

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

May 12, 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.

Chris Case, Chair of the Alger Community Recycling, was present to discuss recycling. He gave a brief history of the recycling program in Alger County. He said that more about 50 tons of paper per year go to New Mark in Manistique. He discussed Wood Island Landfill and that the landfill should help work with communities in recycling and reuse of materials. He said that Wood Island has to pay a host fee to Munising Township. He said that he is working with Dan Wilson of Munising Township and that they would like to expand recycling in Alger County. He said that he would like to come up with a plan to have Wood Island help out. Commissioner Doucette discussed that expanding the Wood Island Landfill was discussed at the regular board meeting April 21, 2014. There was discussion to have the board help supporting the recycling efforts with Alger Community Recycling and Wood Island Landfill. It was the consensus of the board to draft a support letter to Wood Island Landfill to help with the recycling and reuse of materials efforts of the Alger Community Recycling and their program.

There was discussion on the formation of a jail committee to look at building a new jail or revamping the old jail. It was discussed that this could generate revenues for the county from other counties and the DOC (Department of Corrections). The sheriff discussed the contracts that were already in place taking in other county's inmates and a couple of the DOC's inmates. The undersheriff discussed that we have a contract with Luce County for 12 inmates and that the Warden from Alger Max is going to write a letter of support and that Alger County could house 14 DOC inmates. He said that this could produce \$332,000 of revenue between Luce County and the DOC. There was discussion on an offsite possibility in two lots up in the Industrial Park. It was the consensus of the board to form a jail committee.

There was discussion on authorizing the sheriff to purchase three bullet proof vests. The undersheriff said that they have been trying to purchase them through grants. He said that if they cannot get a grant, they still need to purchase the vests. He said that they run from \$600 to \$700 per vest. Larry and Susa Swaim were present and gave the board a letter supporting the need for the vests and getting new vests for the vests that are expired. The sheriff said that he is going to call and see about the last grant before next Monday's meeting. He is to come back with the cost and how many vests are going to be needed. Commissioner Pullen asked about using MIDeal. The sheriff and undersheriff are going to check on MIDeal.

There was discussion on the Circuit Court Employees Compensation Agreement. Commissioner Mattson said that this came from the judicial committee. It was discussed that Alger, Luce, and Mackinac shall receive notice from Schoolcraft County no less than 90 days in advance of their budget deadlines regarding any proposed wage increase and schedule of incremental raises, if any, associated with the employees. Commissioner Mattson said that they still have to have a unanimous vote. It was the consensus of the board to approve and authorize the chair to sign the Circuit Court Employees Compensation.

There was discussion on approving the updated version of the Intergovernmental Contract with NorthCare Network that will be used to establish the Substance Use Disorder Policy Board as required by PA 500 and PA 501 of 2012. The clerk will email Chris Katona the paperwork and ask about the concern of the question of liability. This will be voted on at next Monday's meeting.

It was the consensus of the board to appoint Commissioner Pullen to the SUD (Substance Use Disorder) Policy Board.

Cost savings ideas / revenue sources were next on the agenda. There were none.

Old business was next. There was none.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize payment to NorthCare for their appropriation in the amount of \$10,863. The monies are to come from their appropriation (101-631-969.000).

It was discussed that the audit for the board bills will be on Wednesday, May 14, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

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.

There were no miscellaneous financial matters.

There were no resolutions.

Committee reports were next. Commissioner Pullen asked about MAC (Michigan Association of Counties) and Casperson's transportation bill with a formula in it. She said that cities, townships, and counties are opposing it. Commissioner Rondeau discussed a meeting with Rochelle Cotey and Glenn Marshall about veteran's transportation. He also discussed Glenn Marshall's proposal for the Veteran's Relief Fund and that Glenn feels that the maximum the fund would ever need is \$27,100. Commissioner Rondeau said that he talked with the treasurer and that she said that 1/10th of a mill is \$36,301. This is to be looked at to find out what the next step is. Commissioner VanLandschoot discussed the triangle downtown and wanted to let the sheriff know that the trustees did a great job and worked pretty well. He also discussed the meth program that is tomorrow at 6:00 p.m. at the high school. Commissioner Doucette said that we have a new community corrections person who is John Corey.

Correspondence was discussed by MAC (Michigan Association of Counties) for copies of resolutions, a Public Notice form from the DEQ-WRD (The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Water Resources Division), a Notice of Intent Comment Form from CUPPAD for Michigan DNR, Park & Recreation Division, and a Notice of Intent Comment Form from CUPPAD for AMCAB (Alger Marquette Community Action Board). These will be filed in the board meeting file.

Board comments were next. There were none.

Staff comments were next. The sheriff discussed the U.P. 9-1-1 Authority meeting and development of the Next Generation 911. He said they also received the U.P. 9-1-1 Authority audit and he is going to leave it with the clerk. He also discussed getting the new ambulance. There were no other comments.

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

This meeting is now adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

Jerry Doucette, Chairman
Alger County Board of Commissioners

Mary Ann Froberg
Alger County Clerk