

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

**August 19, 2013**

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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.

Commissioner Pullen stated that she wants to add two resolutions. One is opposing HB 4785 and one is in support of Medicaid expansion. On a motion by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to approve the amended agenda. 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 approve the Regular Board of Commissioners minutes of July 15, 2013, the Special Board of Commissioners meeting of July 31, 2013, and the Committee of the Whole minutes of August 12, 2013. 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 change Lynne Maki's health insurance after retirement and to have her pay 50% of a single subscriber rate that will end at age 65 or the date such person becomes Medicare eligible, whichever occurs later. That 50% contribution will be calculated based on the then current employer paid contribution to the then current existing single subscriber rate. 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 appoint Kathy Reynolds (DDA) to the Alger County Brownfield Authority for the remainder of the term ending 12/31/2014. 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 stop paying Honeywell for the audit services. The clerk is to do a termination letter. 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 sheriff to replace the Digital Interface Module in the amount of \$1,187 from El-Com Services, Inc. The monies are to come from the 911 fund. 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 Pullen to approve and authorize the signing of the following Reciprocal Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement between Alger County and Munising City Police:

Reciprocal Law Enforcement  
Mutual Aid Agreement

For the purpose of rendering reciprocal aid in Law Enforcement protection, pursuant to Public Act No. 236 of 1967, MCL 123.811, of Alger County and Munising City Police hereby enter into a mutual aid agreement for such reciprocal aid upon the following terms and conditions.

**1. Definitions:**

- "Commanding Officer" shall mean the Sheriff of the County and/or his/her designee, the Chief of Police and/or his/her designee, who has the responsibility for directing the Sheriff's Office or the Munising City Police at the time of an emergency.
- "Emergency" shall mean a combination of circumstances requiring immediate action which additional manpower or equipment than that available to the requesting agency at the time of the emergency.
- "Requesting Jurisdiction" shall mean the agency/jurisdiction in which an emergency exists and whom requests aid pursuant to this agreement.
- "Responding Agency" shall mean the agency that sends personnel and/or equipment to a requesting jurisdiction pursuant to this agreement.

**2. Determination and Declaration of Emergency:**

- The commanding officer shall be responsible for determining and declaring that an emergency exists in his/her jurisdiction.

**3. Request for Assistance:**

- Upon determining and declaring an emergency exists, the Commanding Officer of the requesting agency shall make a request for aid to the Commanding Officer of the responding agency.

**4. Response to Request:**

- The Commanding Officer of the responding agency shall make available to the Commanding Officer of the requesting agency such personnel and/or emergency equipment as is available to meet the needs of the emergency. The Commanding Officer of the responding agency may decline the request for aid if personnel or equipment is not available at the time of request. No party to this agreement shall be liable for failure to respond to a request for assistance for any reason.

**5. Direction at Scene of Emergency**

- The person in charge of operations at the scene of the emergency shall be the Commanding Officer of the requesting agency. All personnel and equipment of a responding agency shall be under the direction of the Commanding Officer of the requesting agency upon arrival at the scene of the emergency.

**6. Withdrawal of Personnel and Equipment**

- The personnel and equipment of a responding agency may be withdrawn at any time at the discretion of the Commanding Officer of a responding agency. The responding agency shall not have any obligation to keep its personnel or equipment in the requesting agencies jurisdiction for a longer period of time than is deemed necessary by the Commanding Officer of the responding agency. A responding agency shall not be liable to a requesting agency for leaving the scene of an emergency.

**7. Indemnity**

- The requesting agency shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend the responding agency from all claims, demands, costs or damages (including attorney fees) for bodily injury including death, property damage to any person or legal entity arising out of the acts or omissions of personnel of the responding agency which are specifically directed or ordered by the Commanding Officer of the requesting agency.
- The responding agency shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend the requesting agency from all claims, demands, costs or damages (including attorney fees) for bodily injury including death, property damage to any person or legal entity arising out of the acts or omissions of personnel of the requesting agency which are not specifically directed or ordered by the Commanding Officer of the responding agency.
- **Waiver of Compensation.** The responding and requesting agency waive all claims for compensation from each other including wages, disability payments, retirement, furlough and payments, charges made for equipment supplies and materials used or expended while rendering service under this agreement.

**8. Indemnity in Joint Training**

- Each agency entering this agreement shall indemnify, hold all other participating agencies harmless from all claims, demands, costs or damages (including attorney fees) for bodily injury including death, property damage to any person or local entity arising out of the acts or omissions of personnel of that agency doing joint training and operational programs.

**9. Federal or State Reimbursement for Emergency Works Funds**

- The requesting agency in an emergency, when making application for federal or state funds for reimbursement of the cost of the emergency operations, shall apply for such funds for responding communities. Each agency will maintain appropriate records to support such applications.

**10. Termination**

- Any party to this agreement may terminate this agreement by providing the other parties of this agreement with written notice thirty (30) days prior to the time the party wishes to withdraw its services from the Reciprocal Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement.

**11. Effective**

- This agreement becomes effective for each agency on the date signed by the Commanding Officer of each agency and the Chair of the Board governing each agencies local government.

**12. Amendments**

- As changes occur, this agreement can be amended by a majority of the participants.

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 Robert J. Hughes ó Sheriff  
 Alger County Sheriff's Office

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 John Nelson ó Chief  
 Munising City Police Department

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 Jerry Doucette ó Chair  
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 Munising City Commission

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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 Rondeau and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to authorize the sheriff to advertise for sealed bids for the 2002 Ford Explorer. The bids are to be opened at the next committee of the whole meeting.  
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 payment to Upper Peninsula 911 Authority for the first Annual CAD and UP911 Service Contract in the amount of \$20,960.67. The monies are to come from the 911 fund service contract line item. 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 Rondeau to authorize the Accumed Contract adjustment to enable faxing to hospitals in the amount of \$1,250. The monies are to come from the ambulance fund. 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 Rondeau and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to authorize the sheriff to increase the preliminary breath testing from \$2 to \$5. This is for new clients only and this is to be reviewed in eight months. 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 Pullen and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to authorize payment to LMAS District Health Department for their quarterly appropriation for July through September 2013 in the amount of \$20,745. The monies are to come from the district health appropriation (101-601-969.000). 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 VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Pullen to approve payment of all of the board bills. 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 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.

On a motion by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to authorize the treasurer to amend the revenues in general fund miscellaneous revenue budget (101-000-677.000) in the amount of \$5,230.50. 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 amend the expenditures in the attorneys/consultants budget (101-135-969.000) in the amount of \$5,230.50. Commissioner Rondeau asked about attorney fees. It was discussed that it included monies for the grievance and the contract that is not ratified. 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 was discussion on resolution #2013-11. On a motion by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to approve and authorize the chair to sign the following resolution #2013-11:

**RESOLUTION #2013-11**

**IN OPPOSITION OF HB 4785**

**WHEREAS**, HB 4785 would amend the Public Health Code regarding Emergency Medical Services; and

**WHEREAS**, these proposed amendments would inhibit local ambulance services in rural communities by increasing fees and imposing new (additional) fines; and

**WHEREAS**, these proposed amendments will be the decline, or possible elimination, of volunteer EMS services; and

**WHEREAS**, volunteer EMS services are crucial to Alger County and other rural communities; now

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** That the Alger County Board of Commissioners opposes HB 4785 due to the adverse effects it will have on volunteer EMS services in Alger County and other rural communities; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all Michigan counties, Representative John Kivela, Senator Tom Casperson, and Michigan Association of Counties.

Adopted this 19th day of August, 2013.

Jerry Doucette, Chair  
Alger County Board of Commissioners

**Legislative Analysis**



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**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES OPERATIONS, VEHICLES, AND PERSONNEL LICENSURE FEES**

**House Bill 4785 as Introduced**  
**Sponsor: Rep. Matt Lori**  
**Committee: Appropriations**

**Complete to 6-11-13**

**SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4785 as Introduced**

The bill would amend the Public Health Code, Part 209 regarding Emergency Medical Services. The bill:

- Increases existing fees for licensure of emergency medical services operations, vehicles, and personnel
- Establishes new fees for emergency medical services education providers and programs
- Establishes new administrative fines for non-compliance violations
- Strikes reporting language regarding a report required in July 2000

A schedule of the fees proposed by HB 4785 follows on page 2, including current law.

Current fee rates were established in 1991 for EMS services operations, vehicles, and personnel. Fees currently range from \$25 to \$175 for licensure. The bill proposes changes to establish fees at \$20 to \$500 for licensure, including new licensure.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

House Bill 4785 provides statutory changes upon which the FY 2013-14 budget for the Department of Community Health (DCH) is based in Enrolled HB 4328, Article IV. The FY 2013-14 DCH budget includes a \$1,006,100 increase in state restricted funding from increased and expanded licensure fees to maintain the current licensing and regulatory program for emergency medical services. Total revenue from fees will increase from \$410,000 to about \$1.4 million annually. Current fee levels are inadequate to support the program and available fund balances have been depleted. The program includes 23.0 FTEs to support licensure and regulation of emergency medical services, including over 800 medical first responder and life support agencies, 3,300 vehicles, and 30,400 personnel. Total appropriations of EMS fees included in the FY 2013-14 budget are \$1,387,800.

Fiscal Analyst: Susan Frey

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HB 4785	Current Law Fee Amount	Proposed Fee Amount
<b>Emergency Medical Services Fees</b>		
Initial education program sponsor triennial fee	\$0	\$500
Satellite education location fee, per location	\$0	\$250
Ongoing education program sponsor triennial fee	\$0	\$250
Ongoing education program sponsor fee per topic (1-100+ topics)	\$0	\$20-\$150
Ongoing education applications from instructor coordinators (1-100+ topics)	\$0	\$20-\$150
Ambulance operation license, ambulance operation upgrade license	\$100	\$150
Ambulance license, renewal	\$25	\$50
Nontransport prehospital life support operation license, renewal	\$100	\$150
Nontransport prehospital life support vehicle license, renewal	\$25	\$50
Aircraft transport operation license, renewal	\$100	\$150
Aircraft transport vehicle license, renewal	\$100	\$150
Late fee for above vehicle or transport operation renewal	\$100	\$150
Medical first response service license, renewal	\$0	\$150
Medical first response vehicle license, renewal	\$0	\$50
Nonrenewable conditional life support agency license	\$0	\$150
Medical first responder initial license, triennial	\$0	\$100
Medical first responder license - triennial renewal	\$0	\$75
Emergency medical technician initial license, triennial	\$40	\$100
Emergency medical technician license - triennial renewal	\$25	\$75
Emergency medical technician specialist initial license, triennial	\$60	\$100
Emergency medical technician specialist license - triennial renewal	\$25	\$75
Paramedic initial license, triennial	\$80	\$100
Paramedic license - triennial renewal	\$25	\$75
Emergency medical services instructor-coordinator initial license, triennial	\$100	\$150
Emergency medical services instructor-coordinator license - triennial renewal	\$25	\$75
Reciprocity/national registry licensure applicant initial fee	\$175	\$225
Criminal background check for individuals as required	\$0	\$100
Late fee for above individual license renewal	\$50	\$100
Administrative fine for life support vehicle out of compliance with law/rules	\$0	up to \$1,000
Administrative fine for violation of requirement to submit data and records	\$0	up to \$500
Administrative fine for violation by medical control authority	\$0	up to \$1,000
Administrative fine for violation by individual licensee	\$0	up to \$500

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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 resolution #2013-12 being a resolution urging the State of Michigan to participate in the passage of the Healthy Michigan Plan (Medicaid Expansion). There was a motion by Commissioner Pullen to approve the resolution. There was more discussion on this resolution. Commissioner Pullen withdrew her motion. On a motion by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to postpone passing the resolution until more information is received.

Committee reports were next. Commissioner Rondeau reported on the U.P. State Fair and said that it is skyrocketing. Commissioner Mattson commented that a budget meeting will be on August 21, 2013 at 7:00 a.m. Commissioner VanLandschoot reminded the board that Amy Lerlie of AMCAB will make a presentation at the September committee of the whole meeting. He also commented on AMCAB's Executive Director's report and the Housing Director's report. He said that he will place those reports in the commissioner's bins. There were no other committee reports.

Correspondence was read from the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources and a Notice of Intent from CUPPAD. Commissioner Rondeau is to look at the CUPPAD correspondence. The correspondence will be placed in the file.

Board comments were next. Commissioner Pullen asked about the Deficit Letters for the audit. It was noted that the treasurer was working on this. Commissioner VanLandschoot commented about the Alger Women of Honor 2013. The honorees are Evelyn Morrison of Grand Marais, and Debra Fulcher and Lenore Schramm of Munising. The board would like to congratulate and recognize them for the honor they received. There were no other board comments.

Staff comments were next. The sheriff wanted to comment on some of the agenda items. He talked about the digital interface module for the radio console being very old. He said that Dickinson County has submitted for a \$4,000,000 grant from the Michigan Department of Treasury for new radio consoles for those in the U.P. 911 Authority. He said that Alger County is included in the amount of \$450,000 to replace the radio console. He discussed the agreement with the city police and that all of the sheriff's departments in the U.P. have the same agreement in place. He discussed the CAD system and an equipment fund that is set aside if something fails. He discussed a conference call and the Next Generation 911 system and what PFN is going to provide. There were no other staff comments.

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

It was moved by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 p.m. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

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Jerry Doucette, Chairman  
Alger County Board of Commissioners

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Mary Ann Froberg  
Alger County Clerk