

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

November 4, 2009

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Pursuant to recess, the Alger County Board of Commissioners convened in the conference room of the county building at 3:00 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.

On a motion by Commissioner Mattson, seconded by Commissioner Lindstrom to approve 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.

It was discussed that the deficit for the general fund of the 2010 budget is at \$190,192.77 after the Clerk had redone the budgets.

Commissioner Mattson gave a brief explanation on LMAS. He said that Mackinac County is having a public meeting tonight about the health department. He said that if they leave the four county District Health Department and go to another, it would take awhile for that to happen. Alger County's maintenance of effort for the LMAS Health Department is currently \$76,500. The Sheriff also discussed that maybe the county could help with an in-kind service with our paramedics.

Mental health was discussed. Since the Attorney General's opinion came out, the county will be charged for the inmate's mental health care.

It was suggested to go out to the employees and ask them for their suggestions on how to make up the deficit.

The Sheriff will be talking to some of the employees in his office and what they are doing.

Commissioner Lindstrom left at 4:30 p.m.

Commissioner Pullen said that someone suggested voluntary layoffs and wondered if anyone had talked about it. There was much discussion on different ideas on what could be done. It was discussed to send out a memorandum asking each department to cut their budgets by 6%.

There is to be an informational committee meeting with the chairs of the unions next Wednesday, November 11, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.

It was also discussed that if people are to be laid off, they need to be done so in an appropriate time manner.

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 Doucette to adjourn this meeting. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Doucette, Mattson, VanLandschoot, and Pullen. Nays ó none. Absent ó Commissioner Lindstrom.

Catherine A. Pullen, Chairwoman
Alger County Board of Commissioners

Mary Ann Froberg
Alger County Clerk