

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

May 6, 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.

Bryan Hill was present to talk about the Munising Township zoning change that the Clerk's office received on April 22, 2010. He said that he went through the hearing at the township planning commission to add wastewater treatment plant to rural residential and is here to ask the Board to by-pass the 30 day comment period. He said that he purchased his parents' septic waste business last fall. The zoning changed in 2004. Once Bryan's father let his business lapse, the zoning change took effect. He said that he received a permit from the DNR. He also said that after the Board has their 30 day comment period, the zoning change would go back to the planning commission and then to the township. Commissioner Pullen said that it would cost him 12 days to wait for the 30 day comment period. It was the consensus of the Board to do nothing against the Munising Township zoning ordinance.

It was the consensus of the Board to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Alger County Emergency 911 Maintenance Agreement CUPPAD Regional Commission Contract for the Maintenance of the Alger County Emergency 911 System.

It was the consensus of the Board to approve and authorize the Chair to sign a one-year planned maintenance agreement for the generators at the jail and the courthouse to Cummins NPower, LLC in the amount of \$1,291.00. \$324.45 is to come from the 911 fund and \$966.55 from the building and grounds budget.

Joe Cilc's commitment letter was next. Commissioner Lindstrom had a few questions for Joe that were discussed. It was the consensus of the Board to change bullet three to add mileage expense for personal vehicle at the county rate and add expenses of the vehicle owned and used by the Alger County Building Department are not reimbursable.

A new vital records system with CherryLAN was discussed. Since the Register of Deeds system is being replaced the vital records system will also be removed. They are connected to the same system. It was the consensus of the Board to approve the purchase of the CherryLAN Vital Records software system in the amount of \$8,800. Monies are to come from the Clerk's budget.

Old business was next. The Burt Township Ambulance Corp budget was discussed. The Sheriff has had the two checks cut with the 1% administrative fee deducted.

It was the consensus of the Board to approve payment to Pathways for their community mental health quarterly payment in the amount of \$8,305.

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.

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

There were no new resolutions.

Committee reports were next. Commissioner VanLandschoot talked about meetings regarding the Emerald Ash Borer, a meeting with UPCAP Services / Upper Peninsula Area Agency on Aging, a meeting with MSU and about our new District 2 Coordinator Jim Luca. Commissioner Doucette talked about a shared services meeting he attended in Marquette and also talked about the brownfield grants that were denied. We are waiting to get a letter from the EPA denying our grants. After that letter arrives the county can request a review of our grants. Commissioner Pullen talked about the airport.

Commissioner Lindstrom left at 4:35 p.m.

Correspondence was discussed and will be placed in the file.

Board comments were next. It was discussed that the snow plowing contract is up this year. Commissioner Mattson talked about the 2009 budget and that the 2009 budget should be closed. He said that areas of concern for the 2010 budget are the motor pool budget and the jail budget. He said another area to be slightly over is the veterans affairs budget. Commissioner Pullen discussed the dog ordinance. There were no other board 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