

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

**July 14, 2014**

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Pursuant to recess, the Alger County Board of Commissioners convened in the conference room of the county building at 4:05 p.m. on the above date.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair 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 a student Birch Smith that attended the meeting for a scholarship program. He was there to observe the meeting for a class. There was no other 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.

There was discussion on a new postage machine. There were bids from Pitney Bowes and from OPG (The Office Planning Group, Inc.) Jason Ambrosio from Pitney Bowes was present by phone and discussed with the board that the postal machine Alger County has is not made any more and that it will no longer be supported a year from now. The board is to look at the options and make a decision at next Monday's regular board meeting.

There was discussion on authorizing the board to join CUPPAD (Central Upper Peninsula Planning and Development Regional Commission). The membership would be at a prorated rate for the rest of the year (the cost of \$4,500 for the year.) It was the consensus of the board to authorize joining CUPPAD at a prorated rate, which should be \$2,250. The monies would come from the commissioner's budget.

There was discussion on authorizing the sheriff to purchase a program to go mobile with their e-medec reports from Accumed in the amount of \$6,885.39 plus annual costs. The monies would come from the ambulance fund under ambulance billing contract. It was the consensus of the board to authorize the sheriff to purchase the program to go mobile with their e-medec reports from Accumed.

There was discussion on authorizing Steve Webber to purchase a total of 22 Bluetooth devices for the 800 MHz radios through the Stonegarden Grant. The monies first have to be spent and then will be reimbursed. It was the consensus of the board to authorize Steve Webber to purchase the 22 Bluetooth devices in the amount of \$3,916. The monies are to come from the Stonegarden Grant.

Steve Webber was present to discuss with the board authorizing the hiring of an architect for a jail. He said that Bob Van Putten, an architect from Landmark Design Group, P.C. in Grand Rapids said that he could put something together with the barebones for \$1,500. It was the consensus of the board to authorize paying Bob Van Putten to put some sort of plans together for a jail. The monies are to come from the jail budget.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the treasurer to transfer the following cost allocation monies:

Ambulance	\$	95,428
Building Department		5,418
Wireless 911		25,195
Foreclosure		543
D.T.R.		0
MSU EXTENSION		7,804
COUNTY AGING		7,259
LIMESTONE SUMMER		37
Homestead		122
Brownfield		<u>44</u>
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>		<b>\$ 141,850</b>

There was discussion that the Alger County Fair is being co-sponsored by the Chatham Lions Club allowing the Fair Board to obtain the liability insurance for the event under the Lions Club International policy and that Alger County Fair Board is requesting the commissioners to consider what they were to pay for the insurance as a contribution to help defray the cost of the rental arrangement with the Rock River Township Park in the amount of \$750. It was the consensus of the board to authorize continuing to help sponsor the Alger County Fair in the amount of \$750.

There was discussion that Lynn Barron (Lynn McDonald) is asking for an AMCAB (Alger-Marquette Community Action Board) mortgage with Alger County in the amount of \$16,000 to be forgiven. It was the consensus of the board not to forgive the mortgage and authorize Amy Hodgins Lerlie, Housing Services Director, of AMCAB to do a letter declining her request.

There was discussion to approve the UPAAA (Upper Peninsula Area Agency on Aging) 2015 Annual Implementation Plan and Resolution. It was the consensus of the board to approve the U.P. Area on Aging FY 2015 Annual Implementation Plan for Services to Older Adults Resolution.

Cost savings ideas / revenue sources were next on the agenda. Undersheriff Brock discussed the drug test kits and charging the \$25. There were no other comments.

Old business was next. There was none.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize payment to the LMAS District Health Department for their quarterly appropriation in the amount of \$20,745. The monies are to come from their appropriation (101-601-969.000).

It was the consensus of the board to authorize payment to Pathways for their quarterly appropriation in the amount of \$8,305. The monies are to come from their appropriation (101-649.969.000).

It was the consensus of the board to authorize payment of the board bills as recommended by the audit committee. The sheriff's department was reminded to bring in their receipts.

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.

There were no miscellaneous financial matters.

There were no resolutions.

Committee reports were next. Commissioner Rondeau discussed a meeting regarding the U.P. State Fair and a veteran's memorial.

Correspondence was read from FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) regarding the Rock River Beach Hydroelectric Project and the annual accounting for the Alger County 9-1-1 Service District. These will be filed in the board meeting file.

Board comments were next. Commissioner Rondeau discussed an abandoned railroad right of way and that the right of way should revert back to the land owners. Commissioner Pullen discussed DHS (Department of Human Services) discontinuing their lease at the county building. Commissioner VanLandschoot asked about the Forest Service Officer. Commissioner Mattson asked the board to review the courthouse contract and to formulate their wish list of demands as soon as possible. There were no other board comments.

Staff comments were next. The treasurer said that the brownfield has removed Lammi's Store and has received two bids on removing the tanks. She also said that the land bank is tearing down a house in Chatham. There were no other staff comments.

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

This meeting is now adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

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Jerry Doucette, Chairman  
Alger County Board of Commissioners

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Mary Ann Froberg  
Alger County Clerk