

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

October 10, 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 Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot and Doucette. Absent – Commissioner Mattson.

The board of commissioners said the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

The agenda was presented.

Updating the Parking Policy and the Board Policy as a whole was discussed.

The Following minutes were presented: Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of July 10, 2017; Board of Commissioners meeting minutes of July 17, 2017; Special Board of Commissioners meeting minutes of July 31, 2017; Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of August 14, 2017; Board of Commissioners meeting minutes of August 21, 2017; Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of September 11, 2017; Public Hearing minutes of September 18, 2017; Board of Commissioners minutes of September 18, 2017.

Dave Kronk was present to discuss a Sustainable Ecotourism Organization Grant through NMU. Mr. Kronk has spoken with the community about issues ranging from recycling to resource and waste management as well as food resources. Mr. Kronk is also offering to act as liaison for sustainable energy. Northern Michigan University plans to apply a rating system to local businesses as well as offer education. There was some discussion regarding a countywide recycling project.

Ambulance bids will be opened at the Regular Board meeting on October 16.

Commissioner Pullen updated the board regarding the airport. It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to authorize Commissioner Doucette to sign the Amendment for Special-Use Authorization. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – Commissioner Mattson.

It was moved by Commissioner Rondeau and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to approve the Crime Victim's Rights Grant with the Prosecutor's Office. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – Commissioner Mattson.

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to appoint Devin Olson to the ALTRAN Board. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – Commissioner Mattson.

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to approve the Third Party Administrative Agreement with CAAM. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – Commissioner Mattson.

Interviews for the maintenance position will be forthcoming. The custodian position is now vacant as well. Mr. Webber discussed wages, benefits and union status for these positions. Mr. Webber

would like to see both these positions working in tandem. Wages for the maintenance position will be dependent on interviews. Details will be discussed by the hiring committee on October 12th. There was some discussion about plans for the airport. Commissioner Pullen explained that the general fund will have to be repaid for airport closing costs with timber sales from the land. Requirements for the airport will be researched. Commissioner Pullen would like to see the maintenance position wage set between \$18.00 per hour and \$18.93 per hour. The custodian's duties were briefly discussed. The Munising Public School system will be contacted for comparable wages.

Cost saving ideas / revenue sources were next. Sheriff Brock told the board the jail is housing eight Schoolcraft County inmates as well as Luce County inmates.

There was no unfinished business.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize payment to Pathways for their quarterly appropriation in the amount of \$8,305. Those monies are to come from their 2017 appropriation (101-649-969.000). This will be added 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 is to be added 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 is to be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the clerk to transfer \$1,200 from the clerk's budget into the airport budget. This item is to be added to the consent agenda.

Sheriff Brock is requesting the board's approval to purchase a new computer for the jail administrator in the amount of \$799.00

There were no resolutions

Committee reports were next. Commissioner Pullen explained that placement of the new building at the airport has been discussed and Commissioner Doucette further elaborated on the new building, utility hookups and generally cleaning up the airport property. There was some discussion regarding disposing of, and making use of old vehicles as well as the need for new vehicles and equipment.

The increased use of Off Road Vehicles and collisions at higher speeds has put more strain on rescue teams. Commissioner Rondeau attended a Road Commission meeting. Commissioner VanLandschoot will have his committee updates next week. Commissioner Doucette updated the board on association activities and legislative progress.

Correspondence was briefly read from NACo regarding participation and membership report; Compudyne service ticket list; Michigan Economic Development Association regarding the economy; LMAS District Health board minutes; Drug Court Grant FY2018 Contract.

Board comments were next. Commissioner VanLandschoot emphasized the current board's ability and willingness to hear the position of the staff and public. Commissioner Rondeau questioned the effectiveness of railway upgrades and the dangers of recent highway speed limit increases. Commissioner Doucette reminded the board the Steve Currie will be at the Falling Rock on October 12 at 12:00 p.m.

Staff comments were next. Sheriff Brock explained the Smart911 system is moving forward allowing for more accurate locating of callers. Commissioner Pullen will not be at the next meeting. Mr. Webber expressed the education he has received at recent conferences has been eye-opening and he has made some great contacts. Mr. Webber explained the Indigent Defense Fund is an ongoing, ever-more complicated process. There will be an insurance committee meeting on October 18th at 10:00 a.m. Lynne Maki questioned the status of courtroom security. Research and grant funding for overall courthouse security is in the works.

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 6:15 p.m.

Jerry Doucette, Chairman
Alger County Board of Commissioners

Mary Ann Froberg
Alger County Clerk