

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

**June 14, 2010**

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Pursuant to recess, the Alger County Board of Commissioners convened in the conference room of the county building at 4:00 p.m. on the above date.

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Pullen with the following Commissioners present: Commissioners Doucette, Lindstrom, Mattson, and Pullen. Absent ó Commissioner VanLandschoot.

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

It was moved by Commissioner Doucette and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to approve the Committee of the Whole minutes from May 6, 2010 and the Regular Board minutes from May 10, 2010. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Doucette, Lindstrom, Mattson, and Pullen. Nays ó none. Absent ó Commissioner VanLandschoot.

Kristie Leahy from Maximus was present on behalf of the Prosecutor's office to give a brief report on the IV-D CRP (Cooperative Reimbursement Program) billings that they provide to the Prosecutor's office. She said that Maximus has been preparing the billings for the Prosecutor's office since January, 2009. The billings are prepared on a monthly basis (October ó September). She said that the staff of the Prosecutor's office prepares monthly time documentation to account of the amount of time spent on IV-D activity. The automated timesheets, financial reports, and payroll information are mailed to Maximus on a monthly basis. Maximus then prepares the billing and mails it to the Prosecutor's office for signatures. The billing is then submitted to the Office of Child Support for payment. She said that the IV-D eligible activity is reimbursed at 66% through the CRP. Kristie mentioned other services that are covered under the Maximus contract. They prepare the CRP applications for the upcoming fiscal year. She said that prior to the start of the state fiscal year there has to be a contract in place in order to bill the cost. During the months of April-May, Maximus prepares the application which the county then submits to the state and then the state issues a contract for them. That contract has to be in place in order to bill any costs to the program. They also provide any necessary amendments to the current contract and provide automated time documentation. The total cost of the Maximus IV-D billing service is \$4,000 year, billed \$1,000 per quarter. The service is 100% IV-D eligible, meaning the county is reimbursed 66% of the cost through the CRP. She said that the total cost to the county at the end of the year is \$1,360. She said that during the program from 2008-2010, they are projecting almost a 12% increase in the two years which computes to about \$18,000 more in state share reimbursement. This is based on that the case loads have increased. Kristie said Maximus includes the time of processing the time sheets. She said that the contract that MGT has proposed is \$3600 per year and an extra \$1.40 per sheet for three people, which is an extra \$1100 per year that MGT will cost to do the time sheets. At this time there were no additional questions for Kristie.

Commissioner VanLandschoot arrived at 4:12 p.m.

Nick Derusha, the LMAS Health Officer, was present to give an update on the health department. He said that at the beginning of May the Health Department went through an accreditation process. The process began in the late 90's. He said that the state comes through every three years and takes a look at what the department is doing and to make sure they are doing the state standards in their various programs. When the state was at the health department they looked at 11 of their programs. He said that 2 out of 11 programs needed to make some very minor changes in them. He said that all of the reviewers that went through the departments and said what a great job the staff was doing and commended them on the services that were provided. He said that after a few rough years, it was nice to see that even with the turmoil, the staff is working very hard and is still providing very good services. He wanted to say how happy he was that they have a very good staff and to commend them of their job. Nick also said that they have had some space become available recently. He said that Head Start was renting space in the basement and has since vacated that space. He said that there is approximately 1100 sq. ft. available in the basement. He said that the last time he was here it was mentioned that the figure was around .75 sq. ft. for the basement space. When he ran the figures given with the square footage is a little over \$800 for that space.

That includes all of the utilities, with the exception of phone, and includes snow removal and mowing the grass. He also wanted to talk to the Board about appropriations. They are looking for putting money back into their fund balance. He said last year they were able to keep the cost down to a little bit below \$8 per resident. He said that part was related to the H1N1 funding that they received and also some home health revenues that continued to trickle in. He said that next year may need a slight increase to around \$9 per resident. He said they are doing their best and making some cuts where they can to try and keep the cost down. He said that right now their fund balance is to a single digit. Commissioner Mattson said that the increase is about \$9,400 in an increase in maintenance of effort based on the 2008 census figures. He said that by the county's budget time, they will have the exact figures. Commissioner Mattson commented that Nick has been there for the turmoil and has gotten them through it and is doing an outstanding job. The entire Board is very pleased with what he has been doing and appreciative the fact that he is communicating with them and informing them of what is going on.

Jeff Nemacheck from Computer Associates of Marquette explained why Websphere was needed to run the TriMin software and why two servers were needed for the Register's new system. He said that one server is an internet accessible server. The other is to run the other Register's program and Websphere. It was stated that running Websphere on the current server would slow that server down too much. On a motion by Commissioner Lindstrom, seconded by Commissioner Doucette to authorize the Clerk to purchase the two new servers and related equipment from Computer Associates of Marquette in the amount of \$4,741. The Sheriff was going to check if one of the servers could be covered by the Homeland Security Grant. Monies to come from the Register of Deeds fund. 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 Lindstrom to authorize the Clerk to allow TriMin to install the Websphere Community Addition on the system in the amount of \$2,100. Monies are to come from the Register of Deeds fund. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Doucette, Lindstrom, Mattson, VanLandschoot and Pullen. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

Clyde Lovellette resigned from the Jury Board. It was the recommendation of Judge Carmody to appoint Rita Hale and fill the vacancy on the Jury Board. On a motion by Commissioner Mattson, seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to appoint Rita Hale to the Jury Board. 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 Lindstrom and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to authorize the Sheriff to purchase a new hovercraft in the amount of \$60,981. \$13,732.11 was raised by individual contributions, \$5,000 came from the Alger Fish and Game Alliance, \$7,940.98 was money from the insurance of the damaged craft, and \$19,000 came from the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians for a total of \$45,673.09. The balance of \$15,307.91 is to come from the ambulance fund under line item 801 for vehicle replacement. All of the monies are to come from the motor pool budget. All transfers of monies will be done at the next regular board meeting. 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 VanLandschoot, seconded by Commissioner Doucette to authorize the Sheriff to purchase new video conferencing equipment in the amount of \$13,537.00 from Computer Associates of Marquette. Monies are to come from the jail budget and to be reimbursed when grant monies are received. The 10% match will also be refunded by MMRMA (Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority). 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 VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Doucette to authorize the Sheriff to request bids for a new patrol boat. Due to limited time constraints and lack of local boat manufacturers, the Sheriff will only request bids from four boat manufacturers and vendors. The Sheriff's office was successful in securing two grants. One grant is from the Michigan DNRE in the amount of \$57,000 and the other one is from the Federal Stone Garden Grant in the amount of \$25,000. The Sheriff's Department has also secured future funding to continue with maintenance and fuel expenses. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Doucette, Lindstrom, Mattson, VanLandschoot and Pullen. Nays ó none. Absent ó none. Bids are to be opened at a Special Board of Commissioner's meeting June 21, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. in the conference room. Commissioner Doucette said that this bid process follows our Governors, "To Buy Michigan First". Monies are to come from the Marine Grant fund. Monies are to be reimbursed when grants come in.

On a motion by Commissioner Mattson, seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to approve fixing the current meal vehicle at Ron's Body Shop in the amount of \$500 or less. Monies are to come from the jail budget. 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 Lindstrom and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to authorize payment of an invoice in the amount of \$390 for training for Sgt. Grahovac. Officer Nelson is also listed on the invoice. The Munising City Police Department will reimburse the cost to the county for \$195. Monies are to come from the 302 Justice Training Fund. 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, seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to authorize the purchase of two veinlites for the ambulances in the approximate amount of \$400. Monies are to come from the ambulance 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.

There were no appropriations.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner Lindstrom to approve payment of all of the board bills as recommended by the audit committee and the Committee of the Whole, with the exception of the one from Schoolcraft County regarding the 5% administration fee. 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 Doucette, seconded by Commissioner Mattson to approve the financial reports for all funds. A full 30-page report is available upon request with the Treasurer. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Doucette, Lindstrom, Mattson, VanLandschoot and Pullen. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

There were no miscellaneous financial matters.

There were no new resolutions.

Under committee reports Commissioner Lindstrom talked about attending the ribbon cutting ceremony of the Central U.P. Visitors Center. The Sheriff talked about several issues being the jail report and the dog ordinance.

No new correspondence.

There were no Board comments.

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

On a motion by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Lindstrom 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.

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Catherine A. Pullen, Chairwoman  
Alger County Board of Commissioners

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Mary Ann Froberg  
Alger County Clerk