

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

**March 11, 2013**

**Minutes are subject to correction and approval**

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 Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Absent ó Commissioner Mattson.

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.

Steve Webber was present to ask the board to be able to purchase lighting for the new Crew Cab Polaris. He said that he missed the last board meeting and that the sheriff had given the last discussion on the request. He updated the board about the new Crew Cab and the Ski-doo that is to go for bids. Steve said that in talking to Watersmeet, they said that the lighting was not ordered. He confirmed with the sheriff that the lighting was not ordered and he didn't know what kind of lighting to get. He is here to answer any questions of last month and wanted to make the board aware of purchasing the LED lighting. It was the consensus of the board to authorize Steve Webber to purchase the LED lighting in the approximate amount of \$1,200. The monies are to come from the ambulance fund ó rescue supplies. It was discussed that the trailer is included in the cost from last month.

Old business was next. There was none.

There were no appropriations.

There was discussion on the board bills. There was a bill held to the Alger County Road Commission in the amount of \$388.69. It was for work done on the two Humvees. It was discussed that it was taken to the mechanic at the road commission because he used to work on Humvees in the military and had the experience. The bill included fringes and overhead. Commissioner Doucette said that he is going to talk to Bob Lindbeck about the bill. He also discussed that everything needs to go through the board and have board approval with a cost over \$1,000. The undersheriff discussed the correction officer's training and that it did not come out of general fund monies. He explained the local corrections officer training fund #263. He also explained a bill for 911 training. Those monies will come from the 911 fund #265. It was the consensus of the board to approve payment of all board bills with the exception of the one to the road commission 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 2013 revenues back into 2012 revenues (year of expense):

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>
ACCTS RECEIVABLE	101-000-400-000	<b>\$31,365.64 (TOTAL)</b>

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the treasurer to amend the 2012 miscellaneous revenues in the amount of \$7,868.03 (101-000-677.000).

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the clerk to transfer the following expenditures between the 2012 budgets:

- \*\$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

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the clerk to amend the 2012 expenditures in the amount of \$7,868.03 as follows:

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

There were no miscellaneous financial matters.

It was the consensus of the board to approve Resolution #2013-3 for Officer of the Year for Alger Correctional Facility.

Committee reports were next. Commissioner Pullen discussed the Pathways meeting and that she was impressed and said that she has a lot to learn. She discussed an airport meeting to be held on March 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 regarding the land swap. She discussed some new resolutions that she received. Commissioner VanLandschoot discussed sequestration and AMCAB and that he will have more information for the board in April. He discussed talking with LMAS and about upgrades on their building. He discussed an email from Brian R. Bousley, the Menominee County Administrator, requesting a letter of support for James Furlong to serve on the MAC (Michigan Association of Counties) Board. He recommends not doing anything on the request because they do not know him. He also discussed a letter from Ron Ford, a Luce County Commissioner, regarding sharing services of the Veterans Affairs Counselor. He said he is not sure about sharing Glenn Marshall because he has a full time job in Alger County. He said that he thought shared services would diminish services in both counties. Commissioner Doucette discussed his trip to Washington and said that he received a lot of information. He discussed that HUD was cut 5% across the board, that PILT was cut 5.1% and that we do not know locally what the cut is. He discussed the Farm Bill, which is a 5-year program, and does a lot for rural communities. He thinks the bill will be coming up in April. He discussed the need for dredging of the Saint Mary's River and that he talked to Senators Stabenow and Levin about this. He also discussed CCI (Cleveland Cliffs Inc.). He said that there was a lot of doom and gloom in Washington. He discussed about not being able to see Congressman Benishek and that it was a real slap in the face for MAC. He also discussed that this will be the last term for Senator Levin.

Correspondence was read and will be placed in the file.

Board comments were next. Commissioner Rondeau commented on the Farm Bill and that he is totally against most of the new Farm Bill. He discussed corn prices, land and that the new Farm Bill does not address any of that. He said that it is not geared toward the small farms but the big ones. He discussed the iron mine range and how long it takes for a new one. He also discussed guns and drones.

Staff comments were next.

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

This meeting was adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

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Jerry Doucette, Chairman  
Alger County Board of Commissioners

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Mary Ann Froberg  
Alger County Clerk