

ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

OF

March 5, 2009

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

The Board of Commissioners said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment Session was open. Vice-Chairman Mattson mentioned that #7 on the agenda will be postponed until the gentlemen from NHF arrive.

Prosecutor Karen Bahrman was present and commented on the NHF Sub Alger (a Michigan nonprofit corporation) contract with the health department. She thought everything looked in order.

Karen also talked about the U.P. crime lab closing in Negaunee. Sheriff Cromell thought a strong voice from the County Board would be good to urge them to keep what we use the most. (toxicology, polygraph, and drug and alcohol testing)

Sheriff Cromell discussed the ORV ordinance and will set up a Law Enforcement Meeting to discuss it.

It was the consensus to the Committee of the Whole to approve the update of the country portraits and plaques in the courthouse. Total costs would be under \$600.00. Monies to come from Building & Grounds.

It was the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole to appoint Anita Bouth to the Library Board.

It was the consensus of the Committee of the Whole to not rejoin CUPPAD at this time until there is sufficient evidence that the annual dues would be near the expenditure.

There was a letter from Pat Suboski (Equalization Director) regarding the State reviewing the 33 parcels in Burt Township at no cost to the county.

It was the consensus of the Committee of the Whole to approve a new computer for the Glenn Marshall with the Veteranø Affairs. Monies to come from the computer fund.

The board bills will be audited immediately after this meeting and the committee will make any recommendations to the board at Mondayø meeting.

The Committee of the Whole will recommend the credit and debit of expenditures at Mondayø meeting and approve all financial matters.

Gerry Chase came and spoke to the board, regarding NHF Sub Alger, refinancing for the LMAS Health Department. It was the consensus of the Committee of the Whole to approve the resolution at Mondayø board meeting.

Correspondence: A letter from the Alger Soil Conservation requesting a letter of approval to go ahead with their Grant. A letter from Jonathan Mead regarding support for the Law Enforcement. A letter from MAC, regarding two øAsk A Lawyerø sessions to take place in Traverse City.

The Committee of the Whole recessed at 4:25 p.m.

The Committee of the Whole reconvened at 4:50 when Commissioner Pullen arrived. Commissioner Mattson reviewed what the board had discussed before she arrived.

Commissioner Lindstrom left at 5:00 p.m.

Commissioner Pullen mentioned that she had a message from the Michigan DNR regarding the new ORV ordinance.

Commissioner Pullen will call Dan McKinney from Schoolcraft County, regarding setting up a meeting to discuss Robert Seidø retirement.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson, supported by Commissioner Doucette to adjourn this meeting. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ø Commissioners Doucette, Mattson and Pullen. Nays ø None. Absent ø Commissioner Lindstrom.

Catherine Pullen, Chairwoman
Alger County Board of Commissioners

Mary Ann Froberg, Clerk