

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

**January 9, 2017**

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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.

Terry Grout was present to request a letter of support from the board of commissioners for an Invasive Species Grant. This grant would fund comprehensive surveys to help fight Phragmites. The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Grant is a no match grant, meaning there is no financial commitment required from Alger County. Ms. Grout would like to survey for other invasive species while out surveying for Phragmites. Terry offered to supply a draft Letter of Support. It was the consensus of the board to authorize Commissioner Doucette to sign a Letter of Support. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

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

The agenda was presented.

Bids were opened for the snowmobile. There were four bids: Ron Shelly bid \$556, Nathan Rahn bid \$206.66, Jack Deacon bid \$401.25, and Greg Pond bid \$501.51. Sheriff Brock said Ron Shelly asked if there was a tether on the machine. The sheriff noted the tether is missing. Mr. Shelley was the highest bidder and was contacted to see if he would still like to bid \$556. Ron said he would still honor his bid. It was the consensus of the board to accept Ron Shelly's offer of \$556.00 for the snowmobile. This item will be moved to the consent agenda.

Bids were opened for the Dodge Charger. There were three bids: Roy Aho bid \$5,068.685 (sic), Peter Lindquist bid \$2,500, and Sam Grahovac bid \$1,011. It was the consensus of the board to accept the highest bid offer from Roy Aho for \$5,068.69. Some portion of the proceeds of this sale will go to offset costs of the recent sheriff's vehicle purchase. This item will be moved to the consent agenda.

There were no bids for the 2004 Ford Explorer.

There was some discussion regarding adding one more person to the ALTRAN Board. Commissioner Pullen recollected that the ALTRAN Board used to have five members. The ALTRAN Board currently has four members. It was the consensus of the board to authorize adding one more member to the ALTRAN Board. This item will be moved to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to reappoint Rod DesJardins and Jerry Doucette to the ALTRAN Board for another three years. This item will be moved to the consent agenda.

The appointment of John Deisenroth, Dean Seaberg, Roger Brown, Travis Cross, and Mickey Rondeau to the Alger County Construction Board of Appeals for two-year terms was postponed pending research into this matter.

There was some discussion regarding CUPPAD (Central Upper Peninsula Planning and Development Regional Commission) dues. The membership cannot be split between the townships, as separate memberships are required for zoning and Emergency 911 functions. It was the consensus of the board to pay 2017 CUPPAD dues in the amount of \$4,500. Monies are to come from the commissioner's budget for dues. This item will be moved to the consent agenda.

Sheriff Brock said that Deputy Lindstrom is leaving the sheriff's department and he is requesting board approval to move a part-time deputy to full-time. It was the consensus of the board to replace that full-time sheriff deputy's position. There was some discussion regarding applying for grant funding in the future for new sheriff deputies. It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner Pullen to authorize a replacement for the deputy sheriff that has left. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

There was discussion on transferring \$9,517 from the DTR (Delinquent Tax Revolving) fund to the 911 Millage Fund #264. Commissioner Pullen asked if the DTR will be paid back if funds are authorized to be transferred out. Sgt. Webber explained these funds will go to finish the new jail addition and will be paid back. It was the consensus of the board to authorize the treasurer to transfer \$9,517 from the DTR to the 911 Millage Fund #264. This item will be moved to the consent agenda. Sheriff Brock said that he would like to walk Commissioner Doucette and Commissioner Mattson through the jail to show the potential for an old shower room to be converted to a polycom room.

It was the consensus of the board to continue paying the Sheriff for Ambulance administrative pay and 911 administrative pay. Both are in the amount of \$5,000 each. This will be moved to the consent agenda.

There was some discussion regarding the necessity of a nepotism policy and the possibility of such a policy limiting department supervisors' ability to hire. The nepotism policy will be postponed pending further review.

There was some discussion regarding committee lists. The prison liaison committee may require Commissioner Mattson to attend regularly and not just act as an alternative. The UPWARD Talent Council (UTC) needs a commissioner to represent each county on its board. Commissioner Doucette will act as representative to the UTC, with Commissioner Mattson as the alternate representative. Committee lists will be reviewed further.

Sheriff Brock discussed the possibility of housing diverted felons with William Schieding. There is potential revenue. Undersheriff Blank will continue working towards charging inmates for housing.

There was no old business

It was the consensus of the board to authorize payment to Pathways for their mental health appropriation for the quarter ending March 31, 2017 in the amount of \$8,305. Those monies are to come from their 2017 appropriation (101-649-969.000). This item will be moved to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to approve payment of all of the 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 amend the 2016 miscellaneous revenues in the amount of \$95,051.35 (101-000-677.000). This item will be moved to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the clerk to amend the following 2016 expenditures:

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

This item will be moved to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the treasurer to transfer the following 2017 general fund appropriations:

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

This item will be moved to the consent agenda.

There were no miscellaneous financial matters.

It was the consensus of the board to approve resolution #2017-01 Limestone Summer Tax Collection as follows:

**RESOLUTION #2017-01**

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**, 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.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Alger County Board of Commissioners at the time, date, and place specified above pursuant to the required statutory procedures.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mary Ann Froberg, County Clerk

Dated: January 17, 2017

This item will be moved to the consent agenda.

Committee reports were next. Commissioner VanLandschoot said LMAS has a new chairperson and member. The Grandview Apartments are on schedule for next year for assisted living housing. Commissioner Mattson spoke with Nick Derusha regarding an offsite command center for the prison.

Correspondence was briefly read from CUPPAD regarding Alger County local rural task force meeting, 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court regarding Schoolcraft County Circuit Court employee wages, Department of Army regarding Munising Municipal Marina, DHHS (Department of Health and Human Services) regarding the 2016-2017 Child Care Fund (CCF) expenditures, and from County of Houghton, fiduciary for Region 8 Homeland Security Planning Board regarding funds that Alger County received. These will be placed in the file.

There were no board comments.

Staff comments were next. Sgt. Webber gave an update on the jail.

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 5:50 p.m.

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Jerry Doucette, Chairman  
Alger County Board of Commissioners

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Mary Ann Froberg  
Alger County Clerk