

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

February 17, 2015

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Pursuant to recess, the Alger County Board of Commissioners convened in the conference room of the county building at 12:08 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 moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner Pullen 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.

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to go into closed session at 12:10 p.m. which shall be to consult with its attorney regarding the strategy connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement pursuant to MCL 15.268(c). Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to come out of closed session at 1:20 p.m. 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 thinks they are going through a difficult time. He said that if they stick with things they will come out ahead. They cannot keep giving things away. He briefly discussed an email from Frank Armock wanting to change the constitution. He said that he is a part of a group called the WOLF Pack. They want to start at the state level with Senator Casperson regarding the many issues in allowing wealthy contributors to candidates. He said that he doesn't think they should really get involved with it. Commissioner Rondeau wanted to thank the negotiating committee and that they did a good job. Commissioner Pullen wanted them to pay attention to the letter from Pathways and that it's a difficult time for them. She said that part of the problem came from the previous CEO. Now the current CEO/COO Mary Swift has to deal with it. She discussed some of the decisions that were made and the problems that are occurring.

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 Rondeau and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to adjourn this meeting at 1:41 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