

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

September 8, 2014

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Pursuant to recess, the Alger County Board of Commissioners convened in the conference room of the county building at 4:00 p.m. on the above date.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Doucette with the following Commissioners present: Commissioners Mattson, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Absent ó Commissioner Pullen.

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.

The county child care budget for the FY 2014 / 2015 with the Department of Human Services Child and Family Services (DHS) was discussed. It was the consensus of the board to approve the 2014 / 2015 County Child Care Budget in the total amount of \$274,250.

Commissioner Pullen arrived at 4:07 p.m.

The Veteran's Relief Fund was discussed. It was the consensus of the board to authorize the collection by the treasurer in the amount of \$27,100 for the Veteran's Relief Fund.

Cost savings ideas / revenue sources were next on the agenda. There were none at this time.

Old business was next. There was none.

There were no appropriations.

There was discussion on the board bills. The sheriff discussed Aramark and the meals for the inmates. It was the consensus of the board to approve payment of all of the board bills 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.

There were no miscellaneous financial matters.

There were no resolutions.

Committee reports were next. Commissioner Pullen discussed a MAC (Michigan Association of Counties) conference she went to regarding TIF (tax increment finance) districts, revenue sharing, PILT (payment in lieu of taxes) and the way the legislators will deal with it. She said it was very informational. Commissioner Doucette said that the UPCAP (Upper Peninsula Commission for Area Progress) Conference will be October 16th and 17th in Harris. Commissioner Pullen stated that Rochelle Cotey said to talk to Senator Casperson regarding transportation funds and that they should run through the current formula. Commissioner Rondeau said that the U.P State Fair attendance was down by 1.5% this year. He had a discussion about a girl that raised a pig, ended up in the hospital, and that a bunch of businessmen got together to raise money. He said that she ended up getting \$52 per pound for the pig. Commissioner Mattson discussed a jail meeting with the architect and that he will be coming back September 30th with some plans. He said that there was a jail finance meeting with Tom Keranen from Clark Hill and he explained how to fund a new jail. He said that bonding can be up to 50 years. There was discussion on the prison and the hospital. Commissioner VanLandschoot handed out a copy of the executive director's report from AMCAB and discussed the report.

Correspondence was read and discussed from AFSCME Council 25 wishing to engage in negotiations on behalf of the Alger County Court Employees Local 625-4; from the Forest Service beginning an analysis for the East Lake Road Reconstruction project; and from the U.S. Census Bureau regarding the LUCA (Local Update to Census Addresses) program. These will be filed in the board meeting file.

Board comments were next. Commissioner Pullen discussed the airport and how much spotted knapweed is out there. She said that she talked to Teri Grout and that there is some spray that can be applied. She said that she discussed this with Janelle Crooks at the Forest Service who would talk to Charlie Marsh about the insecticide. Commissioner Rondeau said that he talked to the school administrator at Superior Central about the airport building and the kids might be able to build a building with a floor plan. He is supposed to talk to the school administrator to find out about drafting a building and constructing the building. It was discussed that this could also include Munising High School in the process. Commissioner Mattson discussed the letter from AFSCME and that the committee needs the board to get their concerns or wish list together and develop it as a board. Commissioner Doucette said that he wants a special board meeting around the end of the month with a closed session to discuss the contracts. The special board meeting is scheduled to be on Wednesday, September 24th at 4:00 p.m. He said that he sent a letter to Richard Cremer asking what his intent is in the future for the metal building at the airport. He discussed regional government meetings, Connors Road construction, the DHS (Department of Human Services) contract, that the Cunningham case is to be voted on Wednesday, big box stores, TIF districts, and that the new ambulance is being worked on at the dealership in Marquette. There were no other board comments.

Staff comments were next. There were none.

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

This meeting is now adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

Jerry Doucette, Chairman
Alger County Board of Commissioners

Mary Ann Froberg
Alger County Clerk