

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

**July 11, 2016**

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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 – none.

The board of commissioners said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public comment session was open. Ashley McFarland from MSU Extension presented the board with a packet of information. It outlines all of the research they are doing at the farm and that they teach new and beginning farmers. She said that they have grant monies to promote research for barley and are looking at bringing back malting barley. She said that July 30, 2016 they are holding Together at the Farm from 8 to 5. The charge for the full day is \$85 or just the dinner is \$35. There will be barn dancing following dinner. There was no other public comment from the floor; thus, the public comment session was closed.

The consent agenda was presented.

Linda Johnson from the Alger County Animal Shelter gave the board a copy of their financial sheet as of May 31, 2016. She said that they are holding a rummage and bake sale this weekend from 10 to 4. They are also going to have a golf scramble on August 27<sup>th</sup> to raise monies. She said that adoptions are at a stand-still right now.

There was discussion on the need for additional paramedic staffing. It was the consensus of the board that this is to be put on hold for a while.

It was the consensus of the board to approve the UPAAA (U.P. Area Agency on Aging) 2017-2019 Multi-Year Plan for Services to the Elderly Resolution and Plan. This is to be added to the consent agenda at the next regular board meeting.

There was discussion on the need to purchase two new computers for the ambulance garage. Commissioner Mattson said that they were told the computers were old and has an antiquated system. Commissioner Pullen said that she would like more information and asked if they are unusable. Both Commissioners Pullen and Rondeau said that they would like someone at the next board meeting to answer questions. A call was made and Tina was available to answer questions. She said that they are old and outdated and sometimes the system won't connect and things won't open. It was the consensus of the board to authorize the purchase of two new computers for the ambulance garage in the total amount of \$1,532.84. This is to be added to the consent agenda at the next regular board meeting.

There was discussion on an increase in the rates of pay for the volunteer (on-call) ambulance personnel. It was the consensus of the board to authorize the increase as follows:

- \$3.00 per hour on-call time.
- \$30.00 per run for MFR
- \$35.00 per run for EMT
- \$40.00 per run for Advanced EMT
- \$55.00 per run Paramedic.
- **Basic Level** (EMT or MFR) volunteer crewmembers that go on a run to Marquette will receive \$45.00 for the call- **this is not in addition to the above rate**).
- **Advanced EMT Level** volunteer crewmembers that go on a run to Marquette will receive \$50.00 for the call.
- **Paramedic Level** volunteer crewmembers that go on a run to Marquette will receive \$65.00 for the call.
- **Established Michigan minimum wage rate per hour standby time.**
- **Distant Transfer Pay Rate:** Should the ambulance service transport to distant hospitals, Ambulance personnel shall receive one (1) paid run at the rate of pay established for a run to Marquette General Hospital for every 2 1/2 hours of call duration. (This is based on the average ambulance run to MGH and back to Munising lasting 2 1/2 hours).
- **Special Event Pay Rate:** Volunteer personnel **who are dispatched to stand-by at a special event** (i.e. Football Games, moto-cross race, snowmobile race etc.) shall be paid as follows:
  - 1- (1) Ambulance run (as described above) for the first 1-hour of the event.
  - 2- Established Michigan minimum wage rate per hour for every full hour of standby at the event after the first hour.
  - 3- (1) Additional Ambulance Run for every patient transported to a hospital from the event by the event crew.

This is to be added to the consent agenda at the next regular board meeting.

It was the consensus of the board to approve the 2017 CVRP (Crime Victim Rights Prosecutor) Grant in the amount of \$26,430. This is to be added to the consent agenda at the next regular board meeting.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize payment to the Alger County Fair Board in the amount of \$750. This is to be added to the next regular board meeting.

Next on the agenda was cost saving ideas / revenue sources. Commissioner Mattson said that at their LMAS meeting he talked with a Schoolcraft County commissioner and told them that we would love the opportunity to handle their 911 service. Commissioner Doucette discussed a GIS system. The clerk explained that it needs to go out on bids. The townships need it and it would be a benefit for the county to have it. The township would also need to help with the cost. This will be on next week's agenda.

Old business was next. There was none.

There were no appropriations.

It was the consensus of the board to approve payment of all of the board bills as recommended by the audit committee. There was an appropriation that was taken out and it is to be on next week's agenda. This is to be added to the consent agenda at the next board meeting.

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. This is to be added to the consent agenda at the next board meeting.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the treasurer to amend the revenues in Transfer in Non-Bond (DHS) in the amount of \$21,500. This is to be added to the consent agenda at the next board meeting.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the treasurer to clerk to amend the expenditures in the General Fund Probate Court Child Care in the amount of \$20,000. This is to be added to the consent agenda at the next board meeting.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the clerk to amend the expenditures in the General Fund Advertising in the amount of \$1,500. This is to be added to the consent agenda at the next board meeting.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the treasurer to transfer \$20,000 from the General Fund Probate Court Child Care in to the Probate Court Child Care Fund #292. This is to be added to the consent agenda at the next board meeting.

Miscellaneous financial matters were next. Joe Cilc needs to purchase a printer. This will be added to next week's agenda.

There we no resolutions.

Committee reports were next. Commissioner VanLandschoot asked about DHHS monies because their appropriation was smaller. It was discussed that every other county gives them the same amount if not less. He said that he will have CAAM (Community Action Alger-Marquette) and DHHS (Department of Health and Human Services) reports next week. Commissioner Pullen discussed the airport.

Correspondence was briefly read from the DEQ (Department of Environmental Quality) regarding Solid Waste and Sustainability Advisory Panel Holding a Public Meeting July 20<sup>th</sup>; an email from Shelley Jipson-Lomax from MCSSA (Michigan County Social Services Association) regarding applications of DHHS Board Members; and from the Associate Deputy Secretary of the Interior regarding PILT payments.

Board comments were next. Commissioner Pullen discussed the Solid Waste and Sustainability Advisory Panel (SWSAP). She wants to be more proactive. She said that the plan wants to move the solid waste and should be amended to promote recycling and waste utilization. She says she doesn't want this put aside and forgotten. Commissioner Rondeau said that they need to get rid of the truck at the airport. He also discussed the difference in the cost between coal and wind and solar. He said someone needs to come up with ideas with clean coal. Commissioner Doucette asked if there was only one ambulance on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. The Undersheriff said that was the first he has heard of it. He made a phone call and then replied that there were two ambulances. The third one has a fuel leak. There was also discussion on the smoke shack and making this a smoke-free campus. This will be on the agenda next week.

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.

This meeting is now adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

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Jerry Doucette, Chairman  
Alger County Board of Commissioners

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Mary Ann Froberg  
Alger County Clerk