

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

**January 13, 2014**

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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.

Joe Cilc was present to discuss building permit fees. He said that he would like to raise the building permit fees because they have been the same since 2002. He said that he asked to raise those fees in 2005 but the board chose not to. Joe said that the fees are 5-10% below with comparable size counties. He said that the state is now requiring an additional inspection for insulation. Joe hopes that this cost supports and funds his department. He said that he is trying to be as conservative as possible with the fees. It was the consensus of the board to authorize Joe Cilc to raise the fee schedule for building permits. Joe also discussed a vacant building in Trenary. He said that an engineer did a study on it and that the owner was told by the engineer that she had to put a fence around the house because it was not safe. There was much discussion on this.

The hiring freeze was discussed and it was said that there should be some kind of standards to follow through. This was discussed at length. It was said that any additions to staffing levels would need board approval. It was the consensus of the board to modify the 2004 decision for next week's meeting. Commissioner Pullen and Commissioner Doucette are to look at this.

It was the consensus of the board to by-pass the bidding process and to authorize the sheriff to purchase a HP ProBook with Microsoft Office Professional Plus from CompuDyne in the amount of \$1,340. This computer is for Matt Waldron to use. The monies are to be taken from ambulance fund under rescue supplies.

There was discussion on the committee lists. Commissioner Doucette said that something came up regarding state affiliated committees and that he is going to try and find out more information. It was the consensus of the board to approve the 2014 Committee List.

The board policy was next on the agenda. Commissioner Doucette said to read through it and if there are any questions or concerns, please bring them up. It was the consensus of the board to approve the board policy.

Cost savings ideas / revenue sources were next on the agenda. The undersheriff said that he hasn't talked to the sheriff yet but is considering raising the drug test rates from \$20 to \$25. He also discussed the Luce County diverted felons that will be housed in Alger County and that Luce County is allowing Alger County to keep the extra \$5 from the state for those qualified diverted felons.

Old business was next. There was none.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize payment to Pathways for their first quarterly appropriation for January through March 2014 in the amount of \$8,305. Those monies are to come from their appropriation (101-649-969.000).

There was discussion on the board bills. 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 authorize the treasurer to transfer the following 2013 funds:

Authorize Treasurer to make the following transfers for December 31, 2013:

<u>Debit</u>	
Debt Elimination	<b>\$6,042.31</b>
<u>Credit</u>	
Snowmobile Fund	916.03
Secondary Rd. Patrol	1,567.92
Michigan Drug Court	<u>3,558.36</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,042.31</b>

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the treasurer to transfer all 2014 general fund appropriations into the individual funds as follows:

Transfer all 2014 General Fund appropriations into individual Funds:

Circuit Ct. Prob. Oversight -	\$ 2,700.00
Co. Law Library -	\$ 14,000.00
Emergency Management -	\$ 29,001.00
Probate Child Care -	\$ 0
Sheriff's Secondary Rd -	\$ 6,000.00
Snowmobile Law Enforc. -	\$ 2,700.00
Marine Safety Grant -	\$ 2,500.00
ORV Fund -	\$ 900.00
F.I.A. -	\$ 10,000.00
Capitol Improvement	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 77,801.00</b>

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the clerk to transfer the expenditures between the 2013 budgets as follows:

- \*\$12,325.05 from the Treasurer's budget into the Circuit Court budget
- \*\$217.50 from the Board of Commissioners budget into the Attorneys/Consultants budget
- \*\$2,458.52 from the County Clerk/ROD budget into the Friend of the Court's budget
- \*\$1,482.30 from the Elections budget into the County Juvenile Officer's budget
- \*\$1,323.99 from the Elections budget into the Prosecuting Attorney budget
- \*\$12,476.69 from the Jail budget into the Building and Grounds budget
- \*\$161.81 from the Elections budget into the Duplicating Account budget
- \*\$9,724.69 from the Jail budget into the Sheriff's Department budget
- \*\$2,711.06 from the Jail budget into the Motor Pool budget
- \*\$535 from the Computers budget into the Substance Abuse budget
- \*\$2,145 from the Bond Payment budget into the Medical Examiner's budget

There were no miscellaneous financial matters.

It was the consensus of the board to approve the following #2014-01 resolution:

**RESOLUTION #2014-01**

**WHEREAS**, it has come to the attention of the Alger County Treasurer that in 2014 the Alger County Board of Commissioners authorized the County Treasurer to collect the Limestone Township summer tax collection.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alger County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Treasurer to collect a 1% administration fee, as authorized by MCL a211.44.

Dated: January 20, 2014

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Jerry Doucette, Chairman  
Alger County Board of Commissioners

Committee reports were next. Commissioner VanLandschoot discussed a meeting for the Veterans Relief Fund. He said that the treasurer went and talked to the prosecuting attorney about the law. It was discussed that the law states that the county board of commissioners of each county **shall** annually levy, a tax not exceeding 1/10 of a mill on each dollar. Commissioner VanLandschoot said that he thought that the county should levy the full 1/10 of a mill. This was discussed at length and was decided that Glen Marshall needs to come up with a budget so the board would be able to levy what is needed.

Correspondence was read and discussed by Mayor Rod DesJardins regarding the USFS Officer Louis Cote, Munising Memorial Hospital regarding Pathways, Marquette County regarding a Notice of Adoption for a Local Food Supply Plan, LMAS Board minutes, UPCAP (Upper Peninsula Commission for Area Progress) regarding a Landline Elimination Bill, UPCAP regarding PILT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) appropriations letter, and FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) regarding the Rock River Beach Hydroelectric Project. These will be filed in the board meeting file.

Board comments were next. There were none.

Staff comments were next. The undersheriff said that he is in the process in preparing a year-end report for the board.

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

This meeting is now adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

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Jerry Doucette, Chairman  
Alger County Board of Commissioners

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Mary Ann Froberg  
Alger County Clerk