

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

November 5, 2009

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Pursuant to recess, the Alger County Board of Commissioners convened in the conference room of the county building at 3:15 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.

On a motion by Commissioner VanLandschoot, seconded by Commissioner Lindstrom to accept 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.

Bob Seid was present to discuss his retirement. He said that Schoolcraft County does not want to take the \$82,617.00 that is being projected from Luce and Alger Counties. He said that he went to Schoolcraft's board meeting last week and asked them to reconsider their decision. He does not think that Schoolcraft County's thinking and numbers are correct and not including the assets that they paid themselves for the last 20 years. He said in 1999 there was a three-county agreement that the cost sharing was between the three counties. He said that everything transferred to Schoolcraft County. Commissioner Pullen told Bob that Alger County has discussed this with Luce and Schoolcraft counties and gone through this extensively and that Alger County can do nothing more than to have Bob retire from Alger County for his pre-1999 benefits. Bob is asking the board to request Jim Olson from Maximus to see if the state CRP contract would reimburse post retirement costs. He is also asking Alger County for a B-4 for the 20 years that he worked here. He said he is not asking for anything that other department heads haven't received. He said he thinks that there needs to be some number crunching done from MERS whether it is a Supplemental Actuarial study done. Commissioner Pullen told Bob that if he had continued to work for Alger County, he would have only received the Old C-1 benefit. She also said that she would like someone to explain the Section 11: Compensation for Personnel costs; Paragraph e: Pension Plan Cost; Sub Para (2) from the sheet from Maximus that Bob gave to the board. Bob said that she should talk to Jim Olson from Maximus and have him explain it. Commissioner Pullen said that she would call Deb Peake from MERS or email her about the Maximus correspondence. She said that they would discuss this at the next three-county meeting on November 11th.

Old Business was next. Commissioner VanLandschoot said he talked in length with Jim Isleib from MSU. He said that MSU is talking about standardizing county partnerships and memorandums of agreement. He said he asked Jim if MSU would be asking the county for more money or millage. Jim said no it wasn't anything like that that he was aware of. Commissioner VanLandschoot thinks that they just want to get everybody lined up behind MSU like the county was in a resolution and put some pressure on the Governor to put these things back into the budget. He said he would have some more information when he goes to the meeting next Wednesday. He just wanted the board to be aware that MSU might be coming to the county for extra support.

There were no appropriations.

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 to 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 approve the amended resolution #2009-01 for Medical Examiners.

Committee Reports were next. Commissioner Doucette talked with Alison today and she questioned why they were having the informational meeting. It was discussed that they need to come up with some ideas and ask their people what they could do to help. There is also to be a memorandum to ask departments for a 6% decrease in their budgets.

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

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

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

Catherine A. Pullen, Chairwoman
Alger County Board of Commissioners

Mary Ann Froberg
Alger County Clerk