

**ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

April 8, 2010

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Pursuant to recess, the Alger County Board of Commissioners convened in the conference room of the county building at 3:15 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, public comment was closed.

It was the consensus of the Board to look at the minutes and make a motion at Monday's regular board meeting. The agenda was presented.

Sgt. Tony Grahovac from the Sheriff's department was next on the agenda to discuss a dog noise ordinance amendment. He was not available but told the Clerk that Karen Bahrman is working on the wording and it is pretty close to being done. There just needs to be a couple of changes. Commissioner Doucette talked to his two districts and neither one is in favor of the townships being responsible for the ordinance. AuTrain Township already has an ordinance and so does the Village of Chatham. Mathias Township has one saying that no more than 3 dogs are allowed and they do not want to change anything with it. None of the townships feel like enforcing the ordinance. Commissioner Doucette said that he believes if the townships have a problem, the townships should be dealing with it. He said that in doing a county ordinance, there would be costs associated with enforcing it. This will be dealt with when Karen is done with the amendment.

Joe Cilco's commitment letter was next. Commissioner Lindstrom had many questions. Joe will be asked to attend Monday's meeting.

It was the consensus of the Board to authorize Commissioners Doucette and Lindstrom to attend the UPACC (Upper Peninsula Association of County Commissioners) Spring Conference May 7-8, 2010.

Old business was next. Commissioner Pullen said that she had a letter from the census regarding new construction. She said that the letter has been taken care of.

It was the consensus of the Board to approve payment of all of the board bills as recommended by the audit committee.

It was the consensus of the Board to approve the financial reports for all funds. A full 30-page report is available upon request with the Treasurer.

It was the consensus of the Board to authorize the Clerk to transfer the following 2009 budget expenditures:

Transfer \$89.00 from Probate Court's budget to the Equalization Department's budget.

Transfer \$699.69 from Probate Court's budget to the Road Patrol (Federal) Park Patrol's budget.

Burt Township millage monies was next on the agenda but will be discussed at a later time.

Miscellaneous financial matters were next on the agenda. There were none.

It was the consensus of the Board to approve resolution #2010-08 opposing the reduction in the Secondary Road Patrol funds.

Committee reports were next. Commissioner Lindstrom went to the U.P. Fair meeting at the Island and gave a brief report. He also discussed the MAC meeting in Lansing. Commissioner Doucette gave a brief report on the prisons, gas taxes, UPPCO, and Mathias Township. He also said that the two grants applied for county brownfields are still in the process. Commissioner Pullen talked about an MSU awards ceremony and hiring Bonnie Toskey for Bob Seid's hearing. Commissioner Mattson discussed a law enforcement meeting and a meeting for Old M-94 and the snowmobile trail. There was also discussion on the Veteran's Affairs office and that there is to be a building and grounds meeting Thursday morning, April 15, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. There is also scheduled a budget meeting on Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner VanLandschoot also gave a brief report on Department of Human Services and on the emerald ash borer.

Correspondence was discussed and will be placed in the file.

Board comments were next. Commissioner Lindstrom said that at his state fair meeting the U.P. State Fair ticket price will also give admission to the grand stands. There were no other comments.

Public comment session was open. There was no public comment; thus, the public comment session was closed.
This meeting is now adjourned.

Catherine A. Pullen, Chairwoman
Alger County Board of Commissioners

Mary Ann Froberg
Alger County Clerk