

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

**July 11, 2011**

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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, Rondeau, 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.

T.J. Brown from Michigan Energy Options was present and gave a brief presentation. Michigan Energy Options is a non-profit demonstration center that has operated for about 33 years. He said that they provide many services through companies. They are currently running as the implementation contractor for the Alger Energy Savers Program wherein any homeowner can receive their home assessment services at no cost. They will follow it up with implementation programs. This year they replaced 200 heating systems statewide. There were about 7 or 8 in Alger County. It is a no cost program through the Michigan Public Service Commission and they receive referrals through the Munising Senior Center, any DHS office or any referral agent that can identify those people that need those kinds of services. He said that basically they provide services through the Rebuild Michigan Program or public entities. They provide energy evaluations and implementation of those evaluations. T.J. said that they provide free services for residents and any tourist based business receives the services for free. He asked if the county was interested in enrolling in the program, but that it would cost the county a fee. He is to get the enrollment form to Commissioner Doucette.

There was discussion on the Emergency Management Coordinator and that it was being posted as a part-time position within the union of the Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Pullen said that it is a part-time position and is associated with a position in the Sheriff's Department. The recommendation from Sheriff Hughes for the Emergency Management Coordinator is Deputy Steven Webber. He is also recommending Deputy Matt Waldron train as the alternate Emergency Management Coordinator. It was discussed that Mr. Chuck Bouth of Tall Pine Enterprises has agreed to work with training and mentoring of the appointees. It is the consensus of the board to appoint Sheriff Hughes' recommendations for the Coordinator and alternate and to appoint the Sheriff to work with the appointees and Chuck Bouth within the Emergency Management Fund budget.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the treasurer to set-up new Fund 340 Capital Improvement Bonds.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the treasurer to set-up new Fund 349 Refunding Bonds.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the treasurer to set-up department 415 Land Bank in the general fund.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the treasurer to set-up department 420 Brownfield in the general fund.

It was the consensus of the board to amend the Transfer in from Foreclosure Fund 101-000-446.000 in the amount of \$4,000.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the treasurer to transfer out of Transfer Out to General Fund 517-000-999.000 in the amount of \$4,000.

It was the consensus of the board to amend the expenditures in the general fund Land Bank 101-415-969.000 in the amount of \$3,000.

It was the consensus of the board to amend the expenditures in the general fund Brownfield 101-420-969.000 in the amount of \$1,000.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the treasurer to transfer from general fund Land Bank 101-415-969.000 into the Land Bank Fund #792 in the amount of \$3,000.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the treasurer to transfer from general fund Brownfield (101-420-969.000) into the Brownfield Authority Fund #795 in the amount of \$1,000.

It was the consensus of the board to amend the revenues in the Payment in Lieu (101-000-428.000) in the amount of \$1,466.91.

It was the consensus of the board to amend the expenditures in Probate Court in equipment (101-148-937.000) in the amount of \$943.

It was the consensus of the board to amend the expenditures in Probate Court in transcripts (101-148-707.000) in the amount of \$129.15.

It was the consensus of the board to amend the expenditures in Advertising (101-103-900.000) in the amount of \$394.76.

There was discussion on revisiting the Board of Commissioner's meetings per month. Per board policy the current number of meetings is set at 15 meetings per month. It was the consensus to amend the board policy to waive the maximum of 15 meetings per month and be retroactive from June 2011 until the Honeywell project is completed for the building and grounds committee member.

Old business was next. There was none.

It was the consensus of the board to pay the LMAS third quarterly payment in the amount of \$21,235.50 (101-601-969.000).

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.

The Sheriff discussed the new Live Scan Fingerprint System. The cost of the new system is \$15,850.00. He said that there is a grant from the sexual offender registry for \$15,000. The remaining \$850 is to be split and was agreed to verbally between the City Police and the State Police. The Sheriff said that should it fall through, there was a maintenance fee in his budget for Live Scan.

There were no miscellaneous financial matters.

It was the consensus of the board to approve the U.P. Area Agency on Aging FY 2012 Area Plan / Annual Implementation Plan Resolution.

It was the consensus of the board to approve the Resolution Amending Resolution Authorizing Issuance of 2011 Capital Improvement and Refunding Bonds (Limited Tax General Obligation).

Committee reports were next. Commissioner VanLandschoot said that Dick Bowerman has completed his testing to be the airport manager. The grass cutting at the airport was also discussed. Commissioner Pullen discussed a conference call with Steve Cannello and some of the court staff to join the AFSCME union. There was also discussion about the prosecutor's office joining either with AFSCME or WPPA.

Correspondence was read and will be placed in the file.

Board comments were next. Commissioner Rondeau said that he looked at the Honeywell contract and could not make heads or tails of it. He said that he contacted the Prosecuting Attorney's secretary to ask about the contract and that she said that the prosecutor is not the board's attorney. He said that per statute, she is the attorney for the board. Commissioner Rondeau said that he would go and discuss it with the prosecutor. Commissioner Doucette talked about a meeting regarding the AuTrain Dam and Forest Lake.

Public comment session was open. There was no 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