

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

**September 9, 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.

Restructuring of the emergency management department was next on the agenda. The sheriff talked about the restructuring going from a position in the sheriff's department into a contracted position with the board of commissioners. Don Brown, the Emergency Management Coordinator, was present. He is employed by the Michigan State Police and has worked in the area of being the Emergency Management State Coordinator for almost six years. He said that he does planning, exercises, equipment issues, training, and handles any issues that come up. It takes a long time one to two years to get an effective emergency manager. You have to be ready when something happens. During the current grant cycle, there is over \$1.5 million in grant monies. Alger County receives 38% of the matches from the state for what Becky does in emergency management. Don said that Becky does a great job for emergency management. Becky said that she would like to see a board member be an alternate for her position. Don said that PA390 is the emergency management act and that stipulates every county to have an emergency management program. The sheriff said that the position in the sheriff's department will not be replaced. There was a question regarding the union and if they will be having a problem with the department not replacing the position. Steve Webber, the sheriff's department union representative, said that there would be no problem. Office space was discussed and Becky could be placed at the end of the hall in the basement. Becky is going to try and get a copy of a contract from the emergency management person from Delta County. It was the consensus of the board to approve the restructuring of the emergency management planning grant position and work on the contract as far as wages and things go.

It was the consensus of the board to appoint Mary Ann Froberg as the grant administrator for the Alger County remonumentation.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the clerk to advertise in the Munising News and Alger Shopper for a new airport manager, which is a volunteer position. The airport is open from May 15<sup>th</sup> to November 1<sup>st</sup> or until the airport is snow covered. This position requires passing the state licensing exam. The ad is to state please submit your letter of interest by October 1, 2010.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize Ed Lindstrom to attend the UPACC (U.P. Association of County Commissioners) Conference on October 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> in Watersmeet.

The 2010 budget was discussed. As is currently stands the county is approximately \$240,000 short. Commissioner Doucette discussed having a closed session meeting with the department heads. A Special Board of Commissioners meeting is scheduled for 4:00 p.m. September 30, 2010. The clerk is to ask the department heads to attend the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Old business was next. There was none.

There were no appropriations.

Audit of the board bills will be following tonight's Committee of the Whole meeting.

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 by-pass the bidding process for the sheriff to purchase a new stair chair from Stryker EMS in the amount of \$2,192 for the ambulance. Monies are to come from the ambulance fund.

There were no miscellaneous financial matters.

It was the consensus of the board to approve the resolution #2010-14 Regarding Public Act 511 Community Corrections.

Committee reports were next. Commissioner Lindstrom talked about the U.P. State Fair and said that they took in over \$1 million dollars. Commissioner Doucette wanted to let the board know he is working on his report. Commissioner Pullen talked about the feasibility of ALTRAN putting a bus in Grand Marais one day per week. Commissioner VanLandschoot talked about Robyn Loviska and people retiring from Department of Human Services and their compensation packages.

Correspondence was read, discussed, and will be placed in the file. It was discussed and the consensus to send a couple of employees to the Upper Peninsula Recycling Conference in Iron Mountain on September 22, 2010.

Board comments were next. There were none.

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

This meeting is now adjourned.

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Catherine A. Pullen, Chairwoman  
Alger County Board of Commissioners

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Mary Ann Froberg  
Alger County Clerk