

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

October 8, 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 amended to add Pat Suboski, Equalization Director, under item number 7 for the apportionment report. There was board consensus of the amended agenda.

Pat Suboski, Equalization Director, discussed and presented the board with the Alger County Apportionment Report which has to be adopted in October. He said that there will be millages in the November election and if they pass the apportionment report will have to be amended. It was the consensus of the board to adopt the apportionment report.

Jim Olson from MGT of America was present to discuss the agreement between Alger County and MGT for the preparation of the OMB A-87 Cost Allocation Plans for the fiscal years 2012, 2013 and 2014. This is to perform Title IV-D billing services for the Alger County Friend of the Court office and Prosecuting Attorney's office. These two services are uniquely tied to the preparation of the annual cost allocation plans. He also presented the board with a draft of the 2011 cost allocation plan and a copy of the letter from the Department of Treasury regarding charging for the cost allocation. He said that the board will have to get an opinion from a lawyer regarding the cost allocation monies. It was discussed that the county has already hired Peter Cohl to handle the cost allocation charges. It was the consensus of the board to approve the three-year agreement.

Joe Cilc was on the agenda but not present.

There was discussion on MERS (Michigan Employees' Retirement System) and putting additional monies on the elected officials division. It was the consensus of the board to authorize the clerk to make a payment to MERS in the amount of \$250,000 to go towards the underfunded elected officials division. This money will come from the DTR (Delinquent Tax Revolving) Fund.

There was discussion on using the blended rate instead of the flat rate given for the sheriff's union divisions (Divisions 02 and 20) and for the court staff and senior court staff divisions (Divisions 12 and 17). It was said that it is difficult to use the flat rate with the sheriff's union because of the grants, especially the snowmobile grant. In using the flat rate, there is money being taken from the budgets every month and that there is no snowmobile monies being used in the summertime, therefore, there should be no retirement monies taken from the grant. It was also discussed that it would be easier to figure the retirement costs when and where they actually work because actual retirement costs could be taken from the correct accounts. It was the consensus of the board to authorize the clerk to send a letter to MERS requesting them using the blended rate for both divisions.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the clerk to advertise for Request for Proposals for the county's audit for the years 2012, 2013 and 2014.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the clerk to advertise for the county's remonumentation program for the years 2013, 2014 and 2015.

There was discussion on the appointment to the U.P. State Fair Authority. It was the consensus of the board to appoint Edward Lindstrom to the Authority for three years starting in January 2013.

There was discussion on the clerk getting a new computer and using her old computer as the computer in the law library. It was the consensus of the board to authorize the clerk to receive a new computer in the amount of \$924. The monies are to come from the clerk's budget.

There was discussion on purchasing 10 PR manikins for CPR programs. There was consensus of the board to authorize the sheriff to purchase the 10 PR manikins in the amount of \$770. The monies are to come from the ambulance budget.

There was discussion on purchasing a Frigidaire combination washer/dryer for the ambulance garage that would allow for the cleaning of linens and uniforms. It was the consensus of the board to authorize the sheriff to by-pass the bidding process and to purchase the washer/dryer from Kolbus Appliance with over 50% in savings in the amount of \$1,129. The monies are to come from the ambulance budget.

Old business was next. There was none.

There were no appropriations.

It was the consensus of the board to approve payment of all of the board bills as recommended by the audit committee. The Bond towing bill is still being held until the questions have been answered.

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 as follows:

Transfer in DTR	\$300,000.00
Federal Park Patrol	\$1,250.00
Unpaid Personal Property	\$753.90

There was discussion on the interest payment for the USDA loan. There was discussion with the Undersheriff regarding charges for felons being an additional \$34,000 in revenue under the new diverted felons account. He said that they can bill up to \$35 for parole detainees.

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

From - Ambulance	\$7,000.00
To- Transfer in Ambulance	\$7,000.00

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the clerk to amend the following expenditures:

*Attorneys/Consultants	\$453.90
*Federal Park Patrol	\$1,250
*Veterans Burials	\$300
*USDA payment	\$50,000
*Employee Fringe Benefits	\$250,000

There were no miscellaneous financial matters.

There were no resolutions.

Committee reports were next. Commissioner Pullen discussed getting a call from Kenny McNally wanting to move the snowmobile racing out to the airport. She said that she told him to put together a complete proposal. She said there was discussion that they also had to deal with the federal government and liability insurance. Commissioner Rondeau discussed the road commission and charges for cutting brush at the airport. Commissioner Mattson discussed a finance meeting and that his projections are looking to be \$150,000 to \$170,000 over budget for this year. Commissioner VanLandschoot said that he would have an update about AMCAB and purchasing the Central School and about a lawsuit with LMAS. Commissioner Doucette said that he will be meeting with the Governor and talking about unfunded mandates, PILT, personal property taxes, schools, and the courts and that he would get an idea with where the Governor is going with it.

Correspondence was read, discussed, and will be filed.

Board comments were next. Commissioner Rondeau discussed the insurance committee and that he thought that the bids are to be opened on October 30th.

There were no staff comments.

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

This meeting is now adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Jerry Doucette, Chairman
Alger County Board of Commissioners

Mary Ann Froberg
Alger County Clerk