

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

**November 10, 2010**

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Pursuant to recess, the Alger County Board of Commissioners convened in the conference room of the county building at 1:00 p.m. on the above date.

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

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 session was closed.

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

2011 budgets were discussed at length with revenues being looked at first. The initial revenue of 3,299,687.00 became 3,392,297.00 after the following adjustments made by the treasurer: \$47,000 to swamp tax; \$800 to dog licenses; \$24,000 to cost allocation – Friend of the Court / Prosecutor; \$150 to trailer tax; \$1800 in Summer tax collection; \$9660 in cost allocation; \$2000 in cigarette tax; \$5300 in Friend of the Court; \$200 in drunk driver assessments; \$500 in filing fee forfeitures; \$200 in ordinance / fines; and \$1000 to inmate housing. The treasurer also stated that she had used a minimal figure for cost allocation and she added that she would like to check on the following which could generate additional revenues: Convention facility tax; court equity fund; state aid case flow; and forfeiture filing fees. Discussion on expenditures was next. At present there is a deficit in the budget of \$297,997.00. The deficit was reduced by \$78,031.00 due to the following adjustments: Commissioner's life insurance; circuit court wages / fica; diversion officer payroll; clerk's office health insurance; equalization health insurance / fica / retirement; treasurer wages / health insurance; Building & Grounds fica / retirement; Sheriff's Department retirement; and jail wages / retirement. It was also reported that the insurance committee is looking to save an additional \$85,000 to \$110,000 through the recommendation of a new health insurance plan.

Commissioner Pullen arrived, and Commissioner Lindstrom left at 3:00 p.m.

There was much discussion on how to bridge the gap of \$226,966.00. The animal shelter, fair board, airport, wages, hours worked, service contracts, and lay-offs were among a few.

Commission Mattson would like to try to have the recommendation from the insurance committee prior to the November 24, 2010 budget meeting so as to have a better handle on the deficit amount. Commissioner Pullen asked that the courthouse union contact their union representative regarding going back to 37.5 hour work weeks.

There were no Board Comments

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

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Catherine A. Pullen, Chairwoman  
Alger County Board of Commissioners

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Mary Ann Froberg  
Alger County Clerk