

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

**February 13, 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.

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.

Jim Lucas with MSU (Michigan State University) Extension presented the board with a Memorandum of Agreement. He said that they are renewing their agreements in all of the counties. He said that the costs would not exceed what the Alger County millage is and that there would be no general fund monies spent from Alger County. Commissioner Pullen asked about the cost allocation plan and about MSU paying the cost for 2011. Jim said that he would look into it and that they would also cover that cost with the millage. Commissioner Doucette told Jim that the county is going to have a meeting with MGT of America; the auditors, Anderson, Tackman, and Co.; and the respective parties that were charged for the cost allocation plan. He said that the clerk was going to schedule that meeting for some time in March.

Marianne Laskay was present to give the board a brief report on the animal shelter. She said that they published their finances in the paper. She said that they have cut salaries in half and have cut their costs. She asked if there were any questions from the board about the shelter. There were none. She said that the Chili Fest had a great turnout and they made \$3,000. Marianne introduced Kathy Glish who works at the shelter. She asked the board if they could upgrade their 10 amp breakers at the animal shelter. She said that they have blown the fuses with electric heaters. Commissioner Doucette said that he would tell Murray so he could go and fix it.

Bob Lindbeck from the road commission presented the board with a power point presentation of what projects they have done in 2011. Commissioner Rondeau asked how big of a hole the road commission would have at the gravel pit on Old M-94. Bob said that it would be awhile until that would happen. Commissioner Rondeau said that he was worried about it being an eye sore from the road. Bob said that they wouldn't have any problem with it. Bob also gave the board a sheet of their 2012 proposed budget for road and bridge projects.

There was one bid to open for the ambulance garage sign from Signs Unlimited. The bid was for a 366 by 386 sign with colored background with white lettering and with blue outline lettering in the amount of \$1,250 plus \$275 installation for a total of \$1,525. It was the consensus of the board to authorize the sheriff to purchase this sign.

There was one bid to open to insulate the ambulance garage from North Shore Spray Foam. The bid is in the amount of \$8,975. It was the consensus of the board to authorize the sheriff to hire North Shore Spray Foam.

There were two bids to open for a new ORV for the sheriff's department. One was from Marquette Powersports and the other was from Renze Power Sports, LLC in Wetmore. Lt. Todd Brock is to call each bidder to get clarification on the difference between the two bids. He will have the answers by next week for the regular board meeting.

The sheriff discussed the medical examiner and the salary and fees that were being charged. Bay Care was collecting the \$100 for the paperwork and no monies were being given to her. He said that Bay Care agreed to give the \$100 fee that was being collected to the medical examiner. The sheriff said that she is also looking for an additional salary. He thinks that they should look at the position and to keep someone who is interested in the position and qualified for the position. This is to be postponed until further information is gathered.

The sheriff discussed that one of their vehicles was in an accident over the weekend. He said that he does not have all of the estimates in yet. It was a 2007 Ford Explorer with approximately 135,000 miles on it. He said that looking at the damage himself and the pieces that were picked up off of the highway the vehicle is going to be totaled. He said that he thinks it will be worth about \$8,000. The sheriff is asking the board to get the new 4x4 Chevy Tahoe. The sheriff is asking for the one vehicle now and to project ahead for another one. Lt. Brock said that in order to get the new vehicle this year it has to be ordered by March 15<sup>th</sup>. He said that it will take 10 to 12 weeks to get the vehicle. It was the consensus of the board to authorize the sheriff purchase the new Tahoe.

The circuit court budget and resolution were discussed. Commissioner Mattson said that at a judicial meeting last Monday, Schoolcraft County was going to give employees a .30 cent raise with a cost to each county of .07 ½ cents for each employee. He discussed that the Merger of the 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court Resolution says that the resolution shall be reviewed and/or adjusted annually. He said that this has not been done. It was discussed that Schoolcraft County shall be the designated control unit and shall bill each of the other three counties quarterly for their allocated share of expenses, requiring the counties to pay their respective share of court expenses quarterly. It was discussed that Alger County did not give their court employees a raise and do not agree that another county can give a raise without it being talked about. It is the consensus of the board not to give the raise.

The cost allocation plan was discussed. Commissioner Doucette said that because of the circumstances and costs with the cost allocation plan, there is to be a meeting set up with MGT of America; Anderson, Tackman, & Co.; and all of the entities being charged for the cost allocation. The clerk is going to make some calls and get a special board meeting set up for some time in March.

The clerk's vault was discussed. She said that it needs to be cleaned out and that she also needs to get more file cabinets for storage. It was also discussed that the vital records and register of deeds documents need to be digitalized. Commissioner Doucette is going to investigate getting some financial help with grants.

Old business was next. There was none.

It was the consensus of the board to approve the Pathways mental health appropriation being the last quarter payment of 2011 (Oct 2011 ó Dec 2011) in the amount of \$8,305 and for the first quarter payment of 2012 (Jan 2012 ó Mar 2012) in the amount of \$8,305 (101-649-969.000).

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 2012 revenues to 2011 revenues (year of expense):

Make a motion to move 2012 revenue to 2011 - which would be year of expense.

#403	<b>Current Tax Collection</b>	\$21,282.78
#502	<b>Friend of the Ct – Co-op</b>	17,126.00
#503	<b>P.A. - ADC</b>	4,470.00
#576	<b>Diversion Officer</b>	7,312.78
#676	<b>Reimbursement</b>	<u>1,909.30</u>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$52,100.86</b>

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the clerk to transfer the following 2011 expenditures budgets as follows:

- \*\$333.77 from the Circuit Court budget into the Board of Commissioners budget
- \*\$323.01 from the Circuit Court budget into the Probate Diversion Officer budget
- \*\$814.74 from the District Court budget into the Building and Grounds budget
- \*\$480.45 from the District Court budget into the Motor Pool
- \*\$3.44 from the District Court budget into the Computers budget
- \*\$753.26 from the District Court budget into the Animal Shelter budget
- \*\$122.00 from the Friend of the Court budget into the Reapportionment budget
- \*\$102.39 from the Friend of the Court budget into the Veterans Affairs budget

There were no miscellaneous financial matters.

There were no resolutions.

Committee reports were next. Commissioner Rondeau said that he went to the soil district meeting and that they had a report if anyone wanted to see it. He also talked about Commission on Aging and setting up a program with the schools where the kids would come in supervised and do work like the windows, hand rails, etc. Commissioner VanLandschoot talked about a meeting he attended regarding the AMCAB housing. He also discussed the emergency management planning session that was held on February 9th and how impressive the exercise was. Commissioner

Doucette also talked about the emergency management exercise and who attended. There is to be a recap of the exercise on February 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the courthouse EOC room. He talked about attending the Chili Festival and also attending a meeting with Senator Debbie Stabenow.

Correspondence was read and will be filed.

Board comments were next. Commissioner VanLandschoot said that he is happy with the circuit court issue. Commissioner Rondeau was very impressed with the person who took charge in the emergency management training and how enthused he was with the job. Commissioner Doucette wanted to tell the board if they get any more comments on the cost allocation plan, to please tell them we are going to meet with everyone to discuss this. He also talked about the Department of Human Services and the issues they are having. Dick Cremerø's building at the airport was discussed and the possibility of charging personal property taxes. There were no further comments.

Staff 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 at 7:14 p.m.

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Jerry Doucette, Chairman  
Alger County Board of Commissioners

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Mary Ann Froberg  
Alger County Clerk