

RESOLUTION

Alcona County Grassroots Conservatives

RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE ACTIONS OF THE ALCONA COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING AND CALLING ON THE ALCONA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO INVESTIGATE THESE ACTIONS

Whereas, At the Alcona County Fair Alcona Junior Livestock Club Market Sale the Director of the Alcona County Commission on Aging was authorized by the Alcona County Commission on Aging board the sum of \$3,000.00 to bid on an animal auction out of the food bank grant; and

Whereas, The Director not only spent the approved \$3000.00 but an additional \$1132.75 at that same event; and

Whereas, Not only was the sum of \$4132.75 spent, the processing fee will further exceed the approved \$3000.00 . The intention was stated at the open public meeting to use it for the food bank however, that was not feasible due to regulations and was processed to be distributed among Alcona County Commission on Aging staff.; and

Whereas, At most meetings of township and county boards usually a sum is voted on and adhered to or if unforeseeable costs are possible a “fudge factor” is introduced and the motion is above the amount with the phrase “not to exceed”.; and

Whereas, It was stated that the director did not need the consent of the board for spending since it was disclosed at the open meeting that director has the ability to spend the sum of \$10,000.00 without board authorization. It was further stated that for the reasons of “community good will” and “advertising” it was in the purview of the director to use funds in this manner.; and

Whereas, At the same open meeting it was claimed that taxpayer funds (millage money) were not used for the market sale to support the good will of the organization, but that this institution also receives grants. If the grants are from county, state or federal organizations or agencies that would be considered taxpayer money.; and

Whereas, It was also revealed that the organization formed under the county as the Alcona County Commission on Aging is now a brand.; and

Whereas, The original scope for creation of the Alcona County Commission on Aging was to meet needs of the seniors. In the last 3 years it has increased to meet the food needs because of the pandemic, then it turned into a food bank.; and

Whereas, Prior to 2020, the original scope was to replace the current Senior Center building with a new building for the seniors. Since 2020 the plans have morphed from a meeting place for seniors into a meeting place with exercise center and suites for economic development as well as low-income housing.; and

Whereas, Providence, which by all its dispensations proves that it delights in the happiness of man here and his greater happiness hereafter ; with all these blessings, what more is necessary to make us a happy and prosperous people? Still one thing more, fellow citizens - a wise and frugal government, which shall restrain men from injuring one another, which shall leave them otherwise free to regulate their own pursuits of industry and improvement, and shall not take from the mouth of labor the bread it has earned. This is the sum

of good government, and this is necessary to close the circle of our felicities. INAUGURATION ADDRESS. — MARCH 4, 1801 Page 4, THE WRITINGS OF THOMAS JEFFERSON: BEING HIS AUTOBIOGRAPHY, CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS, MESSAGES, ADDRESSES, AND OTHER WRITINGS, OFFICIAL AND PRIVATE. PUBLISHED BY THE ORDER OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE OF CONGRESS ON THE LIBRARY, FROM THE ORIGINAL MANUSCRIPTS, DEPOSITED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, NEW YORK: PUBLISHED BY RIKER, THORNE & CO. WASHINGTON, D. C.: -TAYLOR & MAURY. 1854.; and

Whereas, In Congress, July 4, 1776 The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America: We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, ... That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men, Governments were not created for social programs or provision. Bounty Payments for Cod Fisheries, [6 February] 1792 James Madison (<https://founders.archives.gov/documents/Madison/01-14-02-0192>) David Crockett: Not Yours to Give (<https://patriotpost.us/documents/69>) and Why Grover Cleveland Vetoed the Texas Seed Bill Robert Higgs (<https://fee.org/articles/why-grover-cleveland-vetoed-the-texas-seed-bill>) (<https://billofrightsinstitute.org/e-lessons/cleveland-and-the-texas-seed-bill>); and

Whereas, In Congress, July 4, 1776 The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America: For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent (Item 17 of the indictment of abuses of the King). That those who own property and have no say because the property is not a primary property, and under what principle in the establishing of this government has a principle that a simple majority can majority infringe on the minority? and

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That we, Alcona County Grassroots Conservatives disagree with the concept of taking money from its citizens for the purpose of redistributing it to individual groups. This is not a constitutional provision but one of Socialism and Communism. As this is the practice we are engaged in, we are asking oversight from Alcona County Board of Commissioners since Alcona County Commission on Aging is county sanctioned.; and

Therefore, Be It Further Resolved That We Alcona County Grassroots Conservatives call on Alcona County Board of Commissioners to investigate the intent and scope of ALCONA COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING purchases at the 2022 Alcona Junior Livestock Club Market Sale of \$4132.75.; and

Therefore, Be It Further Resolved That We Alcona County Grassroots Conservatives call on Alcona County Board of Commissioners to investigate and hold accountable the Board of Alcona County Commission on Aging for their acquiescence of Alcona Junior Livestock Sale expenditures beyond the \$3000 cap set.; and

Therefore, Be It Be It Further Resolved That We Alcona County Grassroots Conservatives call on Alcona County Board of Commissioners to investigate and publicly disclose the final processing cost and funding source of processing for purchases from the Alcona Junior Livestock Club Market Sale, as well as explain where the meat was distributed and how this was done in compliance with policies in place.; and

Therefore, Be It Further Resolved That We Alcona County Grassroots Conservatives call on Alcona County Board of Commissioners to investigate and publicly disclose when the Alcona County Commission on Aging Board approved the \$10,000 spending allowance of the Director and to publicly disclose the full terms of this spending allowance.; and

Therefore, Be It Further Resolved That We Alcona County Grassroots Conservatives call on Alcona County Board of Commissioners to investigate and publicly disclose if tax payer funds of any manner were used for "Goodwill" and/or "Public Relations".; and

Therefore, Be It Further Resolved That We Alcona County Grassroots Conservatives call on Alcona County Board of Commissioners to investigate and publicly disclose the source of funds used for Alcona County Commission on Aging purchases at the Alcona Junior Livestock Club Market Sale.; *and*

Therefore, Be It Further Resolved That We Alcona County Grassroots Conservatives call on Alcona County Board of Commissioners to investigate and publicly disclose when, why and under who's authority the scope of Alcona County Commission on Aging changed from serving seniors to that of a food bank?; *and*

Therefore, Be It Further Resolved That We Alcona County Grassroots Conservatives call on Alcona County Board of Commissioners to investigate and publicly disclose when and under what terms the Alcona County Commission on Aging became a "Brand".; *and*

Therefore, Be It Further Resolved That We Alcona County Grassroots Conservatives call on Alcona County Board of Commissioners to investigate and publicly disclose how the need for a new Alcona County Commission on Aging building/senior center led to the current proposed construction of a "Large Community Center" and "Low Income Apartment Complex".; *and*

Therefore, Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to all 11 Alcona County Townships, Village of Lincoln, City of Harrisville, the Alcona County Board of Commissioners, the County Clerk and NorthEast Michigan Community Service Agency.

Approved by the **Alcona County Grassroots Conservatives** Government Accountability Committee on the 20th day of September 2022.

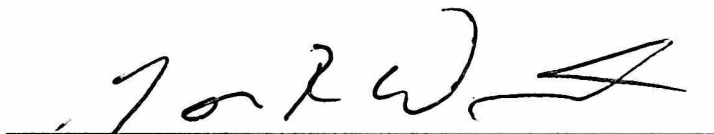
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VOTE

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Drew A. Wagener Yes



Gary R. Wnuk Chairman,

Alcona County Grassroots Conservatives