

**ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

January 17, 2017

Minutes are subject to corrections and approval

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, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Absent ó Commissioner Rondeau.

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 Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to approve the consent agenda which includes the following items:

Authorize the following Letter of Support for an Invasive Species Grant for ACCD (Alger County Conservation District):

January 10, 2017

To: Teri Grout
Alger Conservation District
101 Court Street
Munising, MI 49862

Re: **U.P. Phragmites Coalition – Sustaining Habitat Restoration** proposal to the Great Lake Restoration Initiative

Ms. Grout,

The Alger County Board of Commissioners would like to express its support for your **U.P. Phragmites Coalition – Sustaining Habitat Restoration** proposal to the Great Lake Restoration Initiative.

We have seen the difference phragmites treatment has made in the shoreline of counties to our south, where Phragmites had been long established. The fact that patches of this weed have been found purely by chance in areas of Alger County less than a mile from the Lake Superior shore and at fairly remote sites like Mervin and Nugent Lakes is of great concern to us, since outlying infestations of Phragmites and other invasives on our Great Lakes shore, inland lakes, and coastal wetlands can rapidly become large and unmanageable.

We also recognize that there are many other aquatic invasives posing potential threats to our lakes, and that small and new infestations of such species may not be found in time without a concerted effort to identify them at an early stage.

We feel that protecting the Lake Superior watershed hinges on identifying and managing Phragmites and other invasive species early, and your plan to conduct comprehensive surveys for Phragmites and other species will help to do just that in a cost-effective way.

We also appreciate your efforts to educate the public and assist them in identifying and managing their property, since ultimately they must assume responsibility to protect their lands.

We will continue to provide you with office and storage space at no charge to facilitate your worthwhile activities in our county.

Sincerely,

Jerry Doucette, Chair
Alger County Board of Commissioners

Approve the bid for the Ski-Doo Snowmobile to Greg Pond (Ron Shelly backed out) and the bid for the Dodge Charger to Roy Aho;

Approve adding one more person to the ALTRAN Board;

Reappoint Rod DesJardins and Jerry Doucette to the ALTRAN Board for another 3 year term;

Approve CUPPAD (Central Upper Peninsula Planning and Development Regional Commission)

Membership Dues in the amount of \$4,500;

Approve transferring \$9,517 from the DTR (Delinquent Tax Revolving) Fund to the 911 Millage Fund #264;

Approve Sheriff Brock receiving Ambulance administrative pay and 911 administrative pay in the amount of \$5,000 each;

Approve payment to Pathways in the amount of \$8,305 for their quarterly mental health appropriation;

Authorize payment of board bills as approve in the Committee of the Whole meeting;

Approve financial reports for all funds (Trial Balance Report Available). A full 30-page report is available upon request with the treasurer;

Authorize the treasurer to amend the 2016 miscellaneous revenue in the amount of \$95,051.35 (101-000-677.000)

Authorize the clerk to amend the 2016 expenditures:

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|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Board of Commissioners | \$ 4,033.42 |
| Elections | \$ 859.52 |
| Prosecuting Attorney | \$16,605.19 |
| Building & Grounds | \$14,997.26 |
| Sheriff's Department | \$52,349.18 |
| Employee Fringe Benefits | <u>\$ 6,206.78</u> |
| Total | \$95,051.35 |

Authorize the treasurer to transfer the following general fund appropriations:

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|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Circuit Ct. Prob. Oversight | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Co. Law Library | \$ 14,000.00 |
| Emergency Management | \$ 52,500.00 |
| Probate Child Care | \$ 61,915.00 |
| Sheriff's Secondary Rd. | \$ 6,000.00 |
| Snowmobile Law Enforc. | \$ 2,700.00 |
| Marine Safety Grant | \$ 3,500.00 |
| ORV Fund | \$ 2,000.00 |
| FIA | <u>\$ 2,500.00</u> |
| Total | \$146,115.00 |

Resolution #2017-01 Limestone Township Summer Tax Collection as follows:

RESOLUTION #2017-01

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Alger County Treasurer that in 2017 the Alger County Board of Commissioners authorized the County Treasurer to collect the Limestone Township summer tax collection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alger County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Treasurer to collect a 1% administration fee, as authorized by MCL a211.44.

Dated: January 17, 2017

Jerry Doucette, Chairman
Alger County Board of Commissioners

Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, VanLandschoot, and Doucette.
Nays ó none. Absent ó Commissioner Rondeau.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to approve the minutes of December 12, 2016. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó Commissioner Rondeau.

It was moved by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Pullen to approve the Public Hearing minutes of December 19, 2016 and the Regular Board of Commissioner minutes of December 19, 2016. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó Commissioner Rondeau.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to approve the Organizational meeting minutes of January 4, 2017. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó Commissioner Rondeau.

Joe Cilc, the Alger County Building Inspector gave his annual report. See the following:

ALGER COUNTY

Building Department
 Joe Cilc
 Building Administrator
 101 Court Street, Munising, MI 49862
 Phone: (906)387-2727 Fax: (906)387-5727
 E-mail: algercodes@algercourthouse.com

Construction Report
 2016

| | | |
|--------------------------------|------------|-------------------------|
| New Homes | 24 | \$ 4,965,026.00 |
| Recreational Buildings | 6 | \$ 87,924.00 |
| Residential Additions | 22 | \$ 1,316,608.00 |
| Non Residential Additions | 2 | \$ 57,050.00 |
| Residential Garages & Carports | 52 | \$ 1,701,648.00 |
| Demolition of Buildings | 16 | |
| Churches & Other Religious | 1 | \$ 7,124.00 |
| Public Works | 6 | \$ 2,867,134.00 |
| Stores & Customer Service | 14 | \$ 2,307,706.00 |
| Residential Remodel | 13 | \$ 774,576.00 |
| Trailers | 2 | \$ 44,000.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 14 | \$ 158,665.00 |
| TOTAL | 186 | \$ 14,287,461.00 |

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Permit Summery 2000 through 2016

| Year | # Permits | Valuation |
|------|-----------|------------------|
| 2000 | 281 | \$ 8,028,702 |
| 2001 | 255 | \$ 9,603,929 |
| 2002 | 259 | \$ 7,946,308 |
| 2003 | 220 | \$ 9,879,938 |
| 2004 | 262 | \$ 17,927,474 |
| 2005 | 225 | \$ 12,233,905 |
| 2006 | 212 | \$ 21,042,200 |
| 2007 | 190 | \$ 7,711,343 |
| 2008 | 195 | \$ 10,630,883 |
| 2009 | 169 | \$ 6,419,220 |
| 2010 | 178 | \$ 10,599,911 |
| 2011 | 179 | \$ 10,071,363 |
| 2012 | 162 | \$ 9,706,553 |
| 2013 | 159 | \$ 7,566,733.00 |
| 2014 | 176 | \$ 9,339,280.00 |
| 2015 | 186 | \$ 10,828,223.00 |
| 2016 | 172 | \$ 14,287,461.00 |

RED TAGS 2016

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|----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Keith Middleditch | 3282 M-28 | No SESC Permit |
| 2. Rich Sajdak | 8108 Co Rd 440 | No SESC Permit |
| 3. Allen Ende | Section 5 Onota Township | No SESC Permit |
| 4. Jason Plesscher | 22149 Everett St. | Code Violation |
| 5. Kirt Ronn | 5546 North Shore Rd. | No SESC Permit |
| 6. Abrahamson Loren | 13877 M-77 | No Permit |
| 7. Robert Lancour | 4165 M-94 | Unsafe Building |
| 8. Steve Winters | 3416 H-44 | No Permit |
| 9. Adam Carpenter | 7779 Evergreen | No Permit |
| 10. Dawn Smith | 8200 Reindeer Run | No SESC Permit |
| 11. Anthony Herek | E. Cold Springs Rd. | No Permit |
| 12. George Sisko | 7789 Pine Tree Ln. | No Permit |
| 13. Maek Dest | 6160 Percy Rd. | No Permit |
| 14. James Brud | 4886 M-28 | Revoked Permit |
| 15. James Bernard | 2903 H-44 | No Permit |
| 16. Jozef Schwarz | 9698 Prospect St. | No Permit |
| 17. Patrick Sebero | LaCombe Rd. | No Permit |
| 18. Robert Lancour | 4165 M 94 | Np Permit |

Murray Donnelly explained the quote from Hiawatha Telephone Company. The new system allows for upgrades and interchangeable phones. He said that the cost to install the new system can be paid over a five-year period. The current quote will change based on departmental phone needs. The current quote would cost \$800.40 per month for five years. There is an additional \$100 per month for the hosted bundle. Murray will meet with Renee Bowerman to work out the details of this quote. It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to give the finance committee the authority to determine the best and cheapest way to pay for the new phone system. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó Commissioner Rondeau.

Joe Cilc said that he spoke with the State of Michigan's Codes Division which recommended a five-member Board of Appeals over a three-member board in case one person could not make the meeting. It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to appoint John Deisenroth, Dean Seaberg, Roger Brown, Travis Cross, and Mickey Rondeau to the Alger County Construction Board of Appeals for two-year terms. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó Commissioner Rondeau.

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to approve purchase from Fleet Safety Equipment for 2 SUV-Tall Boxes for the new Tahoes in the amount of \$3,817. The monies are to come from the USDA grant monies. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent - Commissioner Rondeau.

Commissioner Doucette said that he would like the elected officials to review the nepotism clause and work out the details so the policy will make the hiring process less problematic. The addition of social media and nepotism policies will be postponed pending further review. Commissioner Doucette and Sheriff Brock emphasized the need for integrity while allowing for control of departments by their supervisors. It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to approve the Board Policy with nepotism and social media to come within a couple months. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó Commissioner Rondeau.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner Pullen to appoint Commissioner Doucette to the UPWARD Talent Council with Commissioner Mattson to act as an alternate. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó Commissioner Rondeau.

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to appoint Commissioner Doucette to the U.P. Energy Workshop. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó Commissioner Rondeau.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to approve the 2017 Committee List as follows:

2017 COMMITTEE LIST

AIRPORT

*Cathy Pullen, Mickey Rondeau

ALGER COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING

*Cathy Pullen, Jerry Doucette

ALGER COUNTY FAIR BOARD

*Mickey Rondeau

Alternate: Jerry Doucette

ALGER-SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTIES SUB-JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

*Jerry Doucette, Esley Mattson

ALTRAN

*Jerry Doucette

Alternate: Mickey Rondeau

AMBULANCE, LAW ENFORCEMENT, EMERGENCY SERVICES/911/HAZ. WASTE, COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

*Jerry Doucette, Esley Mattson, Todd Brock

Alternate: Cathy Pullen

AMCAB**

*Joseph VanLandschoot

AUDIT COMMITTEE

*Alternating, Mary Ann Froberg

BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

*Esley Mattson, Jerry Doucette, Pam Johnson, and Mary Ann Froberg

BUDGET

*Esley Mattson, Cathy Pullen, Mary Ann Froberg, Pam Johnson

Alternate: Jerry Doucette

BUILDING & GROUNDS

*Esley Mattson, Jerry Doucette, Mary Ann Froberg (See Addendum 406 of the Board Policy)

BUILDING CODES

*Mickey Rondeau, Cathy Pullen

COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

*Jerry Doucette

COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION (HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES & PARKS)

*Mickey Rondeau

Alternate: Jerry Doucette

DEPARTMENT OF HEATH AND HUMAN SERVICES (DHHS)

*Joseph VanLandschoot

EXTENSION, CONSERVATION, WATERSHED STEERING, RECREATION, RESOURCE & DEVELOPMENT

*Mickey Rondeau

EQUALIZATION

*Equalization Director, Cathy Pullen (Designated Commissioner who will meet twice a year to make sure state mandates are being met)

EXECUTIVE / FINANCE / TAXATION

Esley Mattson, Jerry Doucette, Mary Ann Froberg, Pam Johnson

HEALTH & WELFARE (LMAS)

*Joseph VanLandschoot, Esley Mattson

Alternate: Jerry Doucette

HUMAN RESOURCES / PUBLIC & LABOR RELATIONS

*Esley Mattson, Jerry Doucette, Mary Ann Froberg

INDUSTRIAL PARK COMMISSION/ SOLID WASTE LANDFILL/ MUNISING LANDFILL

*Esley Mattson, Joseph VanLandschoot

JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

*Esley Mattson, Joseph VanLandschoot

LAND BANK

*Jerry Doucette, Pam Johnson

PATHWAYS

*Cathy Pullen

PRISON LIAISON

*Jerry Doucette, Esley Mattson

REGIONAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

*Esley Mattson, Jerry Doucette

RESOLUTIONS

*Cathy Pullen, Mickey Rondeau

RETIREE / ELECTED OFFICIALS / NON-REPRESENTED INSURANCE COMMITTEE

*Cathy Pullen, Mickey Rondeau

SIX COUNTY CONSORTIUM / CUPPAD

*Esley Mattson, Jerry Doucette

Alternate: Cathy Pullen

U.P. ENERGY WORKSHOP

*Jerry Doucette

UPCAP/U.P. AREA AGING AGENCY ADVISORY BOARD**

*Jerry Doucette

U.P. FAIR BOARD

*Mickey Rondeau

Alternate: Jerry Doucette

THE UPWARD TALENT COUNCIL (UTC)

*Jerry Doucette

Alternate: Esley Mattson

**County can make recommendations ó not appointments to these boards.

Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, VanLandschoot, and Doucette.

Nays ó none. Absent ó Commissioner Rondeau.

There was no old business.

It was moved by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Pullen to authorize payment to LMAS for their last quarterly appropriation payment of 2016 in the amount of \$20,765. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó Commissioner Rondeau.

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to approve Resolution #2017-02 Final Payment to Gundlach Champion as follows:

**RESOLUTION #2017-02
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF ALGER COUNTY**

At a regular meeting of the Alger County Board of Commissioners held on January 17, 2017 at Munising, Michigan.

Present were: Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, VanLandschoot, and Doucette

Absent were: Commissioner Rondeau

WHEREAS, the Alger County Board of Commissioners is completely satisfied with the work that has been completed by Gundlach Champion;

WHEREAS, the Alger County Board of Commissioners has authorized the final payment to be made to Gundlach Champion in GCI Job #16-002;

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the Resolutions set forth above were adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Alger County at the time, date, and place specified above pursuant to the required statutory procedures.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Froberg, County Clerk

Dated: January 17, 2017

Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, VanLandschoot, and Doucette.

Nays ó none. Absent ó Commissioner Rondeau.

Committee Reports were next. Commissioner Pullen attended the Alger County Community Collaborative meeting regarding programs for preventing drug abuse, bullying and various other behaviors. Sheriff Brock is hoping the sheriff's department can get more officers out to work with children and the community. Commissioner Doucette would like to work through the UPWARD Talent Council to get a job fair in Alger County to start training high school students in trade-skills and robotics. Commissioner VanLandschoot attended a Community Action Alger-Marquette meeting in Marquette and will have more information later this week.

Correspondence was briefly read from United States Department of Agriculture regarding Schedule of Proposed Actions; Advanced Technology Recycling regarding Take Back Program Collection Partner Guidelines; and from the Department of Health and Human Services Board Meeting Agenda for Thursday, January 19, 2017.

Board comments were next. Commissioner Doucette discussed the \$200,000 Invasive Species Grant that the Alger County Conservation District received. There were no other board comments.

Staff comments were next. Sheriff Brock said the transition at the sheriff's department is going well and he could not be happier. Minor problems have just been a result of operating the new systems within the jail. Alger County is now housing all of Luce County's inmates. Sheriff Brock has sent some letters to some township supervisors regarding a law enforcement partnership. Undersheriff Blank says morale is up in the department and he is settled into his new office. Undersheriff Blank also told the board about the recent hovercraft-assisted deer rescue on Lake Superior, which was great training for the involved officers.

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 Pullen to adjourn this meeting at 5:30 p.m. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó Commissioner Rondeau.

Jerry Doucette, Chairman
Alger County Board of Commissioners

Mary Ann Froberg
Alger County Clerk