

ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

OF

February 5, 2009 at 3:15 p.m.

Pursuant to recess, the Alger County Board of Commissioners convened in the conference room of the county building 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 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 session was closed.

Chairwoman Pullen mentioned the minutes of January 12, 2009 were available for review before Monday's meeting.

On a motion of Commissioner Mattson, supported by Commissioner Doucette to amend the agenda with moving Lloyd Mathias with CUPPAD to #8. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Doucette, Lindstrom, Mattson and Pullen. Nays ó None. Absent ó None.

Elizabeth Coyne from the Alger County Conservation District gave a report on the AuTrain watershed project. She introduced the NMU intern from the Geography Department that is helping her with it. She also talked about UPPCO and their plans for the AuTrain Dam, as well as funding opportunities with grants and a "Partnership for Change."

Lloyd Mathias from CUPPAD spoke to the board regarding renewing our membership with them. Sheriff Dave Cromell gave some history regarding past use of CUPPAD and why we quit as a member.

Sheriff Cromell's letter on 911 surcharge increase was discussed. He will make a recommendation at a later date as to an amount.

It was the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole to approve the Tenurgy Contract for a fixed natural gas price.

The Committee of the Whole recommended approval of the notice of vacancy ad for the Library board.

The Committee of the Whole recommended holding off advertising for the DHS board until April.

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the merger of two divisions in MERS, and all the steps needed. Also the actuarial needed in the TA with the Sheriff's Department.

It was the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole to approve the amended resolution 2009-01. (County Medical Examiner) There was discussion of some training classes for the County Medical Examiner.

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval for County Clerk Froberg, Treasurer Johnson and Chairwoman Pullen to attend a seminar in Marquette.

After discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee of the Whole that the board draft a policy for televisions in the courthouse, which includes department head responsibility at no cost to the county.

The Committee of the Whole reviewed all financial matters and will approve them at the Feb. 9th board meeting.

Commissioner Lindstrom left for another meeting in Escanaba.

Committee reports: Sheriff Cromell was going to set up a Law Enforcement Meeting.

Chairwoman Pullen read correspondence from the Maple Grove Cemetery Restoration Fund.

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

On a motion of Commissioner Mattson, supported by Commissioner Doucette to adjourn this meeting at 5:25 p.m. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Doucette, Mattson and Pullen. Nays ó None. Absent ó Commissioner Lindstrom.

Cathy A. Pullen, Chairwoman
Board of Commissioners

Mary Ann Froberg
Alger County Clerk