant application 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 Michigan Department of Treasury Local Prosecutor Support Grant application in the amount of \$108,147.00 with no county match as presented.

OPIOID FUNDING FOR REBORN RESCUE AND HURON HUMANE SOCIETY

County Administrator Jesse Osmer stated that Chairman Kozlowski had questions on the opioid funding for Reborn Rescue and the Huron Humane Society and invited members from the Opioid Remediation Fund Steering Committee to today’s meeting to answer those questions. Opioid Committee members Dr. Jason Beatty, Vicki Konczak Miltz, and Donna Hardies (via Zoom) were present along with Carlos and Shannon Vivero from Reborn Rescue to answer questions. Chairman Kozlowski requested a copy of financial statements from each organization.

AMENDMENT TO CAPITAL ASSET POLICY

Administrator Osmer presented an amendment to the capital asset policy increasing the values from \$5,000.00 to \$10,000.00 with recommendation from the auditor. As prices and costs increase this will bring the county in line with other units they work with.

Moved by Commissioner Bray and supported by Commissioner Fournier to approve increasing the values of the capital asset policy 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 increasing the Capital Asset Policy values from \$5,000.00 to \$10,000.00 per auditor recommendation as presented.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT – INSURANCE RECOVERY/CLAIM REPAIR

Administrator Osmer reported the county acts as a fiduciary for HUNT, and they recently had one of their vehicles involved in an accident. An insurance claim was filed and there are line items that need to be adjusted to receive the insurance check and then pay the repair company.

Moved by Commissioner Bray and supported by Commissioner Ludlow to approve the 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 #5: Recommendation to approve increasing budget revenue line item 266-335-698.000 Insurance Recovery in the amount of \$1,405.00 and increase budget expenditure line item 266-335-934.003 Insurance Claim Repair in the amount of \$1,405.00 and pay it to

Plowman’s Collision for repairs made to a HUNT vehicle that was damaged in a car/deer accident as presented.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT – PLAZA POOL

Administrator Osmer reported when Grounds and Maintenance were repairing and cleaning the pool, they found approximately \$2,000.00 worth of repairs that needed to be made. At the same time a donation came in for the anchors for the diving blocks that are being purchased for the pool. The anchors are just over \$6,000.00. Also, the money from the Make a Splash expenses came in and those line items need to be adjusted as well.

Moved by Commissioner Ludlow and supported by Commissioner Konarzewski to approve the 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 #6: Recommendation to approve the Plaza Pool budget adjustment as follows:

- **Increase Revenue 273-774-647.009 Donation Anchors/Diving Blocks \$6,068.00**
- **Increase Expenditure 273-774-932.000 Building Maintenance \$2,000.00**
- **Increase Expenditure 273-774-970.402 Equipment Replacement \$6,068.00**
- **Increase Expenditure 273-776-955.000 Make a Splash Mis Expense \$1,813.00**

REPORTS OF SPECIAL OR AD HOC COMMITTEES

Facilities, Capital & Strategic Planning Committee Update – Chair Britton provided an update from May’s Facilities Committee meeting noting a correction that all airport equipment was not operational. There is an issue with the plow of the spreader and hydraulics on the other blower are down.

Administrator Osmer reported the name chosen by the majority of the board via a poll for the eagle sculpture will be Fremont Park.

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

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

Personnel Committee Update –Chair Fournier reported May’s Personnel Committee meeting was cancelled due to no official business for discussion.

CORRESPONDENCE

Chairman Kozlowski presented two emails that were received as correspondence.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

COMMENTS BY THE BOARD

Commissioner Bray reported that she will be out canvassing in her district face to face speaking with her voters on their feelings and asking that they come to meetings to voice their opinions.

Chairman Kozlowski made clarifications on some of the public comments that were made.

Commissioner Britton reported that he does respond to emails, not necessarily in a timely manner but he will not respond to hostile voice messages.

Commissioner Konarzewski clarified that Maintenance Superintendent Nick Akins did get back with him right after the last meeting stating there were 57 units in winter storage last year totaling \$23,615.00 which is less than half of what they were anticipating.

Commissioner Fournier addressed some of the public comments and stated the board has a huge decision to make.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Commissioner LaHaie and supported by Commissioner Fournier to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:06 p.m.

John Kozlowski, Chairman of the Board

Keri Bertrand, County Clerk