

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

August 13, 2012

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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 ó none.

The board of commissioners said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public comment session was open. Undersheriff Brock gave a brief synopsis of what happened this last weekend. There was no other public comment from the floor; thus, the public comment session was closed.

It was the consensus of the board to look at the minutes and make a motion at Monday's regular board meeting.

The agenda was presented and there was a consensus of the agenda. Item No. 7 was moved down the agenda until Attorney Burkhart arrives.

The invoices from Honeywell in the amount of \$5,188.50 and \$2,594.25 were discussed. The invoices are for charges for an energy guaranteed audit for the Honeywell job from February 1, 2012 through July 31, 2012 and from August 1, 2012 through October 31, 2012. It was the consensus of the board to authorize payment. The monies are to come from the capital improvements fund #404.

There was discussion on a letter of support from the board dated May 8, 2012 authored by Marquette County concerning the Headlee Tax Limitation Amendments to the Michigan Constitution of 1963 regarding unfunded mandates. It was the consensus of the board to sign and send the letter to Tim McGuire, Executive Director of the Michigan Association of Counties to pursue legal action to ensure counties receive full compensation (funding) for mandated services per the Headlee Amendment.

It was the consensus of the board to support the renewal of a grant application for the FY 2012-2015 Proposal and Application for funds for the Central U.P. Regional Community Corrections Program and for the chair to write a confirmation letter to Becky McIntyre, Community Corrections Manager, CUP (Central U.P.) Community Corrections. Commissioner Doucette will have Becky email Commissioner Rondeau a budget for the program.

Credit cards for the county were discussed. It was the consensus of the board to authorize county credit cards with each having a purchase limit of \$3,000 and approval of the Alger County Credit Card Use Policy Resolution.

Old business was next. The unemployment redeterminations were discussed. It was explained that Attorney McNulty filed appeals to an ALJ (Administrative Law Judge) within 30 days of the Unemployment Agency's mailing date. The Judge would then have a hearing and Alger County would have to present evidence. This might be in Lansing wherein the County, any witnesses, and Attorney McNulty would have to attend, or the Judge may let the County do the hearing by telephone. Mr. McNulty said that how it is heard would be up to the Judge. It was the consensus of the board to authorize the county to go ahead with the hearing and related expenses.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize payment of the Pathways appropriation for their quarter ending September 30, 2012 in the amount of \$8,305 (101-649-969.000).

It was the consensus of the board to authorize payment to Northcare Network for the convention facility tax ó substance abuse payment in the amount of \$8,439 (101-631-969.000).

It was the consensus of the board to approve payment of all of the board bills as recommended by the audit committee.

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.

It was the consensus of the board to amend the revenues in the Transfer in From Foreclosure Fund (101-000-446.000) in the amount of \$25,000.

It was the consensus of the board to amend the expenditures in the Brownfield account (101-420-969.000) in the amount of \$25,000.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the treasurer to transfer \$25,000 from the Brownfield account (101-420-969.000) into the Brownfield Authority Fund (795).

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the treasurer to transfer the following revenues:

TRANSFER FROM FORECLOSURE FUND	\$ 8,500.00
TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND:	
POSTAGE ACCT	4,500.00
TRANSFER IN FORECLOSURE	4,000.00
(CLERICAL \$4,000.00 & POSTAGE \$4,500)	
TRANSFER FROM LIMESTONE SUMMER TAX	1,800.00
TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND	
TRANSFER IN SUMMER TAX COLLECTION	1,800.00
(ADMIN FEE & \$2.50 PER PARCEL)	
TRANSFER FROM CTY SURVEY AND REMON.	3,774.00
TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND	
TRANSFER IN REMON. ADMIN	3,774.00
TRANSFER FROM HOMSTEAD AUDIT FUND	600.00
TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND	
TRANSFER IN HOMESTEAD TAX	600.00
TRANSFER FROM WIRELESS 911	36,000.00
TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND	
TRANSFER IN WIRELESS 911	36,000.00
TRANSFER FROM BUILDING DEPT	3,500.00
TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND	
TRANSFER IN RENT	3,500.00
TRANSFER FROM F.O.C. FUND	8,500.00
TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND	
TRANSFER IN F.O.C. FUND	8,500.00

There were no miscellaneous financial matters.

There were no resolutions.

Committee reports were next. Commissioner Pullen discussed an airport committee meeting, trees that needed to be cut, the tractor and mowing of the airport. Commissioner Rondeau discussed the fair board and that the fair attendance was up 10% from last year. He said that they were very excited about the new road. Commissioner Mattson discussed a judicial meeting. They are working on new by-laws and a resolution for future commitments. They will be talking about budgets at their next meeting. He said that the case load in Alger County has gone up so the percentage has been projected to go up to 24.32% in 2013. He also said there was discussion on the law library and having concerns with certain individuals not being able to use the terminals at the school. Commissioner VanLandschoot discussed AMCAB and some work that was done in Grand Marais and the Chatham area. He also discussed a LMAS meeting. Commissioner Doucette gave a report on the state fair. He also discussed a dinner on Thursday for Senator Levin.

Correspondence was read, discussed, and will be filed.

It was moved by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to go into closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(c) shall be strategy connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to come out of closed session. There was no action taken in closed session. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

Board comments were next. There was discussion on the DTR fund. Commissioner Mattson said that he thought the attorney painted a really good picture. Commissioner VanLandschoot said that they should do as much as they can to help Attorney Burkhart out and that whatever he needs he gets. He also thinks that the board needs to meet as needed to communicate with the attorney. Commissioner Rondeau wanted to discuss the people parking at Lammiø store and things being stolen from vehicles. He would like to see the gas pumps, coolers, and some of the other things sold so it does not get stolen. He also would like to see something worked out with the road commission in clearing the parking lot instead of paying others. It was discussed that things like this were discussed, but the costs were more through the road commission.

There were no staff comments.

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

There was discussion on meeting dates to look at budgets. A special board of commissioners meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 23, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. to go over budgets and figures.

This meeting is now adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Jerry Doucette, Chairman
Alger County Board of Commissioners

Mary Ann Froberg
Alger County Clerk