

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

April 9, 2017

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Pursuant to recess, the Alger County Board of Commissioners convened in the conference room of the county building at 4:00 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. There was no public comment; thus, the public comment was closed.

It was the consensus of board to accept the agenda as presented.

Dotty LaJoye and Ryan Soucy from CUPPAD were present to discuss the process of creating a Master Plan for Alger County. Commissioner Doucette noted that a Strategic Plan might serve Alger County best. Commissioner Pullen explained that eventually a Master Plan will be necessary. Commissioner Doucette would like to see a presentation at a Regional Government meeting.

The Equalization Report L-4024 was briefly discussed for the Regular Board meeting on April 16, 2018.

It was the consensus of the board to approve the Alger County Library Millage language. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

Ms. Grout explained the Alger County Conservation District millage should replace having to go to each township to petition for funding except for special projects. It was the consensus of the board to approve the Alger County Conservation District Millage language. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to approve the Alger County 911 Millage language. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to approve the treasurer to purchase a folder inserter sealer from Automated Business Equipment in the amount of \$9,150. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to approve Jay Margherio's payout of \$2,427.26. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize Commissioners Doucette, Mattson, Pullen and Rondeau as well as Steve Webber, Mary Ann Froberg and Pamela Johnson to attend the UPACC conference in Harris on May 10-11, 2018. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to approve payment of CUPPAD dues in the amount of \$4,500. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to increase in the minimum rates that courts and funding units must pay jurors for mileage reimbursement and juror compensation for meals to match the County. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

Renewal of the GAD Service Agreement for the animal shelter was postponed.

There were no cost saving ideas or revenue sources.

There was no unfinished Business.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize payment to LMAS for their quarterly appropriation for January – March 2018 in the amount of \$20,049 (101-601-969.000). This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize payment to Pathways for their quarterly appropriation ending June 30, 2018 in the amount of \$8,305 (101-649-969.000). This item 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.

Steve Webber explained an attorney bill of over \$4,300.00 dating back to 2016 that will be discussed with Judge Nebel.

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 amend the expenditures in the sheriff's dept in the amount of \$26,000 for vehicle. This item is to be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the treasurer to amend the revenues in reimbursements in the amount of \$26,000. This item is to be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the clerk to transfer \$11,614 from the treasurer's budget in to the sheriff department's 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 updated the board on final FY2017 budget figures. Commissioner Rondeau gave a Fair Board and Conservation District update. Commissioner Pullen read from the March 2018 Animal Shelter report and gave a brief Pathways update.

Correspondence was briefly read from National Park Service, Substitute for House Resolution No. 288, and the USDA.

Board comments were next. Commissioner Rondeau expressed concern that Michigan Auto Insurance rates have not been addressed. Commissioner Doucette updated the board regarding recent legislative lobbying and updates.

There were no staff comments.

Public comment session was open. Lisa Cromell recommended reading *Balancing Nature and Commerce in Gateway Communities* by Jim Howe. Jolene Hetherington thanked the Board.

The Chairman adjourned this meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Jerry Doucette, Chairman
Alger County Board of Commissioners

Mary Ann Froberg
Alger County Clerk