

**ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

November 20, 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 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.

On a motion by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

There was discussion on the new insurance. Commissioners Doucette and Mattson thanked the committee for the work they did on the new insurance. On a motion by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner Pullen to approve the new health insurance with Consumers Mutual with a cost 90/10 split and dental with Principal Financial as in Option 1 as recommended by the insurance committee and authorizing the chair to sign a letter of understanding. See the following:

Alger County Cost Comparison - Employee Deduction 90/10

	2013		Renewal		Option 1
BCBS	\$303,666.41	BCBS	\$337,313.77	Consumers Mutual	\$221,931.09
Morgan White	\$81,572.68	Morgan White	\$86,490.34	BCBS	\$86,222.64
NEBCO	\$24,183.26	NEBCO	\$29,411.76	Morgan White	\$86,490.34
VSP Vision	\$4,961.62	VSP Vision	\$5,826.18	NEBCO	\$5,826.18
Lincoln Financial	\$20,354.78	Lincoln Financial	\$30,270.39	VSP Vision	\$4,657.37
				Principal Financial	\$28,225.93
HRA Cont.	\$10,500.00	HRA Cont.	\$11,100.00	Lincoln Financial	\$8,249.52
Less Payment	(\$21,184.66)	Less Payment	(\$24,541.53)	HRA Cont.	\$11,100.00
Credits	(\$1,970.82)	Emp Deduction	(\$36,802.60)		
				Less Payment	(\$24,541.53)
Total	\$422,083.27	Taxes/Fee's	\$20,238.83	Emp Deduction	(\$34,293.89)
		Total	\$458,014.30	Taxes/Fee's	
		Increase	\$31,577.26	Total	\$393,867.65
		Premium Rates		Savings Current	\$28,215.62
		Single	\$629.75	Renewal	\$64,146.65
		Couple	\$1,429.47		
		Family	\$1,866.09	Consumers	
		1P1C	\$1,390.06	Single	\$532.82
		1C	\$996.65	Couple	\$1,083.02
				Family	\$1,608.24
		90/10	Per pay Period	Parent	\$1,160.70
		Single	\$27.39	Single + NEBCO	\$796.15
		Couple	\$62.93		
		Family	\$80.59	90/10	Per pay Period
				Single	\$25.46
				Couple	\$52.40
				Family	\$76.69
				Parent	\$53.52
				Single + NEBCO	\$40.53

Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

On a motion by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to opt-out of the 80/20 or hard-cap for the health insurance and go with a 90/10 split. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

There was discussion on budgets. Commissioner Mattson said that his main concerns are with cost allocation. Commissioner Doucette said that he just met with Rochelle Cotey from Commission on Aging and that she still has a concern with the cost of her charges. Commissioner Mattson said that because of the reduction in cost allocation, the revenues were reduced by approximately \$64,000. Commissioner Doucette also discussed the personal property taxes and those reductions. There was much discussion on the cost allocations and remaining firm on collecting those costs. There was discussion on charging legal fees to departments and eventually changing the union contracts to not collect the union dues. On a motion by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to maintain the costs for the revised cost allocations to those funds that were provided by Jim Olson of MGT. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

Ann McNamara from the Friend of the Court's office was present to discuss her budgets. Commissioner Mattson asked about the revenues and expenditures. She said that both the revenues and the expenditures are about the same. There were increases in payroll and retirement and decrease in health insurance. Ann wanted to note that they cannot see anyplace else that they can cut. She stated they might lose some funding with the state because they are not meeting their budget with the state.

The sheriff discussed to house up to six inmates from Luce County. He said that he talked with Judge Carmody and that Judge Carmody wanted the sheriff to go after it. He said that Judge Carmody said that it costs them more money to house them in Chippewa County. The sheriff also said that the Luce County Sheriff said that they are talking about housing six of their inmates in Alger County. The sheriff said that if they charged \$30 per day for six inmates at 365 days, the revenues would be approximately \$65,000. Commissioner Mattson said that he also talked with one of their Commissioners about this issue. It was discussed that if Alger County housed those inmates the cost to Luce County would cover their housing and meals. The sheriff said that the cost of the inmates medical would be charged to Luce County. The sheriff also discussed the Young sentencing. He was saying if he had to serve in county jail, he was working on something with the sheriff in Gaylord that Young would possibly get to stay in his own county if he pays.

Board comments were next. There was some brief discussion on Officer Louis Cote.

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.

It was moved by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to adjourn this meeting at 5:20 p.m. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

Jerry Doucette, Chairman
Alger County Board of Commissioners

Mary Ann Froberg
Alger County Clerk