

**ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING**

August 20, 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 Vice-Chairman Mattson with the following Commissioners present: Commissioners Mattson, Rondeau, VanLandschoot. Absent – Commissioners Doucette and 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 Rondeau and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to approve the consent agenda which includes the following items:

Authorize payment of \$750 to the Alger County Fair Board for the Alger County Fair;

Authorize request to continue opting out of insurance and receive the opt out payment to Terry McLaren after retirement and for future retiree requests;

It was the consensus of the board to approve appointment of Mary Ann Froberg to the Land Bank Authority term ending 12/31/2019;

Authorize payment to El-Com for antenna project in Sundell in the amount of \$4,518 (monies to come from 911 264-000-901.000);

Authorize payment to Beck's Trailers in the amount of \$11,991 for the Land Bank (monies to come from the Land Bank Fund (792-000-937.000);

Authorize payment to UP 911 Authority for service contract in the amount of \$29,689.99;

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).

Authorize payment to NorthCare Network for their substance abuse appropriation with convention facility tax monies in the amount of \$6,188. Those monies are to come from their appropriation (101-631-969.000);

Authorize payment of all board bills;

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

Authorize the treasurer to transfer \$25,000 from the foreclosure fund into the land bank fund;

Authorize the treasurer to amend the revenues in PILT in the amount of \$7,173.23;

Authorize the clerk to amend the bond payment in the amount of \$7,173.23;

Authorize the clerk to transfer \$2,293.85 from the general fund secondary road patrol (101-333) to Fund #206 snowmobile fund;

Authorize the clerk to transfer \$26.95 from the general fund secondary road patrol (101-333) into Fund #260 secondary road patrol.

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

Affirm Resolution #2018-13 Opposing the Legalization of Marijuana for General Use (*This resolution does not relate to the use of marijuana approved for medical purposes in compliance with current state law*)

WHEREAS, proposals to legalize the general use of marijuana are being placed on the ballot across Michigan; and

WHEREAS, general marijuana use and possession is not permitted by federal and state law; and

WHEREAS, *The National Institute on Drug Abuse* reports that 1 in 6 teens that use marijuana become addicted to its use; and Marijuana is now the number one reason kids enter treatment for substance abuse—more than alcohol, cocaine, heroin, meth, ecstasy, and other drugs combined; and

WHEREAS, *Monitoring the Future, 2017* report's that marijuana use increased to 24% among adolescents in 8th, 10th and 12th grades combined and one in ten 12th grade students vaped marijuana in the past year; and

WHEREAS, the University of Colorado, Denver reports that marijuana-impaired driver related fatalities have risen **114%** in Colorado since that state legalized the use of marijuana; and

WHEREAS, increased consumption of Marijuana would likely lead to higher public health and financial costs for society. Addictive substances like alcohol and tobacco already result in much higher social costs than the revenue they generate. The cost to society of alcohol alone is estimated to be more than 15 times the revenue gained by their taxation; and

WHEREAS, emergency room admissions for Marijuana use now exceed those for heroin and are continuing to rise; the link between suicide and Marijuana is strong; and

WHEREAS, it is not possible to foresee and mitigate all the associated risks and impact to our communities through the legalization of marijuana for general use; and, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Alger County is opposed to the legalization of marijuana for general use; and, be it further

RESOLVED, Alger County encourages other communities to oppose the legalization of marijuana for general use including the adoption of similar resolutions in opposition to the legalization of non-medical marijuana.

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

It was moved by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to approve the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of July 9, 2018 and the Board of Commissioners meeting minutes of July 16, 2018. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Rondeau, VanLandschoot. Nays – none. Absent – Commissioners Doucette and Pullen.

It was moved by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to accept the bid from Todd Woodworth and authorize the demolition of the airport terminal building. Monies are to come from the airport budget (101-536). Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Rondeau, VanLandschoot. Nays – none. Absent – Commissioners Doucette and Pullen.

There was no unfinished business.

There were no miscellaneous financial matters.

There were no resolutions.

Commissioner Rondeau gave an airport update.

Correspondence were briefly read from U.S. Department of Agriculture; D.H.H.S; U.S. Forest Service; MSU Extension.

Commissioner Rondeau explained the City of Munising has completed their portion of the airport land-swap.

Sheriff Brock updated the board about recent aesthetic improvement to the jail; recent Alger County fair and Bluegrass festival news; 911 Millage passed in August 7, 2018 election; rescue updates; courthouse security; patrols on Lake Superior.

Public comment session was open. Sheriff Brock thanks April Lark from the Munising News for recent articles concerning the 911 Millage. There was no further public comment; thus, the public comment was closed.

It was moved by Commissioner Rondeau and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to adjourn this meeting at 4:37 p.m. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Rondeau, VanLandschoot. Nays – none. Absent – Commissioners Doucette and Pullen.

Jerry Doucette, Chairman
Alger County Board of Commissioners

Mary Ann Froberg
Alger County Clerk