

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

**June 10, 2013**

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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 Vice-Chairman Mattson with the following Commissioners present: Commissioners Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot and Mattson. Absent ó Commissioner Doucette.

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.

There was discussion on the county hiring an administrator. Commissioner Pullen stated that this has been put off and thinks they need to start putting some money aside. Commissioner Mattson stated that the commissioner's would have to come up with some decisions and that an administrator would cost between \$70,000 to \$100,000, not including an assistant. He discussed talking with Jerry Corkin of Marquette County. The sheriff discussed talking to other counties to ask if the administrator could bring in grant monies for other things and make money for the county that would pay for the administrator's position. Commissioner VanLandschoot stated that issues are becoming more complex. This is to be continued to be looked at and discussed. Commissioner Mattson stated that an administrator could be shared by other counties. It was then discussed that the commissioners should talk to other counties to find out what they do. It was also discussed that they could talk with the City because they will be looking for a new City Manager. It was the consensus of the board to continue to research this on a monthly basis.

There was discussion on the 93<sup>rd</sup> District Court applying for a grant from the State Court Administrator's Office (SCAO) and that if it is approved, would require that expenses be budgeted by one of the counties (Alger or Schoolcraft) as the fiscal agent. Judge Mark Luoma is requesting that the Alger County Board agree to act as the fiscal agent for the grant for both Alger and Schoolcraft Counties; and that when the grant application is complete, there will be budgeted funds equal to the grant (such funds to be 100% reimbursed by the grant). It was noted that cost allocation expenses included in the proposal would be a revenue source for the county as contractual services. It was the consensus of the board to authorize Alger County to act as the fiscal agent for the grant for both Alger and Schoolcraft Counties.

There was discussion on the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and the amount of taxes that the DDA would capture. Commissioner Mattson stated that Commissioner Doucette is currently down in Schoolcraft County at a meeting with Senator Casperson discussing the DDA issues. It was discussed that the city is basing the amount that the DDA would capture on the assessed values instead of taxable values. There was discussion on getting the DDA's budget and looking at it. The treasurer said that she has a copy of their budget and that the board will have it for next week's meeting. There will be further discussion on the DDA after Commissioner Doucette meets with Schoolcraft County and Senator Casperson.

Old business was next. Commissioner Pullen stated that the March 18<sup>th</sup> minutes discussed hiring part-time employees through ManPower or Michigan Works. The sheriff said that someone from ManPower is coming to talk to him. He said that ManPower will pay up to 30 hours per week to train, but if you hire them they are an employee of the county. The sheriff said that they are training one person right now through ManPower.

There were no appropriations.

Board bills were next. There was discussion on credit card use and not getting receipts. There was also discussion on a bill for \$4,100 for 911. The sheriff said that it was an emergency repair to get the 911 system running. It was the consensus of the board to approve payment of all 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 authorize the treasurer to amend the revenues in the miscellaneous budget (101-000-677.000) in the amount of \$1,430.06. These funds will be coming from the fund balance.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the clerk to amend the expenditures in the attorneys/consultants budget in the amount of \$1,430.06.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the treasurer to create a new department #350 in the drug court fund #296 for the Alger/Schoolcraft Drug/Sobriety Court.

There were no miscellaneous financial matters.

Resolutions were next. It was stated that there will be some resolutions for next week's meeting.

Committee reports were next. Commissioner VanLandschoot discussed the Americans Fund Act of 1919 and that he discussed it with some of the people at the American Legion. He said he is going to talk more about it tonight with a committee at the American Legion and that he should have more information at the regular board meeting. He said they were wondering if they could get some of the monies and use it. Commissioner Mattson stated that it would be an additional tax to every tax payer in this county. It was discussed that it is to be used for the indigent vets and their families. Commissioner Pullen stated that there are strict guidelines of where and how the monies can be used. Commissioner VanLandschoot said that Deanna Boyak discussed with him to add some flowers and landscaping around some of the areas of the courthouse with the Fuzzy Boyak Fund. This will be discussed at a building and grounds meeting.

Correspondence was read from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the Rock River Beach Hydroelectric Project, from the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) regarding a three percent raise for the Supreme Court Justices and all trial judges, a Public Notice from the State of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality for a permit, the USDA Hiawatha National Forest regarding the status of the Forest Service barge, and from Marquette County regarding the Local Food Supply Plan. The correspondence will be placed in the file.

Board comments were next. Commissioner Rondeau discussed a past MAC (Michigan Association of Counties) Conference and that there was a discussion with Jerry Corkin regarding the revenue sharing. Commissioner Mattson stated that there is to be a MAC Regional Summit in Schoolcraft County on August 6, 2013.

Staff comments were next. There were none.

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

This meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

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Jerry Doucette, Chairman  
Alger County Board of Commissioners

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Mary Ann Froberg  
Alger County Clerk