

**ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

May 21, 2012

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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.

On a motion by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to approve the Committee of the Whole minutes of April 9, 2012 and the Regular Board of Commissionerø minutes of April 16, 2012. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

Marianne Laskay from the animal shelter was not present, but Commissioner Doucette gave the board some general information that the animal shelter is holding an open house on June 9, 2012 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to approve one or two letters of support for grants for the Alger County Conservation District. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to authorize Emergency Management to purchase a laptop from Compudyne in the amount of \$2,785. The monies are to come from the Emergency Management Grants (259). Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

On a motion by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to authorize Emergency Management to acquire bids on approximately 60 radios using MIDEAL (state bid process) in the amount of \$15,000. If successful in the bid process, they wish to use any unspent monies for the acquisition of additional portable radios until every firefighter of the eight Alger Fire Departments has communication. The monies are to come from the Emergency Management Grants (259). Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

It was moved by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to authorize Emergency Management to go out on bids for the acquisition of two 15KW portable generators in the amount of \$8,000. The monies are to come from the Emergency Management Grants (259). Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

On a motion by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to authorize Employee Benefits Agency, Inc. as Alger Countyø insurance agent for 2013. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to authorize the Chair to acquire a legal opinion with Cohl Stoker Toskey & McGlinchey in Lansing and proceed to work with them on the Determinations from the State of Michigan for the unemployment benefits. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

On a motion by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to authorize the Chair to send a letter to Judge Carmody denying the request for a raise through a contract with Anne McNamara, Friend of the Court. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

There was discussion on the medical examiner and the concerns with contracted employees. The board would like to wait for a contract from the attorneyø in Lansing, Cohl Stoker Toskey & McGlinchey, until making a decision on the position. It was discussed that there is not a problem with having and using the Deputy Medical Examiners and to postpone hiring a medical examiner. It was moved by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to postpone authorizing to advertise for the medical examiner until information is received from an attorney in Lansing. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

On a motion by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to authorize the treasurer to purchase two computers from Compudyne in the amount of \$2,452. The monies for one of the computers is to come from the Limestone Summer Tax Fund in the amount of \$1,226 and the other computer in the amount of \$1,226 will be split between the foreclosure fund and the treasurerø office. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

There was discussion on a county credit card. The treasurer and clerk would be the holders of this card. The Chair would like a policy on the credit card and that authorization is to be very limited. It was moved by Commissioner Rondeau and seconded by Commissioner Pullen to postpone getting a county credit card until policy wording is approved. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

On a motion by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to authorize the clerk to send out second notices for the 2011 and 2012 cost allocation monies, with the exception of the road commission. The board would like to wait for the opinion back from the Department of Treasury. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

It was moved by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Pullen to authorize the Chair to hire Attorney Cannello to act as the boardø attorney for the courthouse union and the new court employees' union negotiations. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

Old business was next. There was none.

On a motion by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to authorize payment to Pathways for their quarterly mental health payment in the amount of \$8,305 (101-649-969.000). Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to authorize the substance abuse payment to NorthCare Network in the amount of \$12,436 (101-631-969.000). Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

On a motion by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to approve payment of all of the board bills as recommended by the Committee of the Whole, with the exception of two of the board bills. One bill was for Anne McNamara with her raise attached. Her original pay of \$979 was approved. The other bill was from District Court for an ad to the Munising News regarding District Champs. That bill was Judge Luomaø and was brought back to District Court. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

It was moved by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to approve the financial reports for all funds. A full 30-page report is available upon request with the treasurer. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

There were no miscellaneous items.

There were no resolutions but Commissioner Pullen said they are working on a resolution regarding foster care. Commissioner Doucette had a discussion that Marquette County is doing a resolution on revenue sharing and about MAC (Michigan Association of Counties) starting a lawsuit for revenue sharing.

Committee reports were next. Commissioner Rondeau reiterated that Terry Grout in the Soil Conservation District is so active on getting funding for their office. Commissioner Doucette said that Elizabeth Coyne is back and out of school now. Commissioner VanLandschoot gave a brief update on DHS and their services. He also talked about the CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) and that they are continuing to work with two target areas in Alger County being the Village of Chatham and the City of Munising. Commissioner Doucette spoke about community corrections and that they will decide on what rates will be charging for the work for 2013. He also shared some information from MAC (Michigan Association of Counties).

There was no new correspondence.

Board comments were next. Commissioner Pullen said that this is a difficult year but that they are doing a good job. Commissioner Rondeau commented on the knowledge that he learned from going to the UPACC conference. He heard that Senator Casperson discussed light pollution from Clair, MI going north. Commissioner Mattson said that the conference was excellent and it was a chance to network with other commissioners. He said that he hopes to have PILT and personal property tax issues to the front. Commissioner VanLandschoot complimented the sheriff for the triangle area and the area across from Muldoonø. Commissioner Doucette said that he was amazed at the amount of commissioners that were not running again for office and commended fellow commissioners by standing up and running. He discussed Frank Meadø funeral in Grand Marais that is on May 25th from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. He also discussed that Business After Hours will be on the Glass Bottom Boats on Thursday, May 24, 2012.

Staff comments were next. The treasurer said that she sold the first land bank property for \$30,500 in Burt Township. Steve Webber commented on the power outage at the jail.

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

On a motion by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to adjourn the meeting at 4:45 p.m. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

Jerry Doucette, Chairman
Alger County Board of Commissioners

Mary Ann Froberg
Alger County Clerk