

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

January 21, 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.

It was moved 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 VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to approve the Committee of the Whole minutes of December 10, 2012 and the Regular Board of Commissionerø minutes of December 17, 2012. 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 Steve Webber to bypass the bidding process and purchase 8 more GPS units from Putvins. He said that they have \$2,162 from the 2010 Homeland Security grant and that the costs of the GPSs are \$2,120. The monies are to come from the emergency management grants (259-000-937.000). 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 sheriffø union contract. Commissioner Rondeau said that he has a problem with page 10 Article 11-D. It was discussed that it was agreed to go over some of the language from the old contract and to fix or change some of the language at a later time. Steve Webber told him to highlight the areas for any language changes. It was discussed what was passing was negotiated items between the county and union. It was also discussed that bringing up items that werenø discussed and agreed to would open up negotiations again. It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner Pullen to approve the sheriffø union contract with the items that the negotiating committee and the sheriffø union agreed to. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó Commissioner Rondeau. Absent ó none.

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to authorize the sheriff to purchase the TNT Rescue BFC-320 Brute Force Cutter for the Jaws of Life in the amount of \$4,500 from Fire-Rescue Supply, LLC. The monies are to come from the ambulance budget rescue supplies line item. 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 reappoint JoAnn Carlson to the Land Bank Authority for a three-year term ending 12/31/2015. 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 reappoint Esley Mattson, Teri Grout, and Phil Hansen to the Alger County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for a three-year term ending 12/31/2015. 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 appoint Paulette Kivel to the DHS (Department of Human Services) Board for a three-year term ending 12/31/2015. 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 reappoint Jerry Doucette to the UPCAP Board of Directors for a two-year term. 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 Mattson to renew the Lakeshore Energy Services Contract for a two-year term from April 2013 to April 2015 with a \$100 plus savings. 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 committee list. It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to approve the following 2013 Committee List:

2013 COMMITTEE LIST

AIRPORT

*Cathy Pullen, Mickey Rondeau

ALGER COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING

*Cathy Pullen, Mickey Rondeau

ALGER COUNTY FAIR BOARD

*Mickey Rondeau

Alternate: Jerry Doucette

ALTRAN

*Cathy Pullen

Alternate: Mickey Rondeau

AMBULANCE, LAW ENFORCEMENT, EMERGENCY SERVICES/911/HAZ. WASTE, COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

*Jerry Doucette, Esley Mattson, Bob Hughes

Alternate: Cathy Pullen

AMCAB**

*Joseph VanLandschoot

AUDIT COMMITTEE

*Alternating, Mary Ann Froberg

BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

*Esley Mattson, Jerry Doucette, Pam Johnson, and Mary Ann Froberg

BUDGET

*Esley Mattson, Joseph VanLandschoot, Mary Ann Froberg, Pam Johnson

BUILDING & GROUNDS

*Esley Mattson, Jerry Doucette, Mary Ann Froberg (See Addendum 406 of the Board Policy)

BUILDING CODES

*Mickey Rondeau, Cathy Pullen

COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

*Jerry Doucette

COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION (HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES & PARKS)

*Mickey Rondeau

Alternate: Jerry Doucette

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES (DHS)

*Joseph VanLandschoot

EXTENSION, CONSERVATION, WATERSHED STEERING, RECREATION, RESOURCE & DEVELOPMENT

*Mickey Rondeau

EQUALIZATION

*Equalization Director, Cathy Pullen (Designated Commissioner who will meet twice a year to make sure state mandates are being met)

EXECUTIVE / FINANCE / TAXATION

Esley Mattson, Jerry Doucette, Mary Ann Froberg, Pam Johnson

HEALTH & WELFARE (LMAS)

*Joseph VanLandschoot, Esley Mattson

Alternate: Jerry Doucette

HUMAN RESOURCES / PUBLIC & LABOR RELATIONS

*Esley Mattson, Jerry Doucette, Mary Ann Froberg

INDUSTRIAL PARK COMMISSION/ SOLID WASTE LANDFILL/ MUNISING LANDFILL

*Joseph VanLandschoot

Alternate: Esley Mattson

JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

*Esley Mattson, Joseph VanLandschoot

LAND BANK

*Jerry Doucette, Pam Johnson

PATHWAYS

*Cathy Pullen

PRISON LIAISON

*Jerry Doucette

Alternate: Esley Mattson

REGIONAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

*Esley Mattson, Jerry Doucette

RESOLUTIONS

*Cathy Pullen, Mickey Rondeau

RETIREE / ELECTED OFFICIALS / NON-REPRESENTED INSURANCE COMMITTEE

*Cathy Pullen, Mickey Rondeau

SIX COUNTY CONSORTIUM / CUPPAD

*Esley Mattson, Jerry Doucette

Alternate: Cathy Pullen

UPCAP/U.P. AREA AGING AGENCY ADVISORY BOARD**

*Jerry Doucette

U.P. FAIR BOARD

*Mickey Rondeau

Alternate: Jerry Doucette

**County can make recommendations ó not appointments to these boards.

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 board policy. 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 proposal to add language to the board policy saying that when in the opinion of the board chair, it becomes necessary to consult an attorney, the chair may do so without prior board action/approval. It was decided to hang on to the proposal until the prosecutor has time to look at it. It was asked if anyone had any further comments or suggestions. There were none. Commissioner Rondeau asked if the board was going to use this person to be the county's attorney. It was discussed that was the intention. The clerk said that the board should follow board policy and allow the prosecutor time in conducting an analysis. Then it should be submitted to the Executive Committee with any concerns or recommendations. The clerk also commented that there should be some sort of monetary value given. Commissioner Pullen thought it could be \$1,000. It was discussed that this item is to be on hold until the prosecutor has time to comment and the clerk and treasurer could review it. Then it could go to the Executive Committee.

Old business was next. There was none.

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to authorize payment to LMAS for their first quarterly appropriation for January through March 2013 in the amount of \$20,745. The monies are to come out of the District Health budget (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.

It was moved 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. 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 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.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to authorize the treasurer to transfer all 2013 general fund appropriations into the individual funds as follows:

Transfer all 2013 General Fund appropriations into individual Funds:

Circuit Ct. Prob. Oversight -	\$ 2,000.00
Co. Law Library -	\$ 14,000.00
Emergency Management -	\$ 18,389.00
Probate Child Care -	\$ 40,000.00
Sheriff's Secondary Rd -	\$ 14,000.00
Snowmobile Law Enforc. -	\$ 1,100.00
Marine Safety Grant -	\$ 2,500.00
ORV Fund -	\$ 900.00
F.I.A. -	\$ 10,000.00
Capitol Improvement	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>
Total	\$112,889.00

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 authorize the clerk to transfer the expenditures between the 2012 budgets as follows:

Transfer the following amounts in the 2012 budgets:

- *\$10,000 from the Jail budget into the Circuit Court budget
- *\$1,500 from the Board of Commissioner's budget into the Circuit Court budget
- *\$1,500 from the Audit budget into the Circuit Court budget
- *\$3,737.92 from the Medical Examiner's budget into the Circuit Court budget
- *\$1,500 from the Substance Abuse budget into the Circuit Court budget
- *\$385.64 from the Advertising budget into the Circuit Court budget
- *\$2,700 from the Probate Court budget into the Attorneys/Consultants budget
- *\$1,441.40 from the Equalization budget into the Attorneys/Consultants budget
- *\$188.74 from the Jury Commission budget into the District Court budget
- *\$512.16 from the County Clerk budget into the County Juvenile Officer's budget
- *\$1,536.19 from the Treasurer's budget into the Prosecuting Attorney's budget
- *\$108.98 from the Advertising budget into the Service Contracts budget
- *\$3,805.72 from the Treasurer's budget into the Building & Grounds budget
- *\$874.75 from the Motor Pool budget into the Building & Grounds budget
- *\$1,522.93 from the Computers budget into the Duplicating budget
- *\$1,200 from the Computers budget into the Postage Account budget
- *\$324 from the Elections budget into the Postage Account
- *\$3,431 from the USDA Payment budget into the Sheriff's Department budget
- *\$600 from the Animal Shelter budget into the Sheriff's Department budget
- *\$649.47 from the Jail budget into the Sheriff's Department budget
- *\$2.45 from the District Health Dept. budget into the Airport budget
- *\$306 from the Jury Commission budget into the Employee Fringe Benefits budget
- *\$102 from the Fair Board budget into the Employee Fringe Benefits budget
- *\$100 from the Contagious Diseases budget into the Employee Fringe Benefits budget
- *\$500.16 from the County Clerk's budget into the Employee Fringe Benefits budget
- *\$500 from the Medical Examiner budget into the Employee Fringe Benefits budget
- *\$1,313.77 from the Substance Abuse budget into the County Law Library budget
- *\$574.21 from the Substance Abuse budget into the Building Codes budget

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 treasurer to transfer \$1,313.77 from the general fund law library into the law library fund #269. 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 the treasurer to transfer \$574.21 from the general fund building codes budget into the building department fund #249. 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.

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to approve the following resolution #2013-01:

RESOLUTION #2013-01

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Alger County Treasurer that in 2013 the Alger County Board of Commissioners authorized the County Treasurer to collect the Limestone Township summer tax collection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alger County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Treasurer to collect a 1% administration fee, as authorized by MCL a211.44.

Dated: January 21, 2013

Jerry Doucette, Chairman
Alger County Board of Commissioners

Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette.
Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

Committee reports were next. Commissioner VanLandschoot handed out to the board a report from AMCAB.

New correspondence was read and will be placed in the file.

Board comments were next. Commissioner Doucette brought up a couple of things at a MAC (Michigan Association of Counties) meeting he attended. He said that they will be working with MAC and CRAM (County Road Association of Michigan) regarding the roads, gas tax, and raising registration fees. He said that he talked with Bob Lindbeck and Bob will give him some ideas to work with. He also talked about indigent defense expenses regarding the courts with a limited income and shows how the trials kill the smaller counties. Commissioner Doucette asked Steve Webber about the Humvees and that Mathias Township was upset that they didn't get one and Burt Township did. Steve said that he went to their meeting and explained it to them.

Staff comments were next. Pam Johnson gave the board a handout and discussed that the Alger County Treasurer was approved to participate in a program called Helping Michigan's Hardest Hit Homeowners. She explained that this is to help anyone who has an involuntary hardship that may include but is not limited to serious illness, divorce, a period of unemployment, or other obstacles that have resulted in delinquency in mortgage or taxes. The program offers no-interest loans to eligible homeowners, providing up to \$30,000 of assistance per household. She explained that this program is not run by the county treasurer. The handout states that an interested applicant would need to contact MHA (Michigan Homeowner Assistance Nonprofit Housing Corporation) and sign application documents, and provide income and asset information for eligibility review. She said that this program helps people pay their taxes and mortgages. She also said that this is on a first come first serve basis until the money runs out. The sheriff discussed the Humvees. He said that the Humvees belong to the sheriff's office. He explained that one did not go to Burt Township but went to the Eastern UP Search and Rescue, which is part of the sheriff's office. He discussed the jury trials and that the board should recognize the Department of Corrections in assisting the county, possibly with a resolution. The sheriff said that he utilizes the officers two to three times per year. He said that he is also recognizing the DOC from the sheriff's office. He said that he wants them to look at two things at next month's agenda. One is purchasing a commercial shredder and the other is to adopt a state document retention policy. The sheriff will look at prices for a shredder for next month's meeting.

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 Pullen to adjourn the meeting at 5:04 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