

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

March 11, 2019

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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.

The agenda was presented.

It was the consensus of the board to appoint Megan Webber and Sheila Peters to the Alger County Land Bank Authority. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

Nick DeRusha will review the 2018 LMAS Agency Annual Report at the regular March 18, 2019 Board of Commissioners meeting.

It was the consensus of the board to accept John Hocko and Penny Ray's resignation from the Library Board and to authorize to advertise. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

Cost allocation bids were reviewed and will be further discussed after combined proposal totals are received from Maximus.

There were no cost saving ideas or revenue sources.

There was no unfinished business.

It was the consensus of the board to approve payment of all board bills as recommended by the Audit Committee. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board approve Financial Reports for all funds (Trial Balance Report Available). This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the clerk to transfer between the 2018 budgets (see sheet). This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the clerk to amend the 2018 general fund secondary road patrol budget in the amount of \$3,400. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the treasurer to amend the miscellaneous revenues in the 2018 general fund in the amount of \$3,400. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the treasurer to transfer \$3,400 from 2018 general fund Secondary Road Patrol into the 2018 Fund #260 Sheriff Secondary Road Patrol. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the treasurer to transfer 2018 revenues received in 2019 back into 2018 revenues in the amount of \$62,000 (see sheet). This item will be added to the consent agenda.

There were no miscellaneous financial matters.

There were no resolutions.

Committee reports were next. Commissioner VanLandschoot attended an LMAS meeting. Commissioner Mattson explained the highlight from his CUPPAD meeting was the importance of a Capital Improvements plan. Commissioner Rondeau attended a Road Commission meeting. Commissioner Pullen noted that Rod DesJardins discussed affordable housing.

Correspondence was briefly read from Depart of Environmental Quality; Department of Agriculture.

Board comments were next. Commissioner Rondeau said the proposed gas tax is concerning and that the Road Commissioner did not see money from the last increase. Commissioner Doucette gave legislative updates from his meeting with Rep. Jack Bergman, Sen. Gary Peters and Sen. Debbie Stabenow. Commissioner Doucette explained a myriad of issues including: the Soo Locks, mental health, infrastructure, broadband, PILT. Commissioner Doucette also attended a Rural Action Caucus meeting with the President's staff and expressed small county issues.

Staff comments were next. Sheriff Brock gave the 2018 Year End Sheriff's Department Report. Sheriff Brock noted that complaints have increased this year, particularly snowmobile complaints. The fire suppression system in the ambulance garage was repaired. A Law Enforcement meeting with the DNR was set for March 12 at 1:00 p.m.

Undersheriff Blank updated the Board regarding two missing hikers, Rescue 21 was dispatched and the hikers were found.

Steve Webber returned from a Property Records Conference and underscored the importance of systems integration. Data Breaches continue to be a major problem and Mr. Webber elaborated more on cyber-security.

Mary Ann Froberg explained E-Notary and emphasized the requirement to backup records offsite on microfilm.

Pamela Johnson announced the 2018 budget is officially complete, with the general fund balance reduced by over \$86,000. Auditor require three months of operating expenses on-hand. Mrs. Johnson expressed concern over departments going over budget and the strain that is caused on the general fund budget.

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 5:15 p.m.

Jerry Doucette, Chairman
Alger County Board of Commissioners

Mary Ann Froberg
Alger County Clerk