

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

April 11, 2016

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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. Liana Graves from MSU Extension distributed a handout with statistics, activities & workshops. Ms. Graves discussed the Alger 4-H program in detail including exchange programs with numerous countries and other Michigan counties. There was no further public comment from the floor; thus, the public comment session was closed.

The consent agenda was presented. It was the consensus of the board to look at the minutes and make a motion at the next regular board meeting.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the clerk to publish the ORV Ordinance in the Munising News.

Patrick Suboski was not present to discuss the L-4024 Equalization Report.

Sergeant Webber discussed the discrepancy between Gundlach Champion's quote and their breakdown of labor & materials cost worksheet, which was explained as being more realistic. Commissioner Rondeau questioned the firmness of the completion date of October 30, 2016 and asked about a penalty if it's not completed. It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to authorize signing Amendment No. 1 of the Standard Agreement for the jail improvements. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó Commissioner Rondeau. Absent ó none.

It was the consensus of the board to approve signing the Notice of Intent Resolution for bonds for the County Jail Improvements.

There was discussion on forgiving the AMCAB (Alger Marquette Community Action Board) Mortgage for Lynne McDonald Barron and that this was brought to the board last year. Commissioner Pullen believes we have revolving funds for these types of mortgages, and past practice has been to decline forgiving. It was the consensus of the board to deny forgiving the AMCAB Mortgage for Lynn McDonald Barron property.

There were two bids that came in for the county's copy machines. The Xerox bid came in with a savings which includes an additional machine for Friend of the Court and no waiting for someone to change the drum. Northern Stationers separated their bids per machine. The bids will be reviewed and a decision will be made at the regular board meeting on April 18, 2016.

The construction on the Friend of the Court's office was discussed. There was one bid from Old Country Painting and Decorating Inc. for \$6,700. Laurie Pine has quotes for carpeting and flooring from Shunk's for \$3,479 and Flynn's for \$5,800. Laurie Pine will contact the bidder for a start and end date.

There was some discussion regarding the need for a survey as a requirement for the jail expansion. It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to authorize North Country Engineering for the survey work and preparation of an Amended Plat for the jail. Monies are to come from the commissioner's budget. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize paying for the airport insurance in the amount of \$2,599.

Cost saving ideas / revenue sources were next. There were none.

Old business was next. There was none.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize payment to Pathways for their quarterly mental health appropriation in the amount of \$8,305. The monies are to come from their appropriation (101-649-969.000).

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 \$56,126 from the 911 Millage Fund #264 to the Capital Improvements Fund #404.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the treasurer to create Fund #764 Inmate Trust.

There were no miscellaneous financial matters.

It was the consensus of the board to approve resolution #2016-11 Officer of the Year. This award will be presented at the Alger County Correctional Facility. Commissioner Pullen has two more resolutions that he will have for next week's regular board meeting.

Committee reports were next. Commissioner Pullen explained that moving Undersheriff Brock to the Elected Officials when he becomes sheriff will come with unknown back-loaded costs. Also, a new division will need to be created for elected officials who are newly hired to Alger County. She said that the airport land-swap situation is still in process, and may take a few more months. Commissioner Doucette said that he has been working with the Upward Talent Council to merge all 15 counties into one council for what was previously Michigan Works! The local council is recommending an increase of \$10,000 for the Director of the Upward Talent Council.

Correspondence was briefly read from the UPRC&D (Upper Peninsula Resource Conservation and Development) Council regarding the 2016 dues and grant funds; MMRMA (Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority) regarding \$168.75 refund for Taser Instructor Certification; Compudyne regarding web security statistics; Forest Service regarding the purchase of two parcels on Grand Island; Gerald Reese of Hiawatha Trail Association (HTA) regarding Community Service Workers for the summer doing trail work; CUPPAD (Central Upper Peninsula Planning and Development) regarding a session for Rural Transportation Planning; and from the Forest Service regarding a copy of the Hiawatha National Forest's Schedule of Proposed Actions (SOPA) Report for the third quarter of FY 2015.

Board comments were next. Commissioner Mattson noted Gerald Reese is looking for Community Service workers, and is requesting time to meet with the commissioners. Commissioner Rondeau announced a Townhall Veteran's meeting at the American Legion on May 5, 2016. Commissioner Rondeau noted that Detroit Public Schools is requesting a bailout of \$56 million, but offers free tuition for two years to the community college. Commissioner Doucette thanked everyone for working together on the retirement changes. Also, Au Train Township is looking to install a new parking lot and launch area and closing high banks. Sergeant Webber noted the high banks area still needs to be accessible by law enforcement.

Undersheriff Brock said there will be a study regarding Uncle Ducky's launching kayaks from Sand Point and Grand Island Landing. There was some discussion regarding the increase in summer tourism to the parks and having a plan to deal with the added need for services. He said that Matt Waldron is writing a RAP Grant for sexual harassment training. Sergeant Webber discussed the Stonegarden Grant and applying for funding for 2016 for over \$200,000. There will be some adjustments in the schedule to work around the terms of the grant. He said that the orders were also placed for the new vehicles. Commissioner Mattson asked about increases in patrols leading to lower vehicle life expectancy.

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

This meeting is now adjourned at 6:15 P.M.

Jerry Doucette, Chairman
Alger County Board of Commissioners

Mary Ann Froberg
Alger County Clerk