

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

October 5, 2009

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Pursuant to recess, the Alger County Board of Commissioners convened at Sydney's Restaurant at 5:00 p.m. on the above date.

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Pullen with the following Commissioners present: Commissioners Doucette, Lindstrom, VanLandschoot, and Pullen. Absent is Commissioner Mattson.

Tom Hickson, Director of Legislative Affairs, and Tim McGuire, Executive Director, were present from MAC (Michigan Association of Counties) to discuss any legislation issues that the County may have.

The retire/rehire policies were discussed. The only counties that they could think of that have any sort of policies are Kent County, Oakland County, Marquette County, and Saginaw County.

Tim talked about legislation. He said there is an 11% cut in state revenue sharing for 20 counties.

It was discussed that it would be nice to have meetings with other counties to discuss issues.

Tim wanted to thank the County for contacting legislators.

Tim said that MAC has requested money from the worker's compensation fund and that Alger County should be receiving some.

They discussed the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and about Flo McCormick and her assisting the County with trying to get an assessment grant for \$400,000. \$200,000 for hazardous substance sites and \$200,000 for petroleum contaminated sites.

County jail reimbursements were discussed. There was also discussion about more possible closures of prisons. Commissioner Doucette asked about stimulus monies and jail expansion. Both Tom and Tim are going to check on it.

Commissioner VanLandschoot talked about the MERS Health Care Savings Program and wants MERS to come back to discuss it. Commissioner VanLandschoot is to call some of the counties on the list that Tom Jordan from MERS provided and ask them questions about the program. Commissioner Pullen discussed getting a committee together to discuss the Health Care Saving Program being one Non-Union member, one Courthouse Union member, one Sheriff Union member, one Commissioner, and the County Clerk.

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

Catherine A. Pullen, Chairwoman
Alger County Board of Commissioners

Mary Ann Froberg
Alger County Clerk