

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

February 4, 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.

On a motion by Commissioner VanLandschoot, seconded by Commissioner Mattson to accept 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.

Richelle Jimenez from Maximus was scheduled next and gave a brief description of what they offer. She said that Alger County is up for renewal of the cost allocation plan this year. She said that she really appreciates the county's business and hopes that they can continue the services. Commissioner Pullen asked what the percentage rate was that the county gets reimbursed from the state. Richelle said 66% is reimbursed. Commissioner Pullen also asked what difference have you made, is Alger County getting more money now than what the Prosecuting Attorney's office used to get, and how many hours are they saving the Prosecutor's office by doing this service? Richelle said she was not sure. She said that Maximus has a one-year contract or three-year contract being up to \$9,000 per year for the cost allocation plan only. The cost of the Prosecutor's office for the title IV-d is \$4,000 and the Friend of the Court's cost for the title IV-d is \$3,600. She said they also offer other programs to get the county some additional monies if they are interested in those programs.

Teri Grout was present from the Alger County Conservation District to discuss the emerald ash borer. She said they discovered a single emerald ash borer in the City and that there is no money to continue to do the monitoring. She said they are trying to raise funds to continue to look for the ash borer. She is asking for any monies that would be available for their program. It is the consensus of the board to give the conservation district \$500 for this program.

Joe Cilc was present from the building codes department. Commissioner Pullen asked if he contacted the Prosecutor regarding the Tahtinen property. He said no but he has an appointment at 11:00 a.m. Monday. He said he contacted an insurance company to cover him and it would cost \$8,000 to \$10,000 for the insurance. Joe said that the county has to administer the program. He also said that the reason it is so high is because an independent person is not in a pool such as a county would be. The chair asked the clerk to forward all of the information to the county's risk management insurance company.

It was the consensus of the Board for the clerk to contact Jolene Hetherington and ask her for a recommendation to the Alger County Library Board.

The Alger County Road Commission is asking the Alger County Board of Commissioners for a raise in monthly salary and per diems. It was the consensus of the Alger County Board of Commissioners to compensate the Alger County Road Commission members at the same monthly salary and meeting per diem as the Alger County Board of Commissioners. The current salary for the Alger County chair is \$205, the vice-chair is \$190, and the other commissioner's is \$170. The per diems are \$35 per meeting.

It was the consensus of the Board to change page 15 of the board policy to add compensation for county road commission members.

Bob Seid's retirement was discussed next. It was discussed that Bob retained Steven L. Pence as his attorney to handle his retirement matter. There was discussion about retaining Cohl, Stoker, Toskey, & McGlinchey, P.C. from Lansing. It was also discussed to ask Schoolcraft County if they are going to retain Bonnie Toskey from the same law firm. Commissioner Pullen and Commissioner Mattson want to discuss this at the three-county meeting February 18, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. in Schoolcraft County. It was the consensus to first see if Schoolcraft County has hired Bonnie Toskey and talk to them about splitting the cost.

It was the consensus of the Board to authorize the chair to sign the Lakeshore Energy Services contract for one year.

It was the consensus of the Board to authorize the clerk to purchase a new register of deeds system in the approximate amount of \$34,600 plus expenses. This will come from the DTR and will be paid back when finances are available from the register of deeds fund.

It was the consensus of the Board to authorize the clerk to place an ad for the Alger County Board of Commissioners in the 116th firefighter's tournament booklet in the amount of \$50 for an eighth of a page.

There is no old business to discuss.

It was the consensus of the Board to pay the LMAS quarterly payment appropriation in the amount of \$18,166.75. Commissioner Mattson discussed that the maintenance of effort for 2010 was reduced from \$76,500 to \$72,667.

It was the consensus of the Board to approve payment of all of the board bills as recommended by the audit committee with the exception of a bill to Norway Springs for water cooler expenses and one to Glen Marshall for his per diems. A finance meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2010 at 4:15 p.m. to discuss Glen's Marshall's meetings.

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 expenditures:

Transfer \$381.44 from Attorneys/Consultants budget to the Board of Commissioner's budget.

Transfer \$289.10 from Attorneys/Consultants budget to the Circuit Court budget.

Transfer \$134.04 from Attorneys/Consultants budget to the Friend of the Court's budget.

Transfer \$1,199.93 from Probate Court's budget to the County Clerk/ROD budget.

Transfer \$368.45 from Attorneys/Consultants budget to the Equalization's budget.

Transfer \$1,062.00 from Probate Court's budget to the Postage Account's budget.

Transfer \$1,753.98 from Probate Court's budget to the Jail budget.

Transfer \$23.55 from Attorneys/Consultants budget to the Veterans Affairs budget.

Commissioner Lindstrom left at 5:30 p.m.

It was the consensus of the Board to approve resolution #2010-02 objecting to the election management system license renewal fees.

It was the consensus of the Board to approve resolution #2010-03 supporting the final report of the legislative commission on statutory mandates.

Committee reports were next. Commissioner Mattson talked about some unused office equipment at LMAS being chairs, desks, file cabinets, etc. They will be compiling a list and sending that list to the four counties. Commissioner VanLandschoot talked about the MAC legislative update and HB-5766 (Unfunded Mandates). There were no comments on the Anderson, Tackman letter. Commissioner Doucette was contacted by the American Legion and they said that they have no room for Glen Marshall, the Veteran's Officer, at the post. Sharing Glen's office will be discussed with him at the finance meeting on February 10th. There was discussion about the probation department and that the bathroom door was left open as a person was taking a urine test. This is to be discussed at a law enforcement meeting.

Correspondence was discussed and will be placed in the file.

Board comments were next. There were none.

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

It was moved by Commissioner VanLandschoot, seconded by Commissioner Mattson to adjourn this meeting. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 6 Commissioners Doucette, Mattson, VanLandschoot, and Pullen. Nays 0 none. Absent 0 Commissioner Lindstrom.

Catherine A. Pullen, Chairwoman
Alger County Board of Commissioners

Mary Ann Froberg
Alger County Clerk