

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

**March 18, 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 Vice-Chairman Mattson with the following Commissioners present: Commissioners Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot and Mattson. Absent ó Commissioner Doucette.

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

It was moved by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to approve the Committee of the Whole minutes of February 11, 2013, the Regular Board of Commissioners minutes of February 18, 2013, the Special Board of Commissioners minutes of February 25, 2013 and the Committee of the Whole minutes of March 11, 2013. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot and Mattson. Nays ó none. Absent ó Commissioner Doucette.

It was moved by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to authorize Steve Webber to purchase LED lighting for the new Crew Cab Polaris Ranger 500 in the approximate amount of \$1,200. The monies are to come from the ambulance fund #210 (rescue supplies 210-000-727.040). Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot and Mattson. Nays ó none. Absent ó Commissioner Doucette.

There was discussion on a bill to AKT Peerless to conduct a site investigation at Lammiø Store in Chatham for brownfield work. It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to authorize payment to AKT Peerless in the amount of \$3,196.08. The monies are to come from the brownfield fund #795 (795-000-801.000). Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot and Mattson. Nays ó none. Absent ó Commissioner Doucette.

Old business was next. There was none.

There were no appropriations.

The board bill to the Alger County Road Commission was discussed. The clerk said that Bob Lindbeck sent the requested itemization of the bill. There was more discussion on the bill regarding their fringes, overhead and authorization of the work. The sheriff said that the undersheriff authorized the work to be done because of the experience of the mechanic. There was discussion of the non-payment of the 2009 audit in the amount of \$2,000 from the road commission. It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to approve payment of all of the board bills. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Pullen, Rondeau and Mattson. Nays ó Commissioner VanLandschoot. Absent ó Commissioner Doucette.

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau 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 Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot and Mattson. Nays ó none. Absent ó Commissioner Doucette.

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to authorize the treasurer to transfer the following 2013 revenues back to 2012:

Please make a motion to have the treasurer transfer the following revenue that was received in 2013 back to the 2012 budget.

JUVENILE OFFICER GRANT	101-000-577-000	13,658.52
CURRENT TAX COLLECTION	101-000-403-000	5,699.00
CURRENT TAX COLL. INTEREST	101-000-403-010	213.81
DIVERTED FELONS	101-000-567-000	3,029.70
FOC CO-OP	101-000-502-000	6,500.52
PROSECUTING ATTY ADC	101-000-503-000	2,151.59
PA WELFARE FRAUD	101-000-545-060	<u>112.50</u>
<b>ACCTS RECEIVABLE</b>	<b>101-000-400-000</b>	<b>\$31,365.64 (TOTAL)</b>

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

It was moved by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Pullen to authorize the treasurer to amend the 2012 miscellaneous revenues budget in the amount of \$7,868.03 (101-000-677.000). Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot and Mattson. Nays ó none. Absent ó Commissioner Doucette.

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot authorize the clerk to transfer the expenditures between the 2012 budgets as follows:

- \*\$7.34 from the Advertising budget into the Board of Commissioners budget
- \*\$7.34 from the Advertising budget into the Probate Court budget
- \*\$7.34 from the Advertising budget into the County Clerk/ROD budget
- \*\$7.34 from the Advertising budget into the Equalization budget
- \*\$7.34 from the Advertising budget into the Prosecuting Attorney budget
- \*\$7.34 from the Advertising budget into the County Treasurer budget
- \*\$16.00 from the Advertising budget into the Sheriff's Department budget
- \*\$334.63 from the Attorneys/Consultants budget into the District Court budget

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

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to authorize the clerk to amend the following 2012 expenditures in the amount of \$7,868.03:

*Building and Grounds	\$654.84
*Motor Pool	\$968.03
*Jail	\$6,245.16

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

There were no miscellaneous items.

It was moved by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to approve the following resolution #2013-3:

**RESOLUTION 2013-3**

**A RESOLUTION HONORING THE OFFICER OF THE YEAR  
FOR ALGER CORRECTIONAL FACILITY**

**MICHAEL SADAK**

**WHEREAS**, in the spirit of excellence in the Department of Corrections for the State of Michigan and the County of Alger; and

**WHEREAS**, this Resolution will serve to focus attention on the exemplary commitment and discipline that distinguish exceptional officers and to recognize them for their efforts;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Alger County Board of Commissioners commend and salute **MICHAEL SADAK**, Officer of the Year for Alger Correctional Facility.

Dated: March 18, 2013

Alger County Board of Commissioners:

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Jerry Doucette, Chairman  
Alger County Board of Commissioners

Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 6 Commissioners Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot and Mattson. Nays 0 none. Absent 0 Commissioner Doucette.

Commissioner Pullen discussed Act 88 of 1913 and the legality of counties levying taxes without it going to the vote of the people. There was much discussion on Act 88 and the Michigan Constitution. It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to approve resolution #2013-04 Act 88 of 1913 (PA 88). Commissioner VanLandschoot wondered if a judge had looked at this. There was discussion on having a judge look at this. It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to amend the motion to postpone acting on the resolution until next month's meeting. Commissioner VanLandschoot is to have Judge Luoma look at this resolution.

Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 6 Commissioners Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot and Mattson. Nays 0 none. Absent 0 Commissioner Doucette.

Committee reports were next. Commissioner Pullen discussed an airport meeting to be held on April 9, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. in the conference room. She discussed an insurance meeting and a 6-month period of time to keep track of part-time employees regarding their hours worked. She said that no one is clear on all of the ways the affordable health care will be implemented. She said it looks like the employee count for insurance will be 52, which would be a large group. She discussed new packages with Blue Cross Blue Shield. She discussed that Darlene is now working directly with the vision insurance company and having a savings of approximately \$1,100. She discussed Marion Riley's health insurance and about Darlene talking with Marion and her husband. She also discussed the Sheriff's Department temps and if they could be hired through ManPower or Michigan Works. The sheriff said that was a good idea and said that he will check on it. There was discussion on the plans from Blue Cross Blue Shield and how many plans that the county could choose from. The affordable health care law was discussed. Commissioner Pullen said that the federal law supersedes anything. There was discussion of the contracts and the part-time employee's hours. She said that Terry Grout spotted knapweed out on the airport. She said that she talked about purple loosestrife and the beetles to attack the loosestrife. Commissioner Rondeau discussed the soil meeting he attended. He handed out what they are going to be working on. Commissioner VanLandschoot had a handout regarding AMCAB and the sequestration. He said the biggest thing is there is a lot of money that will be eliminated, \$100,000 for Head Start and \$22,000 for Early Head Start. He discussed their Housing Services and the unsheltered homeless persons.

There was new correspondence regarding the LMAS Board Minutes, Alger County Friend of the Court 2012 Annual Report, and a letter from the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs regarding fee increases for State of Michigan permits and plan reviews. These will be placed in the file.

Board comments were next. Commissioner Pullen said they need to set a meeting for the OPEB. Commissioner VanLandschoot said he would talk to Judge Luoma regarding the resolution. Commissioner Mattson discussed the resolutions for the Alger Correctional Facility. The sheriff said that he will be attending the meeting with Commissioner Mattson. Commissioner Mattson discussed the DDA (Downtown Development Authority) and being confronted by Doug Bovin and wanting an extension of their plan to include Brown's Addition. He said it is coming up for a renewal and wondered if the county has anything to do with it. He said he was concerned about the expansion on the DDA with Brown's Addition and that the county would lose money on the taxes. He said that business owner's in Brown's Addition wanted to be added because of the façade for buildings and the grants that were available. He believes that the county should be involved. The board does not know if they are involved in the DDA. There was much discussion on this.

Staff comments were next. There were none.

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 Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to adjourn the meeting at 4:58 p.m. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot and Mattson. Nays ó none. Absent ó Commissioner Doucette.

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Jerry Doucette, Chairman  
Alger County Board of Commissioners

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Mary Ann Froberg  
Alger County Clerk