

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

November 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 Chairman Doucette with the following Commissioners present: Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. 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, the public comment session 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 and accepted.

Jim Olson of MGT of America, Inc. presented the 2010 Cost Allocation Plan to the board. He went through the cost allocation plan explaining what was charged in each department. He said to charge for the cost allocation plan you would have to look at each department to see what could be charged. He said that each fund would have to be looked at to see if services would be reduced in charging indirect costs of the cost allocation plan. There was much discussion on those charges. He said that they are component costs (system costs), not direct costs (actual phone and computer costs, etc). Jim said that if anyone had any questions or concerns to feel free to call him.

It is the consensus of the board to authorize the clerk and treasurer to charge funds for the cost allocation monies that come from the Cost Allocation Plan.

There was discussion on the payment needed to bring divisions 01, 02, 12, and 13 to the 80% funding in their retirement divisions. It was the consensus of the board to authorize the clerk to pay \$312,120.00 to MERS (Michigan Employees' Retirement System of Michigan) to bring those divisions up to the 80% funding. The difference in costs will be reflected in the FY 2013 Annual Actuarial Valuation Report. It was also discussed that a supplemental valuation would need to be done if the board wanted to see the financial changes in the FY 2012.

There was discussion on the MERS (Michigan Employees' Retirement System of Michigan) payment options for the next fiscal year. It either has to be a flat rate for division 02 and division 12 or the board can change it to a blended rate for divisions 02 and 20 and for divisions 12 and 17. It was the consensus of the board to charge the flat rate for the FY 2012.

It was the consensus of the board to change the airport committee to Commissioner Pullen and Commissioner Rondeau with Commissioner Pullen being the chair of that committee; Commissioner Rondeau is replacing Commissioner Doucette on the Alger County Fair Board committee and on the Extension, Conservation, Watershed Steering, Recreation, Resource & Development committee; Commissioner Pullen will replace Commissioner VanLandschoot on the Resolutions committee; and Commissioner VanLandschoot is replacing Commissioner Doucette as the alternate on the Pathways Substance Abuse Liaison committee.

It was the consensus of the board to approve payment to Compudyne for a new laptop and tower for the counter in the clerk's office in the amount of \$1,707.00. The monies for the laptop are to come from the elections budget and the computer tower is to come from the clerk's office budget.

It was the consensus of the board to approve payment to Compudyne for a new computer in the treasurer's office in the amount of \$1,282.00. Half of the monies are to come from the foreclosure fund and the other half is to be paid from the treasurer's budget.

It was the consensus of the board to approve payment to Compudyne for two new computers in the amount of \$1,538.00. Pathways and Community Corrections are paying for one computer and the 416 Road Patrol Grant will pay for the other computer.

There was discussion on the ambulance billing and what AccuMed recommended as a fee change. The sheriff said that Alger County charges less than what could be charged because of the millage. It was the consensus of the board to approve the ambulance billing rate changes as recommended by the AccuMed Group.

The sheriff discussed the AccuMed contract and that he wants to amend the contract. He said right now the paramedics are using the program to enter the run sheets from the State of Michigan for the State of Michigan. That way the state can run statistics. It was discussed that AccuMed would cut the cost of the contract from 8% to 7.5% if the county would go with the AccuMed program to enter the run sheets. The initial cost would be \$2,500 for support and training in the first year. After that the cost would be \$500 per year for the maintenance and program. It was the consensus of the board to authorize the sheriff to purchase the new program.

There was no old business to discuss.

It was the consensus of the board to pay the convention facility tax for substance abuse to NorthCare Network in the amount of \$5,253 (101-631-969.000).

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 authorize the treasurer to transfer the following funds:

TRANSFER FROM FORECLOSURE FUND	\$13,602.42
TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND:	
POSTAGE ACCT	4,500.00
TRANSFER IN FORECLOSURE	9,102.42
(CLERICAL \$5,000.00 & TREASURER'S BUDGER \$4,102.42)	
TRANSFER FROM LIMESTONE SUMMER TAX	2,994.11
TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND	
TRANSFER IN SUMMER TAX COLLECTION	2,994.11
(ADMIN FEE & \$2.50 PER PARCEL)	
TRANSFER FROM CTY SURVEY AND REMON.	3,642.49
TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND	
TRANSFER IN REMON. ADMIN	3,642.49
TRANSFER FROM HOMSTEAD AUDIT FUND	1,500.00
TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND	
TRANSFER IN HOMESTEAD TAX	1,500.00
TRANSFER FROM WIRELESS 911	36,000.00
TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND	
TRANSFER IN WIRELESS 911	36,000.00
TRANSFER FROM BUILDING DEPT	3,500.00
TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND	
TRANSFER IN RENT	3,500.00

It was the consensus of the board to amend the revenues below:

*Convention Facility Tax	\$10,800.00
*Transfer in Foreclosure	\$4,102.42

It was the consensus of the board to amend the expenditures below:

*Board of Commissioners	\$6,000
*Motor Pool	\$1,800
*Treasurer	\$4,102.42
*County Law Library	\$3,000

Under miscellaneous financial matters it was the consensus of the board to transfer \$3,000 from the general fund county law library into the county law library fund. There were no other miscellaneous financial matters.

It was the consensus of the board to approve Resolution #2011-14 Urban Cooperative Agreement.

It was the consensus of the board to approve Resolution #2011-15 GASB 54.

Committee reports were next. Commissioner VanLandschoot discussed the AMCAB board meeting that he attended and that Earl Hawn talked to him about the CDBG program. He said that the board must decide in the second year of a two-year program where those monies will be spent. There will be \$125,000 to spend for a two-year period, which comes to approximately four homes. He said that Earl will come to a board meeting and discuss this. Commissioner Doucette said that he and Commissioner Mattson met with the attorney and had a discussion with him on the contracts and negotiating. He also said that he gave them information on the insurance opt out and that we will not have any penalties for opting out.

Correspondence was read and will be placed in the file. He discussed letters from Gary Walker.

Board comments were next. Commissioner Pullen said that she started a letter some time ago and wanted to read the letter she wrote to the board. Commissioner Doucette wanted to bring attention to the board of HB 5125 and HB 5126 regarding the road commission. He wanted the board to give it some thought and talk to the representatives or decide to maybe move on it as a board. Commissioner Rondeau talked about a county road going back to the ice caves. He also asked about the snowmobile issue out on Old 94. Commissioner VanLandschoot discussed the road commission and things that could happen.

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

This meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Jerry Doucette, Chairman
Alger County Board of Commissioners

Mary Ann Froberg
Alger County Clerk