

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

April 17, 2017

**Minutes are subject to corrections and approval**

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 Vice-Chairman Mattson with the following Commissioners present: Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, and VanLandschoot. Absent: Commissioner Doucette.

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 moved by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Pullen to approve the consent agenda which includes the following items:

Authorize to purchase a computer for the Community Service Coordinator/Probation Officer in the amount of \$549;

Approve the following L-4024 Equalization Report:

Michigan Department of Treasury STC  
509 (Rev. 3-02)

**Personal and Real Property - TOTALS**

**L-4024**

**Alger County**

Statement of acreage and valuation in the year 2017 made in accordance with Sections 209.1 - 209.8 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

Township or City	Number of Acres Assessed	Total Real Property Valuations		Personal Property Valuations		Total Real Plus Personal Property	
	(Col. 1) Acres Hundredths	(Col. 2) Assessed Valuations	(Col. 3) Equalized Valuations	(Col. 4) Assessed Valuations	(Col. 5) Equalized Valuations	(Col. 6) Assessed Valuations	(Col. 7) Equalized Valuations
Au Train	0.00	86,545,550	86,545,550	2,511,200	2,511,200	89,056,750	89,056,750
Burt	0.00	69,140,455	69,140,455	923,360	923,360	70,063,815	70,063,815
Grand Island	0.00	5,453,600	5,453,600	180,400	180,400	5,634,000	5,634,000
Limestone	0.00	25,146,800	25,146,800	488,500	488,500	25,635,300	25,635,300
Methias	0.00	26,951,100	26,951,100	857,000	857,000	27,808,100	27,808,100
Munising	0.00	88,026,400	88,026,400	6,425,500	6,425,500	94,451,900	94,451,900
Onota	0.00	55,081,200	55,081,200	388,800	388,800	55,470,000	55,470,000
Rock River	0.00	43,207,200	43,207,200	2,547,800	2,547,800	45,755,000	45,755,000
Munising	0.00	62,513,600	62,513,600	4,068,500	4,068,500	66,582,100	66,582,100
<b>Totals for County</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>462,065,905</b>	<b>462,065,905</b>	<b>18,391,060</b>	<b>18,391,060</b>	<b>480,456,965</b>	<b>480,456,965</b>

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF ALGER COUNTY

WE HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true statement of the number of acres of land, the value of the real property and of the personal property, the aggregate valuation of the real property and personal property, the equalized and assessed valuations of real property classifications in each township and city in said county as equalized by the Board of Commissioners in April of the reporting year, at a meeting of said board held in pursuant to the provisions of sections 209.1 - 209.8, MCL. I further certify that said statement does not embrace any property taxed under P.A. 77 of 1951; P.A. 68 of 1963; P.A. 198 of 1974; P.A. 225 of 1978; P.A. 385 of 1984; P.A. 224 of 1985; P.A. 147 of 1992 or Section 5 of Article IX of the Constitution of the State.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

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Equalization Director

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Clerk of the Board of Commissioners

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Chairperson of Board of Commissioners

**Equalized Valuations - REAL**

L-4024

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Real Property Equalized by County Board of Commissioners							
Township or City	(Col. 1) Agricultural	(Col. 2) Commercial	(Col. 3) Industrial	(Col. 4) Residential	(Col. 5) Timber-Cutover	(Col. 6) Developmental	(Col. 7) Total Real Property
Au Train	187,300	3,927,900	39,800	82,390,550	0	0	86,545,550
Burt	0	3,669,977	0	65,470,478	0	0	69,140,455
Grand Island	0	1,495,800	0	3,957,800	0	0	5,453,600
Limestone	522,000	90,700	0	24,534,100	0	0	25,146,800
Mathias	3,666,600	583,000	0	22,701,500	0	0	26,951,100
Munising	0	8,482,700	6,121,400	73,422,300	0	0	88,026,400
Onota	0	1,202,200	0	53,879,000	0	0	55,081,200
Rock River	4,439,200	1,178,800	137,700	37,451,500	0	0	43,207,200
Munising	0	16,730,600	3,897,800	41,885,200	0	0	62,513,600
<b>Total for County</b>	<b>8,815,100</b>	<b>37,361,677</b>	<b>10,196,700</b>	<b>405,692,428</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>462,065,905</b>

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**Assessed Valuations - REAL**

L-4024

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Also see the following taxable value history of Alger County:

TAXABLE VALUE HISTORY  
ALGER COUNTY

YEAR	% INCREASE	TAXABLE VALUE	ADDITIONS
2001		213,992,854	
2002	6.2	227,248,533	6,065,076
2003	3.8	235,870,030	1,817,330
2004	5.9	249,736,469	5,438,277
2005	5.7	263,948,674	5,824,071
2006	9	287,762,825	12,639,938
2007	6.3	305,999,073	7,181,276
2008	4.97	321,203,495	7,626,595
2009	5	337,269,680	4,130,078
2010	1.01	340,796,657	4,722,170
2011	1.27	345,105,396	3,870,797
2012	2.079	352,290,048	4,584,521
2013	2.386	360,697,376	4,763,490
2014	1.006	363,012,531	4,046,348
2015	1.017	369,335,956	5,638,489
2016	1.011	373,541,516	4,623,009
2017	1.008	376,611,670	-1,804,182

Reappoint Jerry Doucette and Stephanie Pierson to the Land Bank Authority for a 3-year term expiring 12/31/2019;

Appoint Selina Balko and Stephanie McAllister to the Commission on Aging Board for a 1-year term;

Authorize payment to Pathways for their quarterly mental health appropriation in the amount of \$8,305. The monies are to come from their appropriation (101-649-969.000);

Authorize payment of board bills;

Approve financial reports for all funds (Trial Balance Report Available). A full 30-page report is available upon request with the treasurer;

Authorize the treasurer to transfer \$50,000 from the 911 Millage Fund #264 to Wireless 911 Fund #265;

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

Commissioner Pullen wants to hold the minutes from March 13, 2017 to review language in her comments. It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to postpone voting on March 13, 2017 minutes pending clarification of language in board comments. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Mattson. Nays – none. Absent – Commissioner Doucette.

It was moved by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to approve the minutes of March 20, 2017. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Mattson. Nays – none. Absent – Commissioner Doucette.

There was some discussion regarding open seats on the ALTRAN Board. Commissioner Rondeau feels each district should be represented on the ALTRAN Board and he believes Grand Marais is not represented. There was further discussion regarding the board member appointment process and applicants. It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to appoint Marianne Laskay to the ALTRAN board. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Pullen, VanLandschoot, and Mattson. Nays – Commissioner Rondeau. Absent – Commissioner Doucette.

Commissioner Pullen spoke with Kristine Kolbus about painting the animal shelter. The employees would use their own materials and will paint the building themselves so there will be no cost to the county. It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to approve painting the animal shelter. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Mattson. Nays – none. Absent – Commissioner Doucette.

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to reappoint Rita Hale to the Alger County Jury Board for a six-year term ending April 30, 2023. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Mattson. Nays – none. Absent – Commissioner Doucette.

It was moved by Commissioner Rondeau and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to authorize interested parties of at least three to attend the UPACC (Upper Peninsula Association of County Commissioners) Spring Conference May 18 & 19, 2017 in Harris. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Mattson. Nays – none. Absent – Commissioner Doucette.

There was no old business

There were no miscellaneous financial matters.

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to approve the following Resolution #2017-05:

#### **RESOLUTION #2017-05**

At a regular meeting of the Alger County Board of Commissioners held on April 17, 2017 at Munising, Michigan.

Present were: Commissioners Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Mattson

Absent were: Commissioner Doucette

**WHEREAS**, the Alger County Board of Commissioners wishes to apply to the Secretary of State for a grant to purchase a new voting system, which includes precinct tabulators, Absent Voter Counting Board (AVCB) tabulators [IF APPLICABLE], accessible voting devices for use by individuals with disabilities, and related Election Management System (EMS) software.

**WHEREAS**, partial funding for the new voting system will be provided by the State, and will include a combination of Federal Help America Vote Act and State-appropriated funds. Local funding obligations are detailed in the attached Dominion Voting quote.

**WHEREAS**, the Alger County Board of Commissioners plans to begin implementation of the new voting system in 2017/2018.

**WHEREAS**, the deadline for submitting the required State Grant Application is upon receipt of Grant Agreement.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alger County Clerk is authorized to submit this Grant Application on behalf of Alger County, on this day of April 17, 2017.

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

Committee Reports were next. Commissioner VanLandschoot will send out his Community Action and DHHS (Department of Health and Human Services) reports.

Correspondence was briefly read from: LMAS March 6, 2017 minutes; DHHS Board Meeting Agenda April 20, 2017; US Forest Service Schedule of Proposed Action Q2 2017 Report; and Pathways 2016-2017 Program Planning Guidelines.

Board comments were next. Commissioner Pullen spoke with Chris Katona at Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (MMRMA) regarding Commission on Aging information. She also said that the new By-Laws and Constitution will be on next month's agenda. Commissioner Rondeau asked if it would be possible to get the landfill opened one day a month on Saturday for people who cannot get to the landfill on weekdays. Commissioner Mattson will inquire either with the landfill directly or at the next regional government meeting.

There were no staff comments.

Public comment session was open. Neil Simons from the Munising News noted there is a Munising High School track meet at the Superior Dome at noon; a meeting at 5:00 p.m. at the Au Train Township Hall regarding Au Train public access; and on Thursday, Coffee and Conversations with David Kronk from NMU at 6:00 p.m. at the Munising Public Library regarding Ecotourism in Alger County. There was no other public comment from the floor; thus, the public comment session was closed.

It was moved by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to adjourn this meeting at 4:40 p.m. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Mattson. Nays – none. Absent – Commissioner Doucette.

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Jerry Doucette, Chairman  
Alger County Board of Commissioners

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Mary Ann Froberg  
Alger County Clerk