

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

**April 11, 2011**

**Minutes are subject to corrections and approval**

Pursuant to recess, the Alger County Board of Commissioners convened in the conference room of the county building at 4:00 p.m. on the above date.

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Pullen with the following Commissioners present: Commissioners Doucette, Mattson, VanLandschoot, and Pullen. Absent 6 Commissioner Rondeau.

The board of commissioners said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public comment session was open. Becky Wilder was present asking to add to the agenda the Hazardous Emergency Planning Grant. There was no other 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 amended to add Rebecca Wilder and accepted as amended.

Pat Suboski, the Equalization Director, presented an Equalization study. He said that the Board is required to meet to accept the valuations. He said that if they didn't feel that the assessor's were doing their job, the board could adjust the valuations. Commissioner VanLandschoot saw that there were no numbers in a column under number of acres assessed. Pat said that he would make the corrections and that he will have it corrected for next Monday's board meeting. It was the consensus of the board to accept the L-4024 Equalization Study with the corrections made.

Commissioner Rondeau arrived at 4:10 p.m.

Jose Ortiz from the VA Clinic in Manistique and Bill Bruce from the Behavioral Health at the VA Hospital in Iron Mountain were available to make a presentation. They made a presentation on the culture of the service. The presentation covered all of the branches of the service and some do's and don'ts when meeting with a veteran. It also covered the services offered to veterans at the VA Medical Center in Iron Mountain.

The life insurance that was approved on February 2, 2011 was discussed. There was confusion on the option and that it was not correctly done. The motion from February 2<sup>nd</sup> will have to be rescinded. It was the consensus of the board to approve option 3 of the proposal.

Becky Wilder presented a grant for HEMP, which helps support the LEPC. The grant is eligible to receive up to \$1,050. It is the consensus of the board to authorize the chair to sign the grant agreement.

Bob Hughes announced Becky Wilder's retirement. Her retirement payoff was discussed. 90% of the payoff for her personal, vacation, and sick time will come from the jail's budget and 10% will come from 911. Her ambulance stipend will come from the ambulance fund. The amount will be up to \$19,414.31 depending on her taking any more time off before her retirement date of April 25, 2011. Bob Hughes said that he does want to replace the full-time position. He said that when Dave Latvala and Dave Cromell left, those positions were not filled. It was the consensus of the board to authorize the payoff of up to \$19,414.31.

It was also the consensus of the board to replace Becky's position at the Sheriff's Department.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize Jerry Doucette and Esley Mattson to attend the UPACC (U.P. Association of County Commissioners) Spring Conference May 6-7, 2011 at the Bay Mills Resort in Brimley, MI.

It was the consensus of the board to reappoint Rita Hale to serve another term on the Alger County Jury Board per Judge Carmody's recommendation. Her term will expire April 30, 2017.

Old business was next. The Park Patrol Grant was discussed. It was the consensus of the board to authorize the chair to sign the grant.

There were no appropriations.

It was the consensus of the board to approve payment of all of the board bills as recommended by the audit committee.

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 transfer the following 2010 expenditure budgets:

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Transfer the following amounts for the 2010 budgets:

\*\$241.82 from the Computers budget into the Prosecuting Attorney's budget

\*\$758.18 from the Animal Shelter's budget into the Prosecuting Attorney's budget

\*\$240.94 from the Jury Commission budget into the Building and Grounds budget

\*\$348.93 from the Treasurer's budget into the Building and Grounds budget

\*\$175.13 from the Airport budget into the Building and Grounds budget

\*\$265.00 from the Fair Board's budget into the Sheriff's Dept. budget

\*\$.30 from the Service Contract's budget into the Motor Pool's budget

\*\$200.00 from the Contagious Diseases budget into the Jail budget

\*\$65.00 from the Friend of the Court budget into the Jail budget

There were no miscellaneous financial matters.

It was the consensus of the board to approve Resolution #2011-2 Honoring the State of Michigan 2011 Class D Coach of the Year.

It was the consensus of the board to approve Resolution #2011-3 Honoring the 2011 Boys Class D MHSAA Semi-Finalist Team.

It was the consensus of the board to approve Resolution #2011- 4 Honoring the State of Michigan 2011 Class D Co-Player of the Year.

Committee reports were next. Commissioner Rondeau discussed the Commission on Aging millage. Commissioner Doucette discussed the building and grounds meeting. Commissioner Pullen discussed the loss of a Delta County Commissioner Dave Schultz. She also said that Commissioner Doucette is asked to be considered for the MAC (Michigan Association of Counties) Board.

Correspondence was read and will be placed in the file. Commissioner Rondeau had a letter regarding Joe Cilc. There is to be an executive committee meeting with Joe Cilc to discuss the issue.

Board comments were next. There were none.

Public comment session was open. Undersheriff Grahovac said that he thinks that they have reached an agreement for the snowmobile problems on Old-94. He said that there is a meeting scheduled for April 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at the road commission. There was no other public comment from the floor; 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