

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

March 14, 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, and VanLandschoot. Absent ó Commissioners Rondeau 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 was closed.

It was the consensus of the board to look at the minutes and make a motion at Monday's regular board meeting. Commissioners Rondeau and Pullen arrived at 4:05 p.m.

The agenda was accepted as presented.

Anne Giroux, Marquette County Treasurer, was present to talk about Land Bank Authorities. She had some handouts that will be placed in the board file. She quickly ran through a PowerPoint handout and talked about what the Marquette County Land Bank Authority has done. It was discussed that the Alger County Treasurer, with the approval from the board of commissioners can enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the State Authority.

Bob Lindbeck from the Alger County Road Commission was next on the agenda. He gave a brief presentation on what projects the road commission had worked on in 2010. He brought an information sheet of the road commission's 2011 projects. He also brought a hand out of county road funding facts.

John Basse, Chief Executive Officer, and Donna Kitrick, Chief Operating Officer, from Pathways were present to talk about the letter that they received from the Prosecuting Attorney Karen Bahrman. John briefly described what the cost of services Pathways performs in Alger County. He said that the county's grand total of services is \$1,416,227. It was discussed that the current match agreement from years ago was \$32,000. He also said that Alger County is financially liable for 10% of the net cost which would be approximately \$141,622. John said that they are willing to work and partner with the county on all of the issues and asked for someone to call him for a meeting.

Marianne Laskay from the Animal Shelter Board was next on the agenda. She was requesting that the board think about asking for a millage to run the animal shelter. She said that they operate on donations, but can not depend on them. Marianne asked that if they can't afford to operate the shelter and if they have to give up the shelter, does the county get the responsibility to operate the animal shelter. It was discussed that unless there was a special election, the next election would be in 2012. Marianne is going to have to get some legal help with the wording of the millage and then bring it to the board for approval. Commissioner Pullen told her to ask Rochelle Cotey for recommendations with the millage language.

Jerry Kole, the new State Court Administrator, was introduced to the board. The judge's proposal for a classification study was then discussed at length. Commissioner Rondeau said that he contacted a few people and discussed what they had said. Mr. Kole said that he would like to see this resolved before he leaves today. This will be brought before the board at the regular board meeting on March 21, 2011.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize Joe Cilc to purchase a new computer software program from Delaney Software Services, Inc. in the amount of \$4,736 plus the cost of training. He said that they can take the existing program from DOS and write a program to work in Microsoft Office Windows. He also gave the board a proposal for a new computer. It was also the consensus of the board to authorize Joe to purchase the new equipment from Computer Associates of Marquette. Joe figured the total for the new software and computer equipment would cost around \$8,000. Monies are to come from the DTR (Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund) and the funds are to be paid back to the DTR within the next two years.

Next on the agenda was to open bids for three Baxter Spectrum I.V. pumps and associated equipment. The Sheriff recommends going with the bid that was received from Baxter. It was the consensus of the board to authorize the Sheriff to purchase the three Baxter Spectrum I.V. pumps and the associated equipment from Baxter Healthcare Corporation in the amount of \$9,890. Monies are to come from the ambulance fund.

It was the consensus of the board authorizing the Sheriff to purchase three sets of Motorola Radio-Direct Headsets to operate in the hovercraft in the amount of \$900. He said that the headsets will also be used on the boat in the summer. Monies are to come from the ambulance fund (rescue equipment).

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the Sheriff to pay for Emily Colyer's tuition and books to be a paramedic in the amount of \$3,000. She is to pay the rest of the expenses (i.e. travel, lodging, meals). Emily is to sign a commitment letter to complete three years of service with a payment clause that if Emily leaves Alger County within the next three years, the \$3,000 is to be prorated and she is to pay back monies owed. Monies are to come from the ambulance fund.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the Sheriff to purchase smoke alarms for the jail in the amount of \$12,000. He said that a RAP Grant was approved in the amount of \$4,300. The remaining \$7,700 will come from the building and grounds budget.

Old business was next. There was none.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize payment of the 2011 second quarterly payment to LMAS 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.

It was the consensus of the board to transfer the following 2010 expenditure budgets:

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Transfer the following for the 2010 budgets:

*\$48.51 from the Advertising budget into the Probate Court budget

*\$639.88 from the Elections budget into the County Clerk/ROD budget

*\$188.79 from the Jury Commission budget into the Building and Grounds budget

*\$3,507.30 from the Sheriff's budget into the Motor Pool budget

*\$2,725.54 from the Attorneys/Consultants budget into the Motor Pool budget

*\$287.54 from the Jury Commission budget into the Motor Pool budget

*\$1,251.56 from the Veterans Burials budget into the Jail budget

*\$612.00 from the Duplicating Account budget into the Employee Fringe Benefits budget

There were no miscellaneous financial matters.

Committee reports were next. Commissioner VanLandschoot discussed a LMAS meeting that he and Commissioner Mattson attended.

Correspondence was read and will be placed in the file.

Board comments were next. There were none.

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

This meeting is now adjourned.

Catherine A. Pullen, Chairwoman
Alger County Board of Commissioners

Mary Ann Froberg
Alger County Clerk