

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

September 24, 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. Lee Paquette was present to discuss the panic button on the phones and asked what it is for. She said that there is no phone at the sheriff's department to handle the panic button. She said when she presses the panic button, the phone just rings and rings at the sheriff's department. She also said that there is no security in the building. She discussed an incident that happened on Monday, September 22nd in the hallway when there was circuit court scheduled and that many of the deputies were off. Commissioner Doucette said that he would talk to the sheriff about the security. There was no other 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.

On a motion by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner Pullen to go into closed session to discuss collective bargaining and collective bargaining strategy with the board's attorney, that process having commenced by the filing of notices of intent to modify or terminate the contract by AFSCME (court staff union) and POAM (courthouse union). Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

CLOSED SESSION

On a motion by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to come out of closed session. No action was taken in closed session. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

Board comments were next. Commissioner VanLandschoot talked about a discussion with Bobbi Jo Ferguson from DHS (Department of Human Services). He said that she knows nothing about what is going on regarding DHS moving. They decided that she should talk to the chair and vice-chair and to start communicating. He said that she is to call Commissioner Doucette. Commissioner Pullen said that Pathways is chugging along and Mary Swift could wind up as the CEO. She said that there is an insurance committee meeting on October 1st. Commissioner Mattson discussed budgets and that there is a budget meeting October 7th at 1:30 p.m.

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 6:55 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