

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

September 14, 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, VanLandschoot, and Mattson. Absent ó Commissioners Lindstrom and 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 Doucette, seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Doucette, VanLandschoot, and Mattson. Nays ó none. Absent ó Commissioners Lindstrom and Pullen.

Commissioners Lindstrom and Pullen arrived at 4:03 p.m.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner Lindstrom to approve the Public Hearing minutes on July 9, 2009, the Committee of the Whole minutes from August 6, 2009, the Regular Board minutes from August 10, 2009, and the Special Board minutes from August 19, 2009, August 22, 2009 and August 24, 2009. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Doucette, Lindstrom, Mattson, VanLandschoot, and Pullen. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

Kathy Lammi from MARESA (Marquette-Alger Regional Education Service Agency) presented a report to the Board on the Great Start Collaborative. The Great Start Collaborative started last October in Alger and Marquette counties. She said that they work in a collaborative to work on services for children from ages 0 to 5. She said their mission is a great start for every child in Alger and Marquette counties; safe healthy and eager to succeed in their education and in life. She said some of their accomplishments so far are that they have developed a collaborative number of agencies in Marquette and Alger counties and have over 30 people of different organizations and businesses involved. Kathy invited the Board members to a focus group session either at the Grand Marais School Wed., Sept. 23, 2009 at 3:45 p.m., the Mather Building Wed., Sept. 23, 2009 at 6:00 p.m., Superior Central School Tues., Sept. 29, 2009 at 6:00 p.m., or at the Peter White Public Library in Marquette Mon., Oct. 19, 2009 at 10:00 p.m. She gave the board literature for their work progress and focus group sessions.

On a motion by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner Lindstrom to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the 2010 EMPG (Emergency Management Planning Grant) in the amount of \$21,244 and Memorandum of Understanding between the Emergency Management & Homeland Security Division, Michigan Department of State Police (Representing the State of Michigan), The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, and Alger County. Alger County will pay \$13,438.00 and the amount of federal funding awarded is \$7,806.00. 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, seconded by Commissioner Doucette to approve the purchase of a new patrol car for the Sheriff's Department replacing the damaged vehicle that was hit by a deer. The State bid price for a 2010 Ford Explorer (via Macomb County) is \$21,459.00. Monies for the down payment of \$12,679.81 in 2009 budgets are as follows: 416 Road Patrol for vehicle in the amount of \$3,500; Motor Pool budget in equipment in the amount of \$8,179.81 (including money received from the insurance company for the wrecked vehicle in the amount of \$2,439.90), and from the ambulance fund in the amount of \$1,000. The remainder of the vehicle is to be paid out of the Motor Pool budget in 2010 and 2011 with annual payments of \$5,083.71 to the Ford Motor Municipal Lease Program. 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 Lindstrom and seconded by Commissioner Mattson approve payment to Burt Township Ambulance Corp in the amount of \$23,927.85. This is the balance from their 2008 ambulance millage money in the amount of \$35,927.85. It was discussed that \$7,000 of the \$35,927.85 is to be put in Burt Township's own trust and agency to purchase a new ambulance. \$12,000 was paid in March 2009. Monies are to come from the ambulance fund appropriation. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Doucette, Lindstrom, Mattson, VanLandschoot, and Pullen. Nays ó none. Absent ó none. Bob Hughes gave a brief update on the ambulance situation.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson, seconded by Commissioner Doucette to appoint Kay Powers from Grand Marais as the Democratic nominee to serve a four year term on the Alger County Board of Canvassers. 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 and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to reappoint Betty Hall as the Republican nominee to serve a four year term on the Alger County Board of Canvassers. 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 Dr. Christine Krueger, M.D. to attend a Medical Examiner's Conference in Mount Pleasant October 22 ó 26, 2009 in the amount of \$1,169.45. 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 authorize and approve Commissioner Doucette, Pam Johnson, and Mary Ann Froberg to attend a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Conference in Lansing September 29, 2009. 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 VanLandschoot to authorize Commissioner Lindstrom to attend the UPACC (U.P. Association of County Commissioners) Fall Conference at Bay Mills October 2nd and 3rd. The county only has to pay the registration fee. 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 Lindstrom to approve payment of the appropriation to LMAS District Health Department for the quarterly appropriation in the amount of \$3,000. 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, seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to approve payment of the appropriation to LMAS District Health Department for the Cigarette Tax distribution in the amount of \$2,393.60. 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 Lindstrom 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 Pullen. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

It was moved by Commissioner Doucette, seconded by Commissioner Mattson to approve the financial reports for all funds as recommended by the Committee of the Whole with the provisions of getting District Drug Court Fund 296 and the Snowmobile Fund expenditures clarified. 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.

On a motion by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to authorize the Treasurer to transfer the following funds: Foreclosure Fund (517) to General Fund - \$4,000 (Transfer in Foreclosure 101-000-446.000); Homestead Property Tax Fund (255) to General Fund - \$2,000 (Transfer in Hmtd Tax ó 101-000-444.000); Wireless 911 Fund (265) to General Fund - \$36,000 (Transfer in Wireless 911 - 101-000-444.100). 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 amend the revenues in reimbursements in the amount of \$1,020.09. 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 Doucette to amend the expenditures in the Sheriff's Department budget under payroll in the amount of \$1,020.09. 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, seconded by Commissioner Mattson to amend the District Health budget decreasing it by \$5,500. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Doucette, Lindstrom, Mattson, VanLandschoot, and Pullen. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

On a motion be Commissioner Lindstrom and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to amend the Medical Examiner's budget in the amount of \$5,000. 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, seconded by Commissioner Mattson to amend the Board of Commissioner's budget increasing registration fees in the amount of \$500. 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 and seconded by Commissioner Doucette to approve payment out of registration fees in the Commissioner's budget for the Alger County Conservation District in the amount of \$500. This was for Elizabeth Coyne to attend training. 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 Pullen said back in July she received a letter from Mitch Kootchie

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

Public comment session was open. Becky Wilder briefly talked about the H1N1 immunizations and health care issues. There was no public comment; thus, the public comment session was closed.

On a motion by Commissioner Mattson, seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot 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