

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

October 12, 2009

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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 Vice-Chair Mattson with the following Commissioners present: Commissioners Doucette, Lindstrom, VanLandschoot, and Mattson. Absent ó Commissioner Pullen.

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

It was moved by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Doucette to amend the agenda to include minutes as number 5a. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Doucette, Lindstrom, VanLandschoot, and Mattson. Nays ó none. Absent ó Commissioner Pullen.

It was moved by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Doucette to approve the Committee of the Whole minutes from April 9, 2009 and September 10, 2009, and the Regular Board minutes from September 14, 2009. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Doucette, Lindstrom, VanLandschoot, and Mattson. Nays ó none. Absent ó Commissioner Pullen.

On a motion by Commissioner Lindstrom, seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the following Letters of Support for the Alger County Conservation District:

ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Mary Ann Froberg, Clerk

101 COURT STREET, MUNISING, MI 49862

October 12, 2009

Mr. Robert Larson
UPRC&D Council Chairman
780 Commerce Drive
Marquette, MI 49855

Dear Mr. Larson:

In view of the increasing problems posed to our forest and agricultural land and water resources by the encroachment of invasive plants, the Alger County Board of Commissioners wishes to extend its support to the UPRC&D Council's grant proposal to fund rapid response invasive species. We feel that our local economy, recreational opportunities, and quality of life depend heavily upon protecting our resources from this looming threat.

The Alger County Board of Commissioners has facilitated and supported the Alger Conservation District's past and current work of this nature, and is willing to commit in-kind match to this project in the form of conference space for meetings and public education as well as copying of print material for public outreach.

Sincerely,

Catherine A. Pullen, Chair
Alger County Board of Commissioners

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101 COURT STREET, MUNISING, MI 49862

October 12, 2009

Teri Grout
Executive Director
Alger Conservation District
101 Court Street
Munising, MI 49862

Dear Mrs. Grout:

The Alger County Board of Commissioners is pleased to offer continuing support to the Alger Conservation District for its watershed projects, particularly the AuTrain Watershed Education and Planning Project. The AuTrain River is one of the most important economic resources in our county.

We agree progress toward a watershed management plan must begin with effective and widespread outreach to gain the support of the general public. In addition, public support of a broader watershed planning effort will depend upon successful resolution of the most pressing concerns first, which for a long time has been the flooding and erosion at the river mouth. By improving the knowledge, understanding and cooperation among stakeholders, your project will protect and improve the high quality water and habitat resources on which we have come to depend.

Sincerely,

Catherine A. Pullen, Chair
Alger County Board of Commissioners

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

It was moved by Commissioner Doucette and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to approve the bid to Dustin D. Taylor as the County Representative for the County Remonumentation project. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Doucette, Lindstrom, VanLandschoot, and Mattson. Nays ó none. Absent ó Commissioner Pullen.

On a motion by Commissioner Doucette, seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to approve the bid for the County Audit to Anderson, Tackman, and Co., P.L.C. of Marquette. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Doucette, Lindstrom, VanLandschoot, and Mattson. Nays ó none. Absent ó Commissioner Pullen.

Old business was discussed. The Clerk said that Commissioner Pullen wanted everyone to know that she approved a room for Commissioner Lindstrom at Bay Mills for the UPACC conference. He thought he had a room covered, but then didn't.

It was moved by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Lindstrom to approve the following appropriation to LMAS District Health Department for their quarterly payment in the amount of \$3,000. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Doucette, Lindstrom, VanLandschoot, and Mattson. Nays ó none. Absent ó Commissioner Pullen.

On a motion by Commissioner Lindstrom, seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to approve the following appropriation to Pathways Community Mental Health for their quarterly payment in the amount of \$8,305.00. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Doucette, Lindstrom, VanLandschoot, and Mattson. Nays ó none. Absent ó Commissioner Pullen.

It was moved by Commissioner Doucette and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot 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 Mattson. Nays ó none. Absent ó Commissioner Pullen.

On a motion by Commissioner Lindstrom, seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot 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, VanLandschoot, and Mattson. Nays ó none. Absent ó Commissioner Pullen.

It was moved by Commissioner Lindstrom and seconded by Commissioner Doucette to authorize the Treasurer to transfer \$2,250 from the Foreclosure Fund (517) to the General Fund (101) for payment of the Manatron invoices. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Doucette, Lindstrom, VanLandschoot, and Mattson. Nays ó none. Absent ó Commissioner Pullen.

On a motion by Commissioner Doucette, seconded by Commissioner Lindstrom to amend the revenues in the Transfer in Foreclosure Fund account (101-000-446.000) in the amount of \$2,250. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Doucette, Lindstrom, VanLandschoot, and Mattson. Nays ó none. Absent ó Commissioner Pullen.

It was moved by Commissioner Lindstrom and seconded by Commissioner Doucette to amend the revenues in reimbursements in the amount of \$3,701.12. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Doucette, Lindstrom, VanLandschoot, and Mattson. Nays ó none. Absent ó Commissioner Pullen.

On a motion by Commissioner VanLandschoot, seconded by Commissioner Lindstrom to amend the expenditures in the Treasurer's budget in Professional Services (101-253-801.000) in the amount of \$2,250. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Doucette, Lindstrom, VanLandschoot, and Mattson. Nays ó none. Absent ó Commissioner Pullen.

It was moved by Commissioner Doucette and seconded by Commissioner Lindstrom to amend the expenditures increasing the Audit budget in the amount of \$50.06. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Doucette, Lindstrom, VanLandschoot, and Mattson. Nays ó none. Absent ó Commissioner Pullen.

On a motion by Commissioner Doucette, seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to amend the expenditures increasing the Jury Commission budget in the amount of \$182.33. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Doucette, Lindstrom, VanLandschoot, and Mattson. Nays ó none. Absent ó Commissioner Pullen.

It was moved by Commissioner Lindstrom and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to amend the expenditures increasing the Federal Park Patrol budget in the amount of \$217.52. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Doucette, Lindstrom, VanLandschoot, and Mattson. Nays ó none. Absent ó Commissioner Pullen.

On a motion by Commissioner Doucette, seconded by Commissioner Lindstrom to amend the expenditures decreasing the District Health budget in the amount of \$449.91. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Doucette, Lindstrom, VanLandschoot, and Mattson. Nays ó none. Absent ó Commissioner Pullen.

It was moved by Commissioner Doucette and seconded by Commissioner Lindstrom to amend the expenditures in the Motor Pool budget in the amount of \$3,701.12. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Doucette, Lindstrom, VanLandschoot, and Mattson. Nays ó none. Absent ó Commissioner Pullen.

On a motion by Commissioner VanLandschoot, seconded by Commissioner Doucette to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the following Resolution #2009-24:

RESOLUTION #2009-24

IN SUPPORT THAT THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE REMAIN A STAND-ALONE DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN

WHEREAS, The Alger County Board of Commissioners go on record strongly opposing any effort that may attempt to merge the Michigan Department of Agriculture with any other State department and that the Alger County Board of Commissioners emphasizes that the Michigan Department of Agriculture should remain a stand-alone department of the State of Michigan.

FURTHER, copies of this Resolution are to be forwarded to Governor Granholm, Senator Mike Prusi, Representative Steven Lindberg, the Michigan Association of Counties, and the other 82 Michigan County Clerks.

Dated: October 12, 2009

Catherine A. Pullen, Chair
Alger County Board of Commissioners

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

Committee reports were discussed. Commissioner Doucette gave copies of the Board of Commissionerø website with the millage information attached. He discussed with the public about the website and millage information of what the ballot consists of.

Correspondence was read by the Clerk and will be placed in the file.

Public comment session was open. Joe Cilc asked for the copies of the correspondence regarding Brock Robinson to and from the County. There was no other public comment; thus, the public comment session was closed.

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

Catherine A. Pullen, Chairwoman
Alger County Board of Commissioners

Mary Ann Froberg
Alger County Clerk