

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

December 11, 2017

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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 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. There was no public comment; thus, the public comment was closed.

The agenda was presented.

Rick Nebel was not present to discuss the AMCAB mortgage.

Animal Shelter Reports for September, October and November were discussed.

Prosecuting Attorney Karen Bahrman was present to discuss on-call pay for staff on weekends and holidays for weekend arrests. Steve Webber would like to discuss this at a Labor Relations Committee meeting as this is a contractual issue.

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to authorize payment to Premier Michigan Assessing, LLC in the amount of \$10,180.00 once field work analysis for Equalization is completed. This motion is to be affirmed at the Regular Board Meeting of December 18, 2017. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none.

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to authorize advertising for Equalization work on a part-time per-parcel basis. This motion is to be affirmed at the Regular Board Meeting of December 18, 2017. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none.

It was moved by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to authorize purchasing a new snowmobile up to \$11,000. Monies are to come from the Snowmobile Fund #206 and monies for lighting to come from the Ambulance Fund #210. This motion is to be affirmed at the Regular Board Meeting of December 18, 2017. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none.

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to appoint Todd Brock as the Ambulance and 911 Administrator with this motion is to be affirmed at the Regular Board Meeting of December 18, 2017. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to authorize the Register to purchase Lighthouse E-Recording software in the amount of \$15,500. Monies are to come from the Registers Automation Fund 256. This motion is to be affirmed at the Regular Board Meeting of December 18, 2017. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none.

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to authorize the purchase of five APX 4000 portable radios in the amount of \$3,189 each with additional purchases each year to replace the remaining radios. Monies are to come from the 911 Fund 265. This motion is to be affirmed at the Regular Board Meeting of December 18, 2017. Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none.

Sheriff Brock presented Life Savings Awards from the Michigan Sheriff Association for efforts in the August 13, 2017 rescue of six people and one puppy. Sheriff Brock stated he is proud of Bill and Cathy Weisinger as well as David and Michelle Paajanen for saving so many lives.

Steve Webber discussed Terry McLaren's 2018 pay and benefits.

Mary Ann Froberg explained that the following amounts were budgeted for 2018 salaries: \$60,317.73 for the Clerk, Treasurer and Sheriff; \$84,195.63 for the Prosecuting Attorney. It was the consensus of the board to approve the 2018 budgeted wages for elected officials. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

The 2018 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$4,198,407.62 was presented.

The 2018 Fund Budgets in the amount of \$3,924,561.17 was presented.

It was the consensus of the board to payout Murray Donnelly in the amount of \$22,996.33. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

Opioid Litigation packets from Smith and Johnson, Attorneys were discussed.

Cost saving ideas / revenue sources were next. Sheriff Brock discussed submitting more outstanding jail bills and increasing the number of work passes.

There was no unfinished business.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize payment to LMAS for their quarterly appropriation in the amount of \$20,745. Those monies are to come from their appropriation (101-601-969.000). This will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to approve payment of all board bills as recommended by the audit committee. This is to be added to the consent agenda.

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 item is to be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the clerk to transfer \$200 from the Circuit Court budget into the Airport budget. This item is to be added to the consent agenda.

There were no miscellaneous financial matters.

There were no resolutions.

Committee reports were next. Commissioner Mattson commented on the 2018 budget. Commissioner Rondeau discussed the airport electrical boxes.

Correspondence was briefly read from the Women's Center, USDA, DHHS, and DEQ.

Board comments were next. Commissioner Rondeau commented on the lack of patrols in his district. Commissioner Doucette attended a NACo Conference and noted icivics.org. Commissioner Doucette also noted recent ransomware viruses.

Staff comments were next. The demo of the Long Branch Saloon was discussed. The old meal truck was totaled in a crash and including the salvage value, the Sheriff will receive almost \$8,000 for it. Steve Webber and the Sheriff gave an update to the Smart 911 system upgrade.

The 2018 Organizational meeting is set for January 4 at 4:00 p.m.

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

The Chairman adjourned this meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Jerry Doucette, Chairman
Alger County Board of Commissioners

Mary Ann Froberg
Alger County Clerk