

NOTARIZATION

Notary Public

County, Michigan

STATE OF MICHIGAN

County of _____ } ss

Subscribed before me this _____

Day of _____ year _____

My commission expires _____

Statement Showing Mills Apportioned by the County Board of Commissioners of the County of ALGER for the Year 2009

(A) County Name	(B) Taxable Value*	(C) County Allocated Rate / SET	(D) Est. County Allocated / SET Tax Dollars	(E) Total County Extra Voted Operating Rate	(F) Est. County EV Oper. Tax Dollars	(G) Total County Debt Rate	(H) Est. County Debt Tax Dollars	(I) Total Est. County Tax Dollars
ALGER	\$337,269,680	5.0781	\$ 1,712,689.16	2.0417	\$ 688,603.51	0.0000	\$ -	\$ 2,401,292.67
STATE ED. TAX	\$337,269,680	6.0000	\$ 2,023,618.08					
*Column (B) Excludes Renaissance Zone Taxable Value. Taxable value for SET excludes the Industrial Personal Class of Property.								
(J) Local Unit Name Townships Cities Villages Listed Alphabetically	(K) Taxable Value*	(L) Total Allocated / Charter Rate	(M) Est. Local Allocated / Charter Tax Dollars	(N) Total Other Extra Voted / General Law Operating Rate	(O) Est. Local EV / GL Oper Tax Dollars	(P) Total Debt Rate	(Q) Est. Local Debt Tax Dollars	(R) Total Est. Local Tax Dollars
AU TRAIN TWP.	\$59,535,317	0.7258	\$ 43,210.73	6.6871	\$ 398,118.62	0.0000	\$ -	\$ 441,329.35
BURT TWP.	\$42,705,320	0.5907	\$ 25,226.03	7.0388	\$ 300,594.21	0.0000	\$ -	\$ 325,820.24
GRAND ISLAND TWP.	\$4,088,049	0.6888	\$ 2,815.85	2.9509	\$ 12,063.42	0.0000	\$ -	\$ 14,879.27
LIMESTONE TWP.	\$14,437,561	0.4276	\$ 6,173.50	0.0000	\$ -	0.0000	\$ -	\$ 6,173.50
MATHIAS TWP.	\$18,263,762	0.8051	\$ 14,704.15	1.9360	\$ 35,358.64	0.0000	\$ -	\$ 50,062.80
MUNISING TWP.	\$69,442,009	0.8934	\$ 62,039.49	3.4940	\$ 242,630.38	0.0000	\$ -	\$ 304,669.87
ONOTA TWP.	\$32,081,072	0.5782	\$ 18,581.36	1.5000	\$ 48,121.61	0.0000	\$ -	\$ 66,702.96
ROCK RIVER TWP.	\$31,324,169	0.7999	\$ 25,056.20	0.9877	\$ 30,938.88	0.0000	\$ -	\$ 55,995.08
MUNISING CITY	\$65,352,421	18.0197	\$ 1,178,351.81	0.0000	\$ -	0.0000	\$ -	\$ 1,178,351.81
CHATHAM VLG	\$4,687,988	3.9943	\$ 18,725.23	0.0000	\$ -	0.0000	\$ -	\$ 18,725.23

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(A) Local K12 School District Name	(B) Total Taxable Value	(C) Total Non-Homestead Taxable Value	(D) Total Commercial / Personal Taxable Value	(E) M1 / Supplemental Rate	(F) Est. M1 / Supplemental Tax Dollars	(G) Non-Homestead Operating Rate	(H) Est. M1 Operating Tax Dollars	(I) Total Debt / Sewing Fund / Reg. Site Rate	(J) Est. Debt / Sewing Fund / Reg. Site Tax Dollars	(K) Total Recreational Rate	(L) Est. Recreational Tax Dollars	(M) Total Est. Local K12 School Tax Dollars
ALGER-ONOTA	\$43,433,361	\$73,203,443	\$177,000	0.0000	\$ -	18.0000	\$ 108,844.38	3.0000	\$ 1,088,443.80	0.0000	\$ -	\$ 1,088,443.80
BURT TWP.	\$42,705,320	\$28,919,799	\$144,500	0.0000	\$ -	18.0000	\$ 540,823.14	0.0000	\$ -	0.0000	\$ -	\$ 540,823.14
MUNISING	\$166,378,271	\$75,531,348	\$1,183,350	0.0000	\$ -	18.0000	\$ 1,378,842.41	3.5000	\$ 581,885.95	0.0000	\$ -	\$ 1,960,728.36
SUPERIOR CENTRAL	\$64,884,108	\$26,559,078	\$892,000	0.0000	\$ -	18.0000	\$ 480,817.28	8.1100	\$ 528,214.98	0.0000	\$ -	\$ 1,009,032.26

It was moved by Commissioner Lindstrom and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to authorize the chair and approve the following resolution #2009-25:

RESOLUTION #2009-25
OPPOSING A VETO OF MSUE AND MAES FUNDING
FROM THE STATE OF MICHIGAN

WHEREAS, Michigan State University Extension (MSUE) and the Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station (MAES) have had a valued partnership with county, state, and federal government for 86 years; and

WHEREAS, state budget decisions related to our partnership are of extreme concern, with the potential of a line-item veto resulting in zero funding for MSUE and MAES; and

WHEREAS, the impact of our state partner's decision has devastating consequences for MSUE and our county partners, as more than 80 percent of state funding supports the staff members of MSUE; and

WHEREAS, every county and every legislative district will be affected by a veto and MAES and MSUE funding, which are outreach programs that make a significant impact on people's lives; and

WHEREAS, if funding lines are vetoed, MSUE will be forced to cancel all county and campus-based programs and meetings immediately, and the MAES will immediately close 17 research stations across the state; and

WHEREAS, MAES and MSUE are providing the research for the green economy and translating that research into the creation of new jobs for Michigan; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, MAES and MSUE funds generated a total economic impact for the State of Michigan of \$1.062 billion; and, for every \$1 provided by the state, MAES and MSUE generated another \$2.33 for research and Extension work in Michigan, and, with a veto, this income would be lost, with much of it going to other states; and,

WHEREAS, the reputation of MSU will be damaged, and it will take years to restore the faith of federal and foundation funders and private donors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on this 29th day of October in the year Two Thousand Nine, that Alger County urges the Governor to sign the Higher Education budget as passed by the Legislature.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be submitted to Governor Jennifer Granholm, Senator Mike Prusi, Representative Steven Lindberg, Michigan Association of Counties, and the other 82 Michigan counties.

Catherine A. Pullen, Chair
Alger County Board of Commissioners

Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Doucette, Lindstrom, Mattson, VanLandschoot, and Pullen.
Nays – none. Absent – none.

On a motion by Commissioner Doucette, seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to authorize the chair and approve the following resolution #2009-26:

RESOLUTION #2009-26
OPPOSING THE MIWATER BALLOT INITIATIVE

WHEREAS the Upper Peninsula of Michigan faces a serious threat to the stability and future of the region's economy from the very prospect of the MiWater Ballot Initiative, and which if passed, would result in effectively prohibiting the region's citizens from realizing the benefits of a vital mineral production industrial sector; and

WHEREAS proponents of the ballot initiative reside in and are waging the initiative from wealthy Grosse Pointe, Michigan and other southeast Michigan communities – some 400 miles from the heart of the Upper Peninsula and distinctly removed from the daily issued of concern to residents and communities of the Upper Peninsula, cause the elected leaders of the Upper Peninsula Association of County Commissioners, and the Organization itself, to question the capacity of proponents to know the best interests of the Upper Peninsula, our citizens, families and communities; and

WHEREAS the proposed MIWater Ballot Initiative is written effectively such that its result would be to impact only the natural resource industry and specific economic interests of the Upper Peninsula including job creation, taxable investment, philanthropic support, education and workforce enhancements among them, and would not have effective application to any other of the state's regions; and

WHEREAS Grosse Pointe, the base of the proponents of the ballot initiative, was built on the back of Michigan's automobile industry, which historically could not and cannot today exist or prosper without the reliable supply of minerals produced from mining; and

WHEREAS Grosse Pointe was the home of automobile industry father Henry T. Ford, who invested in the acquisition of hundreds of thousands of acres of mineral rights and forest lands in the Upper Peninsula to supply the necessary raw materials for the automobile industry, and where Grosse Pointe remains today the home of Henry Ford's heirs; and

WHEREAS, mining was the industry upon which the Upper Peninsula was founded, and which has served to create the social, cultural and economic fabric of the Upper Peninsula; and

WHEREAS the Upper Peninsula boasts a proud heritage of mining, which has contributed to the betterment of society by contributing the raw materials and metals – the building blocks of society; and,

WHEREAS mining is one of the core societal wealth producing industries, along with agriculture, manufacturing and construction; and

WHEREAS the Upper Peninsula with its unique geologic assets is compelled to utilize these assets in a responsible, strategic and meaningful fashion for the betterment of the region and its citizens;

WHEREAS the Michigan Legislature and Governor of the State of Michigan in 2004 enacted a new mining law and regulations that modernize and strictly govern mining operations in Michigan. This law and implementing regulations are deemed the strictest of any state in the U.S., and require substantial finance bonding; and

WHEREAS modern mining is conducted using advanced technologies, science, practices, measures that prevent, minimize, or remedy adverse environmental impacts associated with an industrial mining operation; and

WHEREAS mining and natural resource based industries have provided the backbone of the region’s economy and today, the region stands poised to renew its natural resource based economic sector, create hundreds of good paying and well-benefiting jobs for local people; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alger County Board of Commissioners recognizes the serious threat posed by the MiWater Ballot Initiative to the Region’s economic well being; and the threat the MiWater Ballot Initiative poses to the fairness of the Upper Peninsula to determine its own course, and to utilize its unique assets for competitive advantage; that proponents of the MiWater Ballot Initiative do not share in common the economic, social and everyday priorities of the Upper Peninsula; and that modern mining can and is providing society’s building blocks while operating in compliance with strict laws and regulations set forth by the State to protect our environment; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alger County Board of Commissioners strongly opposes the prospect and/or passage of the MiWater Ballot Initiative.

Dated: October 29, 2009

Catherine A. Pullen, Chair
Alger County Board of Commissioners

Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Doucette, Lindstrom, Mattson, VanLandschoot, and Pullen.
Nays – none. Absent – none.

It was moved by Commissioner Lindstrom and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to authorize the chair and approve the following resolution #2009-27:

**RESOLUTION #2009-27 IN SUPPORT OF
THE BACK FORTY JOINT VENTURE (HUBBAY MINERALS/AQUILA RESOURCES)**

WHEREAS the Alger County Board of Commissioners supports industry and workforce development efforts that significantly impact local employers and the economic growth of our region, and therefore supports the mining industry and operations in the Upper Peninsula; and

ACKNOWLEDGING THAT primary regulatory responsibility for mining is with the State of Michigan, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality is responsible for evaluating information to determine if permits should be issued that would allow mining operation; and

ACKNOWLEDGING THAT the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality’s rule-making process has produced rules that have been cited as among the best in the country for protecting the environment while allowing mining;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, if and when The Back Forty Joint Venture meets federal and state requirements to properly protect the environment, natural resources, and public health, the Alger County Board of Commissioners pledges its support of the project and encourages similar support from local, state and federal elected officials and leaders for this mining industry project which will enhance the continued economic growth of our region.

Dated: October 29, 2009

Catherine A. Pullen, Chair
Alger County Board of Commissioners

Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Doucette, Lindstrom, Mattson, VanLandschoot, and Pullen.
Nays – none. Absent – none.

On a motion by Commissioner Mattson, seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to authorize the chair and approve the following resolution #2009-28:

**RESOLUTION #2009-28 IN SUPPORT OF
MERIT CURRICULUM ADJUSTMENTS TO SUPPORT
CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION**

WHEREAS, manufacturing, while in decline in certain areas of Michigan and the United States, is still a critical base industry that provides high quality jobs with comparatively high levels of compensation; and

WHEREAS, the Upper Peninsula economy is shifting with manufacturers adopting modern manufacturing techniques to maintain their competitiveness in a global economy; and

WHEREAS, skilled workers are now and will continue to be in demand by manufacturers to support business growth and attrition of the workforce through retirement; and

WHEREAS, the secondary education system has traditionally played a significant role in workforce preparation of youth and young adults to prepare for employment and further education to acquire needed skills for employment; and

WHEREAS, the new Michigan Merit curriculum has presented new challenges for education providers and students, which has created fewer opportunities for career and technical education within secondary education;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alger County Board of Commissioners supports the Upper Peninsula Regional Industrial Manufacturing Skills Alliance in their efforts to support legislation and rule changes that will modify and enhance the Michigan Merit curriculum in a way that better provides opportunities for education to provide, and students to access secondary career and technical education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution will be forwarded to the Upper Peninsula Regional Industrial Manufacturing Skills Alliance (UPRIMSA), and that the UPRIMSA may then advance this resolution to legislators and other stakeholders as needed in order to support their efforts to modify the Michigan Merit curriculum.

Dated: October 29, 2009

Catherine A. Pullen, Chair
Alger County Board of Commissioners

Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Doucette, Lindstrom, Mattson, VanLandschoot, and Pullen.
Nays – none. Absent – none.

It was moved by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to authorize the chair and approve the following resolution #2009-29:

**RESOLUTION #2009-29 SUPPORTING THE ADOPTION OF
LEGISLATION REQUIRING THE STATE OF MICHIGAN AND THE
STATE OF WISCONSIN TO ALLOW TRANSFER OF
FIRE FIGHTER TRAINING CREDENTIALS**

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan and Wisconsin are in Financial Distress; and

WHEREAS, the States are reducing Fire Fighter Training Funds but keep increasing and mandating training; and

WHEREAS, the bordering states allow emergency mutual aid, but do not allow recognition of Fire Fighting Training Credentials; and

WHEREAS, the contiguous states could transfer Fire Fighters Credentials and by having reciprocity, the States would save monies by not mandating that trained Fire Fighters in one state have to be retrained in the other state once they transfer Fire Departments;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alger County Board of Commissioners hereby strongly recommends that state legislation be adopted requiring that the State of Michigan and the State of Wisconsin allow Transfer of Fire Fighter Training Credentials; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution are forwarded to Governor Jennifer Granholm, U.P. Legislators and U.P. County Boards.

Dated: October 29, 2009

Catherine A. Pullen, Chair
Alger County Board of Commissioners

Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Doucette, Lindstrom, Mattson, VanLandschoot, and Pullen.
Nays – none. Absent – none.

Public comment session was open. Commissioner VanLandschoot discussed the drug court program that he attended. He said it is working really, really well. There was no other 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 – Commissioners Doucette, Lindstrom, Mattson, VanLandschoot, and Pullen.
Nays – none. Absent – none.

Catherine A. Pullen, Chairwoman
Alger County Board of Commissioners

Mary Ann Froberg
Alger County Clerk