

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

June 25, 2013

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Pursuant to recess, the Alger County Board of Commissioners convened in the conference room of the county building at 3:30 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 amend the agenda and move item number 6 to be item number 8 and item number 8 to be item number 6. It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to approve the amended agenda as presented. 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 Community Corrections Grant application allowing UPCAP ó CUP Community Corrections to apply for funds for the Central U.P. Regional Community Corrections Program for FY2014-15. It was moved by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Pullen to approve the application for FY2014-15. 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 two FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) requests from the Detroit Free Press regarding the board chair and the sheriff asking for a waiver of the fees. It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to not authorize the waiver of the fees regarding the requests. 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 hiring of an attorney regarding a grievance in the sheriff's union. Commissioner Pullen discussed making some phone calls regarding Attorney Haider A. Kazim. She said that she talked with Attorney Terry Burkhart about the agenda and he said that the notice was sufficient to go into closed session to discuss the litigation/grievance regarding the sheriff's union. It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to go into closed session to consult with Attorney Terry Burkhart to discuss the pending litigation/grievance with the sheriff's union. There was discussion that Attorney Kazim's rates would be \$145 per hour plus the IRS mileage rate. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to come out of closed session. No action was taken in closed session. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none.

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to retain Attorney Haider A. Kazim from Cummings, McClorey, Davis & Acho, P.L.C. to represent the sheriff and the county in the grievance/litigation with the sheriff's union. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

Correspondence was next on the agenda. The clerk stated that there is a 2013 Proposed Master Plan from Burt Township for the board to look at and if they have any public comments regarding the master plan they will need to address it by August 2013.

Board comments were next. Commissioner Doucette said that they are pretty much in agreement with the court staff contract and would like the contract looked at to take care of it in the July meeting. They also discussed the courthouse union contract and that they are getting close with that agreement. Commissioner Pullen left at 4:40 p.m. Commissioner VanLandschoot discussed talking with Don Belusar and that they could use \$5,000 for the indigent veterans. There was discussion about the committee to discuss the amount of money needed and that they need an attorney to draft correct millage wording. He said that he talked with Amy Lerlie from AMCAB and she will be here to give a presentation in September.

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 Rondeau and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to adjourn this meeting at 4:50 p.m. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 6 Commissioners Mattson, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays 0 none. Absent 0 Commissioner Pullen.

Jerry Doucette, Chairman
Alger County Board of Commissioners

Mary Ann Froberg
Alger County Clerk