

**ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

October 19, 2015

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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. Bob VanPutten, Architect from Landmark Design Group, briefly explained what happened earlier at the jail committee meeting. He said they would like to maintain 18 ó 22 new beds in the expansion at a cost of \$1.1 million. Bob explained that the bids that came in had a tremendous increase due to winter conditions. DeVere will be rebidding the project in January or February 2016 for a starting May 2016 construction time frame. Landmark and DeVere are going to work together to come up with a new plan to meet the parameters that were discussed and agreed to. DeVere said that new space would be cheaper to construct than rebuilding the old portion of the living quarters of the jail. Landmark and DeVere said that there will be no additional costs or fees for these services of a new plan. The sheriff said they will get more competitive bidding in the spring. Steve Webber said that Bob VanPutten is doing a great job. It was discussed that DeVere's secondary guy was not able to communicate with the head guy. Commissioner Mattson said that it was very beneficial that the entire jail committee met today. Sheila asked Bob about the corridor from the old jail to the courthouse. Bob said that the kitchen and corridors were discussed and will have to be looked at. Commissioner Doucette asked about the footings for an additional floor. Bob said that no, the county would be better to build out in the parking lot than to go up. Commissioner Pullen asked about the contracts with Luce County. Undersheriff Brock said that we will stay as status-quo for right now. The Undersheriff and the board thanked Bob for everything he has done. There was no other public comment from the floor; thus, the public comment session was closed.

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to approve the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of August 10, 2015; the Regular Board meeting minutes of August 17, 2015 with a spelling correction; the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of September 14, 2015; the Regular Board meeting minutes of September 17, 2015; and the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of October 13, 2015. 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 amending the agenda. It is being amended to add Resolution #2015-8 under Resolutions and to add the ORV Ordinance under Old Business. It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to approve the amended consent agenda as presented. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to approve the following Equalization Apportionment Report, which was discussed and is going to have to be amended at a later date:

Year		2015		Detailed Information										
County Name	County Allocated Rate	Total County Extra Voted / General Law Operating Rate	Total County Debt Rate	Enter County and Local Unit Information in columns B through E Enter Community College and Authority information in columns G through I Enter ISD and Local K12 School Information in columns K through P Enter information in the yellow highlighted boxes.						Detailed Information				
Local Unit Name Townships Cities Villages Listed Alphabetically	Total Allocated / Charter Rate	Total Other Extra Voted / General Law Operating Rate	Total Debt Rate	Community College Name	Total Operating Rate	Total Debt Rate	Intermediate School District Name (ISD)	ISD Allocated Rate	ISD Total Vocational / Spec Ed Rate	ISD Total Debt Rate	ISD Enhancement Rate	Detailed Information		
ALGER	5.0770	2.4000					MARQUETTE-ALGER	0.2048	2.0000					
AU TRAIN TWP.	0.7142	6.0000												
BURT TWP.	0.5781	7.1517												
GRAND ISLAND TWP.	0.6724	3.6000												
LIMESTONE TWP.	0.3929	3.0000												
MATHIAS TWP.	0.7949	3.5000												
MUNISING TWP.	0.8934	5.4626												
ONOTA TWP.	0.5702	1.1996												
ROCK RIVER TWP.	20.0000													
MUNISING CITY	3.9943													
CHATHAM VLG.														

Certification Statement

I hereby certify that this Statement Showing Mills Apportioned by the County Board of Commissioners and submitted to the State Tax Commission is a true statement of all ad valorem millages apportioned by the County Board of Commissioners of the

County of _____ for the year _____

Signature of County Equalization Director

NOTARIZATION

Notary Public

County, Michigan

STATE OF MICHIGAN

County of _____ } ss
Subscribed before me this _____
Day of _____ year _____
My commission expires _____

Statement Showing Mills Apportioned by the County Board of Commissioners of the County of ALGER for the Year 2015

(A) County Name	(B) Taxable Value*	(C) County Allocated Rate / SET	(D) Est. County Allocated / SET Tax Dollars	(E) Total County Extra Voted Operating Rate	(F) Est. County EV Oper. Tax Dollars	(G) Total County Debt Rate	(H) Est. County Debt Tax Dollars	(I) Total Est. County Tax Dollars
ALGER	\$369,335,956	5.0770	\$ 1,875,118.65	2.4000	\$ 886,406.29	0.0000	\$ -	\$ 2,761,524.94
STATE ED. TAX	\$369,335,956	6.0000	\$ 2,216,015.74					
*Sections (B) and (K) Exclude Renaissance Zone Taxable Value								
(J) Local Unit Name Townships Cities Villages Listed Alphabetically	(K) Taxable Value*	(L) Total Allocated / Charter Rate	(M) Est. Local Allocated / Charter Tax Dollars	(N) Total Other Extra Voted / General Law Operating Rate	(O) Est. Local EV / GL Oper Tax Dollars	(P) Total Debt Rate	(Q) Est. Local Debt Tax Dollars	(R) Total Est. Local Tax Dollars
AU TRAIN TWP.	\$67,826,880	0.7142	\$ 48,441.96	6.0000	\$ 406,961.28	0.0000	\$ -	\$ 455,403.24
BURT TWP.	\$50,266,616	0.5781	\$ 28,958.60	7.1517	\$ 359,491.76	0.0000	\$ -	\$ 388,450.36
GRAND ISLAND TWP.	\$4,452,737	0.6724	\$ 2,994.02	3.5000	\$ 15,584.58	0.0000	\$ -	\$ 18,578.60
LIMESTONE TWP.	\$17,237,978	0.3929	\$ 6,772.80	0.0000	\$ -	0.0000	\$ -	\$ 6,772.80
MATHIAS TWP.	\$19,792,418	0.7949	\$ 15,732.99	3.0000	\$ 59,377.25	0.0000	\$ -	\$ 75,110.25
MUNISING TWP.	\$72,338,621	0.8934	\$ 64,627.32	3.5000	\$ 253,185.17	0.0000	\$ -	\$ 317,812.50
ONOTA TWP.	\$37,729,982	0.5702	\$ 21,513.64	5.4626	\$ 206,103.80	0.0000	\$ -	\$ 227,617.44
ROCK RIVER TWP.	\$34,151,035	0.7978	\$ 27,245.70	1.1996	\$ 40,967.58	0.0000	\$ -	\$ 68,213.28
MUNISING CITY	\$65,539,891	20.0000	\$ 1,310,793.82	0.0000	\$ -	0.0000	\$ -	\$ 1,310,793.82
CHATHAM VLG.	\$4,332,879	3.9943	\$ 17,306.82	0.0000	\$ -	0.0000	\$ -	\$ 17,306.82

(A) Local K12 School District Name	(B) Total Taxable Value*	(C) Total Non-Homestead Taxable Value*	(D) Total Commercial Personal Taxable Value*	(E) HH / Supplemental Rate	(F) Est. HH / Supplemental Tax Dollars	(G) Non Homestead Operating Rate	(H) Est. HH Operating Tax Dollars	(I) Total Debt / Sinking Fund / Bldg Site Rate	(J) Est. Debt / Sinking Fund / Bldg Site Tax Dollars	(K) Total Recreational Rate	(L) Est. Recreational Tax Dollars	(M) Total Est. Local K12 School Tax Dollars
ALPRAIN-CROYA	\$73,701,908	\$43,564,331	\$23,400	0.0000	\$ -	18.0000	\$ 784,718.30	0.0000	\$ -	0.0000	\$ -	\$ 784,718.30
BURT TOWN	\$40,296,816	\$35,186,064	\$36,500	0.0000	\$ -	18.0000	\$ 835,188.98	0.0000	\$ -	0.0000	\$ -	\$ 835,188.98
BLUENING	\$14,803,878	\$80,977,535	\$2,185,000	0.0000	\$ -	18.0000	\$ 1,470,875.83	3.2400	\$ 963,789.84	0.0000	\$ -	\$ 2,034,445.27
SUPERIOR CENTRAL	\$71,762,877	\$29,222,818	\$285,100	0.0000	\$ -	18.0000	\$ 977,897.74	9.1000	\$ 853,318.00	0.0000	\$ -	\$ 1,180,913.83

Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

There was much discussion on the health insurance. Commissioner Pullen said that it is very difficult if nearly impossible to do a comparable price for the 80/20 or hard cap and that it does not include the dental or vision. The insurance committee's recommendation to the board is to opt-out again and have the employee pay 12%. She said that the active employees pay 1% more and the county pays 1% more. Commissioner Pullen said that they planned on putting an extra \$75,000 in the HRA. Another thing that is new is the Teledoc program. That should save the employees money from having to go to for a doctor's visit. A thank you letter will be going out to Ron Pierce from the board for all of the work he has done. It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner Pullen to opt-out for 2016. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Pullen. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to accept 44 North as the new insurance agent and to also accept the health insurance plan from 44 North for employees paying 12% of the cost for 2016. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

It was moved by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Pullen to authorize adding RAM to Stacey Masters's computer in the approximate amount of \$50 from Compudyne. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to authorize that adjustments will be made to the Friend of the Court Fund through the CRP reimbursements over the next 12 months starting with October 1, 2015. The amount owed is \$6,814.80, which will come to \$567.90 per month. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to authorize one full-time replacement at the sheriff's department with no post-retirement benefits. This means that there is no health insurance and no life insurance after retirement. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

It was moved by Commissioner Rondeau and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to postpone changing the fines in the Animal Control Ordinance and Snowmobile Ordinance until it is written up and the Prosecutor has approved it. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to authorize the clerk to advertise for bids for snow removal, the audit, re-monumentation, and cost allocation services for three year contracts. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

It was moved by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to authorize Commissioners Mattson, Rondeau, and Doucette to attend the UPACC (U.P. Association of County Commissioners) Fall Conference in Harris November 5-6, 2015. The registration rate is \$55 per person and the room rate is \$70.85 for a single or double occupancy. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

It was moved by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Pullen to approve the Fire Suppression System Inspection contract with Excel Fire Protection Co., Inc. in the amount of \$341 per year. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

It was moved by Commissioner Rondeau and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to authorize the Indigent VeteransøRelief millage rate to be .075 mill. This is to be levied in December of 2015 for use during the calendar year 2016. The proceeds of the millage are to be placed in the countyø veteransørelief fund. The proposed millage would generate approximately \$27,700. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner Pullen to authorize the sheriff to explore options and permission to start the process of going out on bids and to get pricing for a new ambulance. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

Old business was next. There was discussion on the ORV Ordinance. It will have to be updated and probably have to be advertised in the paper again. The sheriff is to check with the Prosecutor on this. It was moved by Commissioner Rondeau and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to postpone doing anything on the ORV Ordinance until a later date. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to authorize payment to Pathways for their mental health appropriation in the amount of \$8,305. The monies are to come from their appropriation (101-649-969.000). Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

It was moved by Commissioner Rondeau and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to authorize payment of the board bills. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to approve the financial reports for all funds. A full 30-page report is available upon request with the treasurer. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

It was moved by Commissioner Rondeau and seconded by Commissioner Pullen to authorize the treasurer to transfer \$3,500 from the general fund back in to the building codes fund. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to authorize the treasurer to transfer \$60,000 from the 911 millage fund #264 to the capital improvements fund #404. These funds are going to be used to help with moving the 911 call center. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

There were no miscellaneous financial matters.

There was some discussion on the Waterfront Community Revitalization and Resiliency Act of 2015. It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to approve the following resolution #2015-08:

RESOLUTION #2015-08

WHEREAS, U.S. Senator Gary Peters has co-sponsored the Waterfront Community Revitalization and Resiliency Act of 2015 which would support local efforts to revitalize waterfronts along the Great Lakes, rivers and lakes to promote economic, ecosystem and community resiliency; and

WHEREAS, Many waterfront communities were built around their water resources years ago, and are now working to overcome issues such as limited public access and outdated regulations which do not work well with modern development. In addition to adapting to economic shifts, waterfront communities are facing pressures to meet increasing demands on water resources, and need to make resilient investments that can adapt and withstand weather extremes such as storms, floods, and fluctuating lake levels, and adjust to changing ecosystem conditions from shoreline erosion to stresses on fisheries; and

WHEREAS, Waterfront planning and implementation requires communities to navigate intergovernmental hurdles, work across constituent groups and agencies, and secure financing, however, many communities lack such resources ó despite that this type of preparation can save money long term; and

WHEREAS, This bill will support community efforts to make the most of water resources by attracting water-dependent industries and investments that leverage water sustainability, revitalize neighborhoods, and allow for recreation and tourism; and

WHEREAS, The bill will encourage and support communities to plan for their future, provide the tools to implement that plan, and help them attract private and non-profit investment by:

1. Creating a voluntary Resilient Waterfront Community designation within the Department of Commerce. The designation recognizes communities that adopt a waterfront revitalization and resiliency plan integrating economic, ecosystem & infrastructure challenges and opportunities.
2. Creating a Grant Program providing funding to develop and implement a Resilient Waterfront Community plan. Grants could be used to advance various projects, such as:
 - a. Improving waterfront access or acquiring easements from developers for public amenities.
 - b. Making infrastructure upgrades that improve coastal resiliency
3. Establishing a Resilient Waterfront Communities network to support sharing of best practices.
4. Establishing preferred status in other federal grant and loan programs for Resilient Waterfront Communities. Reinvestment and resiliency can reduce long-term costs to taxpayers and spur economic growth. This bill would help projects in Resilient Waterfront Communities move forward more quickly and help maximize the value of federal investments in these communities; and

WHEREAS, Alger County has been and continues to be committed to revitalization of its waterfronts and this legislation will play a key role in those efforts;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Alger County Board of Commissioners wholeheartedly offers its support of the Waterfront Community Revitalization and Resiliency Act of 2015;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to our State and Federal Legislators and the Michigan Association of Counties.

Dated: October 19, 2015

Jerry Doucette, Chair
Alger County Board of Commissioners

Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

Committee Reports were next. Commissioner VanLandschoot handed out and discussed a Community Nutrition Services (CNS) report from AMCAB (Alger Marquette Community Action Board). Commissioner Rondeau said that he was thankful the insurance committee did its work and got it done. He said that the people on the committee did a good job. Commissioner Pullen seconded everything that Commissioner Rondeau said and also wanted to thank Sheila for the letter. She stated she brought up the retirement and that they need to work on it and are moving forward. Commissioner Rondeau thinks that the people will be happy with 44 North.

Correspondence was briefly read from MSU Extension regarding the Michigan Agricultural Mediation Program and the 10-Year Transmission System Assessment from the American Transmission Company. These will be placed in the file.

Board comments were next. Commissioner Rondeau thinks it was a good idea for the jail committee to back up and start in the spring. Commissioner Mattson said that he was very impressed with the jail committee meeting. There is a budget committee meeting scheduled for October 26, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. Commissioner VanLandschoot said that he is going to share Pam's letter about the veterans' millage with other entities. Commissioner Doucette shared a letter from Terry Burkhardt regarding the State payment to Alger County for the DHS portion of bond payments.

Staff comments were next. The sheriff wanted to give his óhats off to all parties involved on the insurance committee. Steve Webber discussed EMD (Emergency Management Department) and that there was a full scale exercise with a meth explosion last Wednesday. He thanked Jerry for being there.

There were no staff comments.

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 6:41 p.m. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

Jerry Doucette, Chairman
Alger County Board of Commissioners

Mary Ann Froberg
Alger County Clerk