

Aleutians East Borough Assembly Meeting  
December 8, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mack called the Regular Assembly meeting to order by teleconference in each community on December 8, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Stanley Mack	Present
Chris Babcock	Present
Carol Foster	Present
Warren Wilson	Present
Alvin D. Osterback	Present
Ken McHugh	Present
Paul Gronholdt	Present
Brenda Wilson	Absent-unexcused

Advisory Members:

Chris Emrich, False Pass	Present
Angela Simpson, Cold Bay	Present
Justine Gundersen, Nelson Lagoon	Absent-excused

A quorum was present.

Staff Present:

Rick Gifford, Administrator  
Roxann Newman, Finance Director  
Tina Anderson, Clerk  
Anne Bailey, Administrator Assistant  
Laura Tanis, Communications Director  
Don Eubank, Maintenance Director

Adoption of the Agenda:

MOTION

Alvin moved to approve and second by Warren. Hearing no objections MOTION PASSED.

Community Roll Call and Public Comments on Agenda Items:

The communities of King Cove, False Pass, Sand Point, Akutan and the Anchorage office were participating. No public comments. Alvin said under New Business, AMMC donation request there is a potential conflict. He started the program and currently serves on as technical advisory.

Minutes, October 17, 2016; November 21, 2016:

MOTION

Chris moved to approve the October 17 and November 21, 2016 Assembly Meeting Minutes and second by Ken. Hearing no more MOTION PASSED.

Financial Reports, October, November, 2016:

**MOTION**

Paul moved to approve the October and November 2016 Financial Reports and second by Alvin.

**DISCUSSION**

The Finance Director said everything is tracking along fine. She added that she portions the fees out monthly for APCM.

**ROLL CALL**

Warren-yes, Ken-yes, Paul-yes, Alvin-yes, Chris B.-yes, Carol-yes. Advisory: Angela-yes, Chris E.-yes. **MOTION PASSED.**

Investment Reports, October:  
In packet.

**ORDINANCES**

Introduction 17-02, Amending Title 1 to provide for a general penalty, a minor offense fine schedule allowing for the disposition of certain offenses without a court appearance, providing for the applicable state surcharge, and amending Title 60 to identify those offenses punishable by the fine listed on the fine schedule.

**MOTION**

Chris moved to accept Ordinance 17-02 and set for Public Hearing at the next regular meeting. Second by Alvin.

**ROLL CALL**

Carol-yes, Alvin-yes, Chris B.-yes, Warren-yes, Paul-yes, Ken-yes. Advisory: Chris E.-yes, Angela-yes. **MOTION PASSED.**

Introduction Ordinance 17-03, amending Title 6, Chapter 6.04, Subsection (F) of the Aleutians East Borough Code of Ordinances.

**MOTION**

Alvin moved to accept Ordinance 17-03 and set for Public Hearing at the next regular meeting. Second by Carol.

**ROLL CALL**

Chris-yes, Paul-yes, Ken-yes, Alvin-yes, Warren-yes, Carol-yes. Advisory: Angela-yes, Chris-yes. **MOTION PASSED.**

**RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution 17-09, Aleutians East Borough in support of full funding from the State of Alaska for the School Bond Debt Reimbursement and state aid for construction in regional education attendance areas.

**MOTION**

Carol moved to approve Resolution 17-09 and second by Chris B.

**ROLL CALL**

Warren-yes, Carol-yes, Ken-yes, Alvin-yes, Chris-yes, Paul-yes. Advisory: Angela-yes, Chris-yes. MOTION PASSED.

Resolution 17-10, authorizing the Mayor to negotiate and execute a helicopter services amendment with Maritime Helicopters, Inc. to provide helicopter services between Akutan Airport on Akun Island and the community of Akutan.

**MOTION**

Alvin moved to adopt Resolution 17-10 and second by Ken.

**DISCUSSION**

The Administrator said the Assembly can extend the professional service contract for six months, until we figure out what we want to do.

Warren asked how long the AEB can sustain this form of transportation feeling it is starting to impact the AEB financially. The Administrator said the fund balance is there for these kinds of things. He will request a subsidy this year from the State of Alaska. Will need to discuss, if we don't get that subsidy from the state.

**ROLL CALL**

Alvin-yes, Ken-yes, Warren-yes, Paul-yes, Carol-yes, Chris B.-yes. Advisory: Chris E., Angela-yes. MOTION PASSED.

Resolution 17-11, a resolution of the Aleutians East Borough Assembly in Support of Common Sense Bycatch Management for the Gulf of Alaska.

**MOTION**

Paul moved to adopt Resolution 17-11 and second by Chris B.

**DISCUSSION**

Paul said the Resource Director had been talking to the affected people in the area, deciding what approach would be helpful and bycatch management is on the agenda at this NPFMC meeting. Everyone in our area is on the same page. City of Sand Pt. also submitted a letter.

**ROLL CALL**

Alvin-yes, Ken-yes, Warren-yes, Paul-yes, Carol-yes, Chris B.-yes. Advisory: Chris E.-yes, Angela-yes. MOTION PASSED.

Resolution 17-12, a resolution of the Aleutians East Borough Assembly selecting and promoting capital projects for the health, safety and welfare of its residents.

**MOTION**

Alvin moved to adopt Resolution 17-12 and second by Ken.

**DISCUSSION**

The Administrator said Resolution 17-12 is our guide for lobbying efforts in Juneau for legislature priorities. The Legislature is discussing a possible bond that would fund some capital projects, however, the vote would not go to the public until 2018. AEB has lots of ongoing projects and some completed with funding commitments.

The Administrator reviewed completed and ongoing projects below:

- Akutan boat harbor: Utilities are needed for new floats in harbor, final design needs to be completed.
- False Pass harbor: Possible future costs in litigation.
- King Cove Access Road Project: Working to get federal government approval for land exchange.
- Nelson Lagoon Erosion Project: The project is still in progress, filling sand into geotextile containers along shoreline.
- Cold Bay clinic construction: The clinic replacement is at a standstill without 50% matching funds available in order to be able to qualify for Rasmuson Foundation funding. Also, looking for funding at the federal level. Brad Gilman said Congress may change the way they do congressional earmarks.
- Akutan Airport Transportation Link: Akun/Akutan transportation project is the #1 priority and has been in consultation with the Mayor and Juneau lobbyist, Mark Hickey.
- Sand Point harbor floats: Staff that worked on the original design agreed to do the cost estimate on the floats at no cost.

Projects with no funding at this time:

- Nelson Lagoon dock repairs: DOWL went to Nelson Lagoon and inspected the dock. They recommended further inspection for corrosion with a dive inspection to see status under water. The report will be available at a future meeting.
- King Cove harbor partial break water: No funding available.
- Cold Bay dock: The Cold Bay dock will need to be replaced in the next 10 years, working on how to come up with funding.
- False Pass harbor house: No funding identified.

Akutan Transportation Link and the Cold Bay clinic construction are important community projects selected as priority for requesting State funding. Important to the communities is the King Cove Access Road Project and the M/V Tustumena replacement requesting State support.

#### ROLL CALL

Chris B.-yes, Carol-yes, Ken-yes, Alvin-yes, Paul-yes, Warren-yes. Advisory: Angela-yes, Chris E.-yes. MOTION PASSED.

Resolution 17-13, authorizing the Mayor to enter into a three-year agreement with AML/JIA risk insurance coverage.

#### MOTION

Alvin moved to approve Resolution 17-13 and second by Carol.

#### DISCUSSION

The Administrator said the AEB's insurance broker, Brandon Allen with Marsh & McLennan, recommends staying with AMLJIA. They have the coverage we need, and price is slightly down from last year. In order to do a three-year contract Assembly approval is needed. If three-year contract, there is a \$6,000 per year savings. If one year contract, no savings.

#### ROLL CALL

Ken-yes, Paul-yes, Chris B.-yes, Alvin-yes, Warren-yes, Carol-yes. Advisory: Chris E., Angela-yes. MOTION PASSED.

**OLD BUSINESS None**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Advisory Appointments for 2017:**

**MOTION**

Paul moved to approve the 2017 advisory recommendations from the communities and second by Alvin.

Nelson Lagoon –Justine Gundersen  
Cold Bay –Angela Simpson  
False Pass – Chris Emrich.

**ROLL CALL**

Warren-yes, Alvin-yes, Carol-yes, Ken-yes, Chris B.-yes, Paul-yes. Advisory: Angela-yes, Chris E.-yes. **MOTION PASSED.**

**Donation Requests:**

- Aleutian Peninsula Broadcasting, Inc. Donation Request. \$5-10,000.
- Aleut Marine Mammal Commission (AMMC) Donation Request. \$20,000.

Administrator said there is only \$14,700 in the donation line item.

Chris B. had concern about using all the donation money at this time prior to the May donation requests.

Alvin noted his Conflict of Interest.

Peggy Osterback said the training module AMMC are looking at developing is for subsistence hunters in AEB communities that harvest. The far western communities have been trained so the new model would be used for communities in the AEB.

Mayor Mack asked if there is a program in place. Peggy said the AEB assisted in helping us on the initial startup. When AMMC looked at the proposal, she had hoped to get a grant from the AEB, not a donation. She suggested delaying her request until budget time in May in order to give the AEB a more detailed budget and information on what the grant will be used for specifically with matching funds. This was just a startup to work with our collaborators which will be a substantial amount.

**MOTION**

Carol moved to donate \$5,000 to KSDP and second by Chris B.

**ROLL CALL**

Paul-yes, Warren-yes, Alvin-yes, Chris B.-yes, Carol-yes, Ken-yes. Advisory: Angela-yes, Chris E.-yes. **MOTION PASSED.**

**REPORTS AND UPDATES**

Hovercraft Update: The Administrator said we have a representative from Caspian Offshore Construction from the Republic of Kazakhstan in Akutan now to view the hovercraft. They are interested and can operate hovercrafts. Chris asked what price we hope to get. The Administrator said, initially, we were requesting \$6M and now have come down to \$4.5M. Chris asked what happened to the other company that looked at the hovercraft. The Administrator said they had a project fall through, although, still interested but they have not submitted a proposal yet. Another company also showing interest.

ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

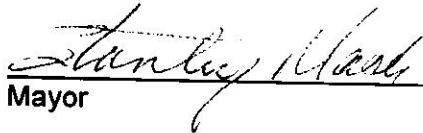
PUBLIC COMMENTS

NEXT MEETING DATE

January 12, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT

Alvin moved to adjourn and second by Warren. Hearing no more, the meeting adjourned at 4:51 p.m.

  
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Mayor

  
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Clerk

Date: 1/12/17