

**ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

August 10, 2009

Pursuant to recess, the Alger County Board of Commissioners convened in the conference room of the county building at 4:15 p.m. on the above date.

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Pullen with the following Commissioners present: Commissioners Doucette, Lindstrom, Mattson, VanLandschoot, and Pullen. Absent ó none.

The Board of Commissioners said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public comment session was open. There was no public comment from the floor; thus, the public comment session was closed.

On a motion by Commissioner VanLandschoot, seconded by Commissioner Mattson to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Doucette, Lindstrom, Mattson, VanLandschoot, and Pullen. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner Doucette to approve the regular board minutes from July 13, 2009 and Committee of the Whole minutes from January 8, 2009, February 5, 2009, March 5, 2009, and July 9, 2009 with changes and corrections. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Doucette, Lindstrom, Mattson, VanLandschoot, and Pullen. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

Mike Greutz from Anderson, Tackman and Company, P.L.C., presented the 2008 audit. He said in the Statement of Activities, the change in net assets is \$15,121 for all of the activities in primary government. He said when you look at that, it pretty much came in at zero so there is not a whole lot to talk about and it is a pretty good sign. Mike said the general fund had an increase of \$40,951. He said the other fund that had some major movement is the ambulance fund with a net income of \$165,324. He said the revenue sharing fund had a loss of \$180,784 and said the reason for the loss was the property tax funding mechanism for that one has ended and we are now using that money up until it is dry. He said then we go back to the state and get the revenue sharing. He said we have another three to four years before that fund is dry. He also said the county has about 29 days in the county fund balance, which is about half way to the 60 day level. He said there are 5 things to negatively comment on. 1) Five funds had an equity deficit for the year. Mike recommends moving money from the general fund into the snowmobile fund to get it out of the negative. 2) The budgets in the special revenue funds. Last year we started getting the budgets in the special revenues going but somewhere along the line, the expense portion with the transition between Pam and Howard, they disappeared. He said we are going down the right path monitoring the budgets, just making sure both the revenues and expenditures are both budgeted in the general fund and the special revenue funds. 3) With the new rules that they issued with internal control, they recommend the board get a balance sheet and income statement every month. 4) The Sheriff's Department time sheets are not always being approved. 5) The last issue is that a couple of people ran into the negative for their time at the end of the year. Mike said all in all, the Alger County audit was good. On a motion by Commissioner Mattson, seconded by Commissioner Lindstrom to accept the 2008 audit. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Doucette, Lindstrom, Mattson, VanLandschoot, and Pullen. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

Elizabeth Coyne from the Alger County Conservation District was present to talk about her opportunity to attend training in shoreline protection. She asked the Board to help send her to the training and make their decision contingent on the Conservation District receiving the DEQ Coastal Grant. It was the consensus of the board to do their fair share at the next special board meeting.

On a motion by Commissioner Doucette and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to authorize a wage increase in the amount of \$.30 per hour between the four counties to Jill Maddox and Lori Erickson. This raise was given in the budget at the beginning of the year. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Doucette, Lindstrom, Mattson, VanLandschoot, and Pullen. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

It was moved by Commissioner Doucette and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to authorize the Clerk to advertise for three-year contracts for Audit (for the years 2009, 2010, 2011) and Remonumentation (for the years 2010, 2011, 2012). Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Doucette, Lindstrom, Mattson, VanLandschoot, and Pullen. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

On a motion by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner Lindstrom to postpone approving county-wide ballot wording until a Special Board Meeting August 19, 2009 at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Doucette, Lindstrom, Mattson, VanLandschoot, and Pullen. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

Commissioner Doucette talked with the Sheriff and said that the wall in the basement for Friend of the Court will be built within one month. The cost is approximately \$120.

It was moved by Commissioner Doucette and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to approve membership to the Greater Munising Bay Partnership. If it is prorated for this year, it was approved to go ahead and join. If it is not prorated, wait until the 2010 budget in the amount of \$400. Monies to come from the County Commissioners fund. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Doucette, Lindstrom, Mattson, VanLandschoot, and Pullen. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

There was no old business to discuss.

On a motion by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to approve payment of the appropriation to NorthCare Substance Abuse Services in the amount of \$14,922. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Doucette, Lindstrom, Mattson, VanLandschoot, and Pullen. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson, seconded by Commissioner Lindstrom to approve payment all of the board bills as recommended by the audit committee. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Doucette, Lindstrom, Mattson, VanLandschoot, and Pullen. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

On a motion by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to approve the financial reports for all funds as recommended by the Committee of the Whole. A full 30-page report is available upon request. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Doucette, Lindstrom, Mattson, VanLandschoot, and Pullen. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

It was moved by Commissioner Doucette and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to approve the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-19

IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL NO. 4893

WHEREAS, House Bill 4893 currently before the Michigan House Judiciary Committee will amend 1953 PA 181 by amending section 5 (MCL 52.205), as amended 2006 PA 569, in regard to Medical Examiner retention of body and organ tissue; and

WHEREAS, the Alger County Medical Examiner, Dr. Christine Krueger, M.D. has requested Alger County Board of Commissioners support for House Bill 4893.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alger County Board of Commissioners hereby supports House Bill No. 4893 as presented; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alger County Clerk be directed to forward copies of this resolution to Governor Jennifer Granholm, Senator Mike Prusi, Representative Steven Lindberg, the Michigan Association of Counties, and the other 82 Michigan Counties.

Dated: August 10, 2009

Catherine A. Pullen, Chair
Alger County Board of Commissioners

Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Doucette, Lindstrom, Mattson, VanLandschoot, and Pullen. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

Committee reports were talked about at the Committee of the Whole. Commissioner Doucette said that he did some talking with different people in the building today regarding space. He will talk about that concern at a building and grounds meeting. Commissioner Lindstrom discussed business with Pathways.

There was no new correspondence.

Public comment session was open. Joe Cilc said that he would like to be considered as the alternate for the U.P. Fair Board. Commissioner Pullen made the alternate appointment. There was no other public comment; thus, the public comment session was closed.

On a motion by Commissioner Lindstrom, seconded by Commissioner Mattson to adjourn this meeting. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Doucette, Lindstrom, Mattson, VanLandschoot, and Pullen. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

Catherine A. Pullen, Chairwoman
Alger County Board of Commissioners

Mary Ann Froberg
Alger County Clerk