

**ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

**July 31, 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.

The agenda was amended to delete to take action under item no. 6 and to add closed session at the request of Emil Kezerle with POAM (Police Officers Association of Michigan) for grievance discussion. It was moved 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 Mattson and seconded by Commissioner Pullen to go into closed session. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

\*\*CLOSED SESSION\*\*

On a motion by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to come out of closed session. There was no action taken in closed session. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

Next on the agenda was to discuss the current budgets. Commissioner Mattson gave a brief opening. He said that the 2012 Fund balance was down by \$125,000 and in 2012 the DTR was reduced by \$50,000. He said that their goals are to get projections for the budgets. Many of the budgets were discussed with some of the departments. Commissioner Mattson said that they know that they cannot plan for the unexpected. He said that none of the increases were budgeted in 2013 for anyone and that PILT revenues will be less than expected. The treasurer said that the fund balance going into 1/1/2013 after the auditor's journal entries was \$188,171.32. She said that as of 1/1/2011 the fund balance was \$298,646 and as of 1/1/2012 the fund balance was \$171,158.42. It was discussed that the DTR fund has been depleted because retirement was underfunded drastically and they used that money to stabilize the retirement funds. The DTR fund as of June 2012 was \$904,250.50 and as of June 2013 was \$710,657.11. The treasurer said that the lowest amount in the DTR was \$488,296.11. The treasurer recommended for the budget committee to go over revenues and expenditures and to add some of the revenues that were not added when the budgets were done. It was discussed that the board would like for departments to go back and take a look at their budgets. There was discussion on how the county could save money from freezing travel, deleting cell phones, to freezing spending on supplies, to working longer hours per day and work less days per week. Commissioner Doucette said that they could get MAC (Michigan Association of Counties) to come up to discuss savings on products and the board agreed. Commissioner VanLandschoot discussed that the board should have a cost savings idea on the agenda as item number 6 after approval of the agenda. The board all agreed that was a good idea.

On a motion by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Pullen to authorize the clerk to order a new three year OPEB (Other Post-Employment Benefits) Actuarial Valuation from Gabriel Roeder Smith & Company for the years 2012, 2013, and 2014 in the amount of \$12,876. The monies are to come from the employee fringe benefits. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

There was no correspondence.

Board comments were next. Commissioner Pullen said that this was as productive of a meeting as you can get at this time of the year. Commissioner Doucette discussed how much money commissioners make (\$75,000 each for 21 commissioners) and their benefits in the Detroit area.

Staff comments were next. The treasurer said that we have to start thinking about consolidation of services in order to get our full revenue sharing.

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 Rondeau and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to adjourn this meeting at 6:20 p.m. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 6 Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays 0 none. Absent 0 none.

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Jerry Doucette, Chairman  
Alger County Board of Commissioners

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Mary Ann Froberg  
Alger County Clerk