

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

**March 12, 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. There was no 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.

The rebidding of the ORV for the sheriff's department was discussed. The sheriff said that Marquette Powersports bid on the wrong machine. The new bid for the correct ORV with the trailer is \$14,341. The Renze Power Sports bid was \$14,614. The difference is \$273. It was the consensus of the board to authorize the sheriff to purchase the lower bid for the ORV from Marquette Powersports.

A suction unit for the ambulance was discussed. Commissioner Doucette said that he had already authorized the purchase of a 2100S S-SCORT 8TENö Suction Unit with charging base and bracket to EMP in the amount of \$1,170 because it was a time sensitive issue. There were no issues with Commissioner Doucette authorizing the purchase. The monies are to come from the ambulance budget.

Old business was next. There was none.

It was the consensus of the board to approve the LMAS quarterly appropriation for April through June 2012 in the amount of \$20,745 (101-601-969.000).

There was discussion on the board bills. The bill to Bay Care was held because of charges for the medical examiner. The sheriff said he was under the same understanding as the board that Bay Care was not to bill for medical examiner fees anymore. The sheriff said he would call Dr. Krueger and verify this information and to hold on to this bill. It was the consensus of the board to approve payment of all of the board bills as recommended by the audit committee except for the Bay Care bill. The clerk is to check on the Verizon bill from last month for Commissioner Rondeau because it was over \$900.

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 authorize the clerk to transfer the following 2011 expenditures budgets as follows:

\*\$3.67 from the Elections budget into the Board of Commissioners budget

\*\$42.67 from the Elections budget into the Building and Grounds budget

\*\$3.62 from the Elections budget into the Veterans Affairs budget

There were no miscellaneous financial matters.

There were no resolutions.

Committee reports were next. Commissioner Rondeau talked about a meeting he attended at the road commission and a phone call that he received from Barbara Trombley. Commissioner Mattson discussed the 2011 budget and that the figures were right on. Commissioner Doucette discussed his trip to Washington. He talked about discussing MIWorks with Congressman Benishek and said that the Congressman was non-committal on the issue. He talked about the farm bill and transportation bill and the federal funds that could be affected by this. He also talked about the revenue sharing bill and the concerns of the commissioners throughout the Upper Peninsula. Commissioner Doucette said that we are at the point that the county has to earn their revenue sharing. He said that he also talked with Senator Stabenow about the federal regulations on logging and how the government is not keeping them on forest lands.

Correspondence was read and will be filed. The letter from the US Department of the Interior regarding the proposed trust acquisition of land in Alger County for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians ó Knotty Pine parcel was discussed.

Board comments were next. Commissioner VanLandschoot discussed the letter from Judge Carmody regarding the judicial council, the resolution, and the raises for the employees. He said that Luce and Alger Counties are firmly behind their decision. The insurance for the elected officials and retirees were asked about and discussed that it is being worked on. Commissioner Rondeau asked where there would be some funds to help out with building ramps for individuals. He said that the high school kids are building the ramps but wondered about getting help in funding the materials. Commissioner Mattson said that he received a call of someone wanting to serve on the DHS Board. Commissioner VanLandschoot is to call her. There were no further comments.

Staff comments were next. There were none.

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

This meeting is now adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

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Jerry Doucette, Chairman  
Alger County Board of Commissioners

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Mary Ann Froberg  
Alger County Clerk