

**ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

**December 17, 2009**

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Pursuant to recess, the Alger County Board of Commissioners convened in the conference room of the county building at 8:00 a.m. on the above date.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Mattson with the following Commissioners present: Commissioners Doucette, Lindstrom, VanLandschoot, and Mattson. Absent ó Commissioner Pullen.

The Board of Commissioners said the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

It was moved by Commissioner Doucette and seconded by Commissioner Lindstrom to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Doucette, Lindstrom, VanLandschoot, and Mattson. Nays ó none. Absent ó Commissioner Pullen.

Commissioners and departments in the county were present. Commissioner Mattson asked the departments what kind of extra monies they could come up with. The Treasurer had a suggestion for the board to add the 2009 and the 2010 Swampland tax year payments to the 2010 budget. She said that 50% of the total tax goes to the township general fund and 50% goes to the county general fund. The total for 2009's swampland tax to the county is \$81,065.06. The total for 2010 is approximately the same. It was discussed that putting \$35,141.69 into the revenues would balance the 2010 budget. Commissioner Doucette said that in lieu of the new news, he would like to move ahead with this.

On a motion by Commissioner VanLandschoot, seconded by Commissioner Doucette to raise the revenues in the Swamp tax fund in the amount of \$35,141.69. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Doucette, Lindstrom, VanLandschoot, and Mattson. Nays ó none. Absent ó Commissioner Pullen.

It was discussed in detail about getting some committees together with a Commissioner and employees to go over several issues, one being health insurance.

Karen Bahrman suggested spending the extra \$35,000 from the swampland tax on a classification system of the employees of the courthouse.

Lee Paquette brought up a storage problem that the Prosecutor's office has.

The next budget meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 22, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. There is a special board meeting scheduled for Wednesday December 23, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.

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

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

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Catherine A. Pullen, Chairwoman  
Alger County Board of Commissioners

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Mary Ann Froberg  
Alger County Clerk