

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

October 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 4:08 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 – none.

The board of commissioners said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public comment session was open. Todd Brock spoke briefly about flat hourly rate for on-call ambulance employees as opposed to a per run rate, which would increase the ambulance budget by approximately \$2,600. This would only apply to runs made during scheduled on-call hours. Commissioner Rondeau asked if every shift is eight hours. Tina Waldron explained the shifts are scheduled in eight hour blocks, but runs that go over the scheduled on-call shift would still receive ten dollars per hour. Regularly scheduled employees would still be paid per run based on licensing. Undersheriff Brock noted the department runs between 1,200 to 1,400 ambulance runs per year and encounters almost any conceivable situation. Lieutenant Waldron explained the Stryker settlement and that the case against Mr. Grossbauer is still pending.

The agenda was presented.

Equalization Director, Patrick Suboski, was present to give the countywide Equalization Apportionment Report. Pat explained that State law requires a report on taxable value of property. Mr. Suboski is asking the board for approval of the report. It was the consensus of the board to approve the Equalization Apportionment Report. This item will be moved to the consent agenda.

Undersheriff Brock is asking the board to approve setting the 911 millage rate to .47 mill. It was the consensus of the board to approve the 911 millage rate to .47 mill. This item will be moved to the consent agenda.

Sgt. Peters explained that the Sheriff's department researched several jail management programs. The current program is outdated and getting accurate program information is difficult because the owners of the current system sold the rights and now this system is close to being discontinued. The 2016 budget had the required \$16,500 which will be appropriate for 2017; however, this will decrease to \$11,000 in the following years. The county's jail server needs upgrading and Compudyne has been notified. The proposed system is used across the country and is very versatile. After contacting numerous competitors, the IMACSV (Incarceration Management and Cost-recovery System) Jail Management Software is by far the most superior system for the needs of the Alger County Jail. The bidding process will be bypassed for this. It was the consensus of the Board to approve the purchase of the IMACSV Jail Management Software. This item will be moved to the consent agenda.

Mary Ann Froberg briefly explained the proposed MSHDA (Michigan State Housing Development Authority) third party administrator management plan for Community Action Alger-Marquette. There have not been any problems with CAAM (Community Action Alger Marquette). It was the consensus of the board to approve the MSHDA third party administrator management plan for Community Action Alger-Marquette. This item will be moved to the consent agenda.

Murray Donnelly explained that the prompt card failed which controls the main telephone line and voicemails. Murray has looked into a replacement card which runs over \$400. It was discussed that the current system is outdated. The ABILITA contract was discussed. It is about to expire and Murray is recommending renewing the contract for 12 months to help with the current problem and upgrade to a new system. Currently, Alger County pays over \$1,100 per month for a T1 line. HTC (Hiawatha Telephone Company) will come up with a package, but in the meantime Murray recommends replacing the prompt card. It was also the consensus of the board to approve replacing the damaged card. It was the consensus of the board to approve renewing the ABILITA contract for 12 months. These items will be moved to the consent agenda.

There were no cost savings ideas or revenue sources.

There was no old business.

It was the consensus of the Board to approve the Pathways payment for their quarterly mental health appropriation in the amount of \$8,305. This item will be moved to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to approve payment of all board bills as recommended by the audit committee. This item will be moved to the consent agenda.

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. This item will be moved to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the treasurer to transfer the following funds:

COST ALLOCATION PLAN

AMBULANCE	\$	54,841.00
BUILDING DEPARTMENT		0
WIRELESS 911		22,474.00
911 MILLAGE		16,000.00
FORECLOSURE		470.00
D.T.R.		0.00
MSU EXTENSION		5,027.00
COUNTY AGING		1,942.00
VETERANS MILLAGE		0
VETERANS TRUST		2,151.00
FRIEND OF THE COURT		0
LAND BANK		469.00
BROWNFIELD		<u>360.00</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>		\$ 103,734.00

Transfer from Ambulance	\$4,500.00	To General Fund (Reimb)
Transfer from Cty Survey & Remon.	2,750.00	To General Fund (Admin)
Transfer from Limestone Summer	1,800.00	To General Fund (Collections 2016)
Transfer from Wireless 911	36,000.00	To General Fund (Wages)
Transfer from Bldg. Dept Fund	0	To General Fund (Rent)
Transfer from Foreclosure Fund	<u>4,500.00</u>	To General Fund
<u>Appropriations from 2016 budget.</u>	<u>49,550.00</u>	Total

This item will be moved to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the clerk to transfer \$19.21 from the Board of Commissioners budget to the advertising budget. This item will be moved to the consent agenda.

There were no miscellaneous financial matters.

There were no resolutions

Committee reports were next. Commissioner VanLandschoot gave a brief update from Community Action Alger-Marquette. Commissioner Pullen said Charles Marsh denied the use of airport property for snowmobile drag racing. She also said that the Commission on Aging board updated their bylaws and will need to be approved by the county board.

Correspondence was briefly read from District Ranger Charles Marsh regarding the McKeever Cabin Habitat Restoration project; Department of Environmental Quality regarding Air Quality Division's Pending New Source Review Application Report; and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Executive Director's Report.

Commissioner Pullen gave her thanks for fixing the courthouse roof. Commissioner VanLandschoot asked if the jail expansion is completely finished. Sgt. Webber explained there are just minor fixes needed to edges and inmate beds. The next few months will require deputy training to run the new facility. The floor will be finished at the end of the month or early next month, and then new inmates can be housed in it.

Commissioner Doucette wanted to emphasize that the new jail has made the county safer.

Sgt. Webber explained Sgt. Peters applied for a Workers Compensation Grant which will supply TASER vests. There was some discussion regarding what individuals could be housed in the county jail, including State inmates.

Undersheriff Brock said he is looking at a realistic budget for 2017 and thanked the board for smooth union negotiations.

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

The Chairman adjourned this meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Jerry Doucette, Chairman
Alger County Board of Commissioners

Mary Ann Froberg
Alger County Clerk