

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

November 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 – 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. Nick Derusha, the LMAS Health Officer and Bob Beauprey were on the agenda but are not available at this time. When they arrive they will be placed into the meeting.

Rebecca Wilder, EMPG Coordinator, has the 2010 grant agreement for Commissioner Pullen to sign, which runs close to one year behind. She also has the 2011 budget which is \$21,244. She said the feds pay \$8,061(37.94%) and the balance of \$13,183 is the county's portion. The treasurer is to sign the 2011 budget. It was the consensus of the board to approve both the 2010 grant agreement and the 2011 budget.

It was discussed that Becky did not want to continue being the Emergency Management Coordinator with the position not being located under the Sheriff. A job description and duties of the Emergency Management Coordinator was presented.

The rescue/extrication truck was discussed. The sheriff said that the only way Alger County will get the vehicle is if the board approves the purchase and that Chocolay Township's board approves the bid. It was the consensus of the board to authorize the sheriff to purchase the used rescue/extrication truck in the amount of \$16,123 from Chocolay Township. Monies are to come from the ambulance fund.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the sheriff to by-pass the bidding process and to authorize the sheriff to purchase a new cargo trailer from D & K Tractors and Trailers in Christmas for the mass casualty's equipment in the amount of \$3,350. Monies are to come from the ambulance fund.

It was the consensus of the board to approve the sheriff to contract a Xerox copier for the sheriff's department in the amount of \$110 per month. The breakdown for payment is to be 50% (\$55) to the ambulance, 25% (\$27.50) to 911, 15% (\$16.50) to jail, 5% (\$5.50) to the sheriff department, and 5% (\$5.50) to DARE.

Bob Beauprey arrived and was present to talk about airport. He said that the city commission met last night and the airport was discussed. Their stand on the situation is that they are willing to give up the marshland property towards a trade for the airport. He said that the city commission is willing to give up some property, but that it may not be the total 75 acres they talked about because of the tomato farm. The city does not want to pay for any surveys or costs to give the property away. They do not have a good legal description, which is what the forest service wants to make the trade. He said the city is still willing to give up some property but they are not willing to incur any expenses. Bob said that the lawyer from the forest service said that even if the documents are put together, it will still take two years. He just wanted to let the board know that things are still progressing, just not as fast as they thought it would. He said there needs to be a survey done. John Madigan is supposed to be doing a letter of support for the county to sign.

Nick Derusha, the LMAS Health Officer, was present to give an update about the health department. He said that they have some new software to issue permits and function as their health data base. He said that this year they have an increase of seasonal flu vaccines and hold clinics every Monday. He also said they are also planning on being at the school health fair on November 16th. Nick said that they have been trying to reduce their expenses but still provide their quality of care. He said they are still trying to rent out space at their Wetmore office.

It was the consensus of the board to approve payment to Robert Hughes in the total amount of \$16,164.55 and to be broken down as follows:



Under Sheriff
Robert Hughes
Oct. 28th 2010

State of Michigan
COUNTY OF ALGER
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Munising, Michigan 49862

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Sheriff



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Alger County Board of Commissioners

Dear Board Members,

I am writing in regards to my compensation in my newly appointed position as Sheriff. I have discussed this with the Law Enforcement Committee in October and made them aware of costs as a result of my promotion and departure from the union.

2010 Longevity (Pro rated out by day)

$\$700.00 / 365 \text{ days} = \$1.91 \text{ per day} \times 295 \text{ days} = \563.45

Using a formula provided by the County Clerk, this longevity needs to be taken as 56% from Jail and 44% from Ambulance.

Jail = \$315.53
Ambulance = \$247.92

2010 Ambulance Stipend (Pro rated out by day)

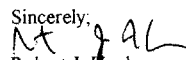
$\$500.00 / 365 \text{ days} = \$1.36 \text{ per day} \times 295 \text{ days} = \401.20

Sick Leave 100 days x 8 = 800 x 19.00 = \$15,200

Using a formula provided by the County Clerk, this longevity needs to be taken as 56% from Jail and 44% from Ambulance.

Jail = \$8,512.00
Ambulance = \$6,688.00

Also as mentioned at the Law Enforcement Committee meeting, I am willing to continue opting out of Health Care Insurance if I am eligible for buy out option. I will be at the committee of the whole to discuss this further. Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Hughes

There was a lot of discussion regarding the retirement benefit for Sheriff Robert Hughes with MERS of a B-3 to a B-4. A conference call is to be made to Cara Doerfler at MERS with Commissioner Pullen, Robert Hughes, and Mary Ann Froberg.

It was the consensus of the board to approve Robert Hughes as the 911 Administrator.

It was the consensus of the board to approve Robert Hughes as the Ambulance Administrator.

It was the consensus of the board to approve Robert Hughes to the UP 911 Authority Board for a period of two years.

It was the consensus of the board to approve John Howko to be on the Library Board.

Under old business Commissioner Mattson discussed having a recommendation for the judges to their employees. A special board meeting is scheduled on November 11, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. to put together a package. There was also much discussion on the 2010 and 2011 budgets.

Commissioner Lindstrom left at 4:37 p.m.

There was discussion on paying Pathways, the lawsuit with Marquette General, and that it is going to take a long time for a resolution. The sheriff said that when they have to call Pathways they bill the county \$275. It was the consensus of the board to authorize payment of the appropriation to Pathways in the amount of \$8,305 pending finding out where the money is coming from.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize payment of the appropriation to LMAS in the amount of \$18,166.75.

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.

It was the consensus of the board to amend the revenues in the PILT budget in the amount of \$1,221.18

It was the consensus of the board to amend the expenditures in the service contracts budget in the amount of \$554.18.

It was the consensus of the board to amend the expenditures in the district health budget in the amount of \$467.

It was the consensus of the board to amend the expenditures in the county law library budget in the amount of \$200.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the treasurer to transfer \$200 from the county law library budget to the county law library fund.

There were no resolutions.

There were no committee reports.

Correspondence was read, discussed, and will be placed in the file.

There were no 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