

**ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING**

April 16, 2018

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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, Rondeau, VanLandschoot and Doucette. Absent – Commissioner Pullen.

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.

It was moved by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to approve the consent agenda which includes the following items:

Approve Alger County Library Resolution and Millage language;

RESOLUTION SUBMITTING MILLAGE PROPOSAL

WHEREAS, the Alger County (“County”) Board of Commissioners has the powers granted by 1917 Act 138 and 1851 Act 156; including the authority to levy a tax to raise funds permitted and authorized by law for library purposes;

WHEREAS, the County has previously approved a millage proposal to fund library service for the residents of Alger County;

WHEREAS, the previously approved a millage expires in 2018;

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners determines that it is in the best interests and welfare of the residents that revenue be authorized for library purposes; therefore, the County has determined to request that voters of the County renew the previously authorized millage of .2986 mill that expires in 2018, subject to the applicable Headlee rollbacks, for six (6) years, beginning with the 2019 levy; and

WHEREAS, the County determines that it is in the best interests of the County that such millage election be held at an election to be held in the district on August 7, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The County Board of Commissioners resolves to present to the electors of Alger County the millage renewal described in the millage language attached as Exhibit A at the August 7, 2018 election and, therefore, the County Board of Commissioners approves the ballot language attached as Exhibit A and certifies it for inclusion on the August 7, 2018 ballot.

2. The Chairman of the Board is authorized and directed to promptly submit this resolution along with the above ballot language to the County Clerk for inclusion on the August 7, 2018 ballot.

3. Further, any resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this Resolution are hereby rescinded.

Library Millage Renewal

Shall the County of Alger, be authorized to levy a renewal of the previously voted increase in the tax limitation, which expires in 2018, in an amount not to exceed .2986 mill (\$.2986 on each \$1,000 of taxable value) against all taxable property within the County of Alger for a period of six (6) years, 2019 to 2024, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for library service and all library purposes authorized by law in Alger County? The estimate of the revenue the County will collect in the first year of levy (2019) if the millage is approved and levied by the County is approximately \$107,000. The revenue collected shall be distributed to the Munising School Public Library for the purpose of providing public library service countywide.

Approve Alger County Conservation District Resolution and Millage language;

Resolution for Alger Conservation District Millage Proposal

WHEREAS the mission and mandate of the Alger Conservation District are to provide natural resource assistance to residents and landowners of Alger County; and

WHEREAS the Alger County Commission determines that such assistance benefits its constituents and the County as a whole; and

WHEREAS over the past ten years no statutory operations monies have been provided to the Alger Conservation District by the State of Michigan to fulfill their mission; and

WHEREAS the activities of the Alger Conservation District which benefit Alger County residents and landowners are at imminent risk of cessation due to lack of funding; and

WHEREAS PA 462 of 1998 permits the County to place on the ballot, by resolution of the Board of Commissioners, the question to levy upon all taxable property in the county a tax of not more than 1 mill for not more than 20 years and to remit the proceeds of that tax to a conservation district established in that county;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alger County Board of Commissioners shall present to the electors of Alger County the millage proposal included below at the August 7, 2018 primary election, and the Board of Commissioners hereby approve said ballot language and certify it for inclusion on the August 7, 2018 ballot.

BALLOT EXPLANATION FOR A MILLAGE PROPOSAL TO TAKE EFFECT IN 2019

This proposal will authorize an Alger Conservation District operations millage at a rate of up to 0.25 mills (25 cents per thousand dollars of taxable value). The revenue raised from this millage would be used to fund natural resource conservation projects and programs in Alger County including public workshops, adult and youth conservation education programs, forestry and agricultural assistance to private landowners, invasive species management, stream monitoring, wildlife habitat improvement projects, and other natural resource assistance. The monies raised by this millage would enable the Alger Conservation District to leverage more funds through grants and other outside sources and implement larger and more effective conservation projects to benefit residents of the county.

ALGER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Shall the Limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the County of Alger, Michigan, be increased by an amount not to exceed 0.25 mills (25 cents per thousand dollars of taxable value) for a period of ten (10) years, 2019 to 2028 inclusive, to provide funding for conservation, forestry and education by the Alger Conservation District? It is estimated that the proposal, if approved by the voters, would raise up to \$94,000 when first levied in 2019.

Approve the Alger County 911 Millage language;

911 EMERGENCY TELEPHONE DISPATCH SYSTEM PROPOSAL

Shall the tax limitation on the total amount of taxes which may be assessed against the assessed and equalized value of all taxable property in Alger County, Michigan, be renewed in an amount up to one half (.5) mill, a mill being 1/10 of one cent of every property tax dollar, effective January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2023, inclusive, the funds resulting therefrom to be used exclusively for financing the operation of Alger County 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone Dispatch System? (This millage of 0.5 of a mill equals 0.50 cents per \$1,000.00 of taxable property value. The millage will raise up to \$188,305.50 in the first year).

Authorize the treasurer purchasing a folder inserter sealer from Automated Business Equipment in the amount of \$9,150;

Authorize Jay Margherio's payout in the amount of \$2,427.26;



Sheriff
Todd W. Brock

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Undersheriff
Steven M. Blank

April 2, 2018

To: Alger County Clerk's Office
From: Sheriff Todd Brock

Re: Jay Margheiro f/t status

As of April 1st, 2018 Mr. Margheiro has resigned as a full time employee. Records show the following hours are due paid to him as of April 1st.

Personal: 32 hours

Annual: 40 hours

Sick: 49 hours

Total: 121 hours x \$20.06 = \$2427.26

Respectfully submitted,

Sheriff Todd W. Brock

Authorize Commissioners Doucette, Mattson, Pullen and Rondeau & Mary Ann Froberg and Steve Webber to attend the UPACC conference in Harris on May 10-11, 2018;

Authorize payment of CUPPAD dues in the amount of \$4,500;

Approve the increase of minimum juror fees and mileage rates with lunch rates to match county reimbursement rates;

Authorize payment to LMAS for their quarterly appropriation for January – March 2018 in the amount of \$20,049 (101-601-969.000);

Authorize payment to Pathways for their quarterly appropriation for April – June 2018 in the amount of \$8,305 (101-649-969.000);

Authorize payment of Board Bills;

Approve Financial Reports for all funds (Trial Balance Report Available);

Authorize the clerk to amend the expenditures in the sheriff's department in the amount of \$26,000 for Police Pursuit Vehicle;

Authorize the treasurer to amend the revenues in reimbursements in the amount of \$26,000;

Authorize the clerk to transfer \$11,614 from the treasurer's budget in to the sheriff's department budget. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – Commissioner Pullen.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to approve the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of March 12, 2018; the Public Hearing meeting minutes of March 19, 2018; and the Board of Commissioners meeting minutes of March 19, 2018. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – Commissioner Pullen.

Dulcee Ranta, Alger County Equalization Director, explained there was an error of \$100 on the L-4024 Equalization Report and issued a revised report. Ms. Ranta explained the letter that will be submitted to the State Tax Commissioner along with the L-4024 report to bring Alger County into compliance. It was moved by

Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to approve the revised L-4024 Equalization Report and authorize the Chairman and the Clerk of the Board to sign.



**Alger County
Equalization Department**

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DULCEE RANTA, DIRECTOR
Stephanie Pierson, Admin. Assistant

April 9, 2018

Ms. Heather Frick
Executive Director
State Tax Commission
PO Box 30471
Lansing, MI 48909

RE: Alger County Equalization

Dear Ms. Frick:

Please accept this letter as explanation for why I am unable to sign the L-4024 for Alger County as the Equalization Director.

Due to the diminishing health of Alger County's previous Equalization Director, Alger County elected to not renew the contract. As of January 2, 2018, the position of Alger County Equalization was vacant.

In late January and early February 2018, the Alger County Board advertised for the hiring of a new director. The Alger County Board selected me, as the new director effective March 22, 2018.

As you are well aware, this created a conflict with me previously being an assessor of record for a local unit within Alger County. I resigned as Mathias Township's Assessor of Record on March 14, 2018. Due to the "incompatibility of office" created by my new appointment, as Equalization Director, I am unable to sign the L-4024. I cannot certify as Equalization Director the values established by me while I was still Mathias Township's Assessor through March 13, 2018.

If you have any other questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dulcee Ranta". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dulcee Ranta
Alger County Equalization Director

Personal and Real Property - TOTALS

L-4024

Alger County

Statement of acreage and valuation in the year 2018 made in accordance with Sections 209.1 - 209.8 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

Township or City	Number of Acres Assessed	Total Real Property Valuations		Personal Property Valuations		Total Real Plus Personal Property	
	(Col. 1) Acres Hundredths	(Col. 2) Assessed Valuations	(Col. 3) Equalized Valuations	(Col. 4) Assessed Valuations	(Col. 5) Equalized Valuations	(Col. 6) Assessed Valuations	(Col. 7) Equalized Valuations
Au Train	0.00	86,391,000	86,391,000	3,156,200	3,156,200	89,547,200	89,547,200
Burt	0.00	67,533,550	67,533,550	800,206	800,206	68,333,756	68,333,756
Grand Island	0.00	5,433,000	5,433,000	189,200	189,200	5,622,200	5,622,200
Limestone	0.00	25,390,000	25,390,000	563,500	563,500	25,953,500	25,953,500
Mathias	0.00	26,458,700	26,458,700	864,300	864,300	27,323,000	27,323,000
Munising	0.00	91,904,450	91,904,450	5,843,600	5,843,600	97,748,050	97,748,050
Onota	0.00	57,216,700	57,216,700	406,500	406,500	57,623,200	57,623,200
Rock River	0.00	44,485,900	44,485,900	3,431,300	3,431,300	47,917,200	47,917,200
Munising	0.00	63,008,600	63,008,600	4,211,000	4,211,000	67,219,600	67,219,600
Totals for County	0.00	467,821,900	467,821,900	19,465,806	19,465,806	487,287,706	487,287,706

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF ALGER COUNTY

WE HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true statement of the number of acres of land, the value of the real property and of the personal property, the aggregate valuation of the real property and personal property, the equalized and assessed valuations of real property classifications in each township and city in said county as equalized by the Board of Commissioners in April of the reporting year, at a meeting of said board held in pursuant to the provisions of sections 209.1 - 209.8, MCL. I further certify that said statement does not embrace any property taxed under P.A. 77 of 1951; P.A. 68 of 1963; P.A. 198 of 1974; P.A. 225 of 1978; P.A. 385 of 1984; P.A. 224 of 1985; P.A. 147 of 1992 or Section 5 of Article IX of the Constitution of the State.

Dated April 16, 2018

Equalization Director

Joel VandeVelde, deputy
Clerk of the Board of Commissioners

James D. Smith
Chairperson of Board of Commissioners

Equalized Valuations - REAL

L-4024

Alger County

Statement of acreage and valuation in the year 2018 made in accordance with Sections 209.1 - 209.8 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

Township or City	Real Property Equalized by County Board of Commissioners						
	(Col. 1) Agricultural	(Col. 2) Commercial	(Col. 3) Industrial	(Col. 4) Residential	(Col. 5) Timber-Cutover	(Col. 6) Developmental	(Col. 7) Total Real Property
Au Train	0	3,899,300	39,600	82,452,100	0	0	86,391,000
Burt	0	3,712,200	0	63,821,350	0	0	67,533,550
Grand Island	0	1,315,500	0	4,117,500	0	0	5,433,000
Limestone	506,900	100,500	0	24,782,600	0	0	25,390,000
Mathias	3,850,700	576,000	0	22,032,000	0	0	26,458,700
Munising	0	9,140,700	5,614,300	77,149,450	0	0	91,904,450
Onota	0	1,191,600	0	56,025,100	0	0	57,216,700
Rock River	4,999,500	1,175,300	144,700	38,166,400	0	0	44,485,900
Munising	0	17,199,700	4,036,900	41,772,000	0	0	63,008,600
Total for County	9,357,100	38,310,800	9,835,500	410,318,500	0	0	467,821,900

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Assessed Valuations - REAL

L-4024

Alger County

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Township or City	Real Property Assessed Valuations Approved by Boards of Review						
	(Col. 1) Agricultural	(Col. 2) Commercial	(Col. 3) Industrial	(Col. 4) Residential	(Col. 5) Timber-Cutover	(Col. 6) Developmental	(Col. 7) Total Real Property
Au Train	0	3,899,300	39,600	82,452,100	0	0	86,391,000
Burt	0	3,712,200	0	63,821,350	0	0	67,533,550
Grand Island	0	1,315,500	0	4,117,500	0	0	5,433,000
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Mathias	3,850,700	576,000	0	22,032,000	0	0	26,458,700
Munising	0	9,140,700	5,614,300	77,149,450	0	0	91,904,450
Onota	0	1,191,600	0	56,025,100	0	0	57,216,700
Rock River	4,999,500	1,175,300	144,700	38,166,400	0	0	44,485,900
Munising	0	17,199,700	4,036,900	41,772,000	0	0	63,008,600
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Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – Commissioner Pullen.

The North Country Disposal and GAD contract will be addressed at the May meeting.

There were no miscellaneous financial matters.

There were no resolutions.

Committee reports were next. Commissioner Doucette updated the Board regarding Brownfield issues. Correspondence was read from LMAS.

Board comments were next. Commissioner Doucette briefly read from Indigent Defense, UPCAP legal update articles. Commissioner Rondeau said no fault insurance will be on the ballot and would like to see the dump open one Saturday in May or early June. The dump hours will be discussed further in conjunction with contract renewals.

There were no staff comments.

Public comment session was open. The Ambulance transfer to Rock River and North Country Disposals recycling program were briefly discussed. There was no further public comment; thus, the public comment session was closed.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to adjourn this meeting at 4:30 p.m. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – Commissioner Pullen.

Jerry Doucette, Chairman
Alger County Board of Commissioners

Mary Ann Froberg
Alger County Clerk