

**ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING**

**January 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, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot and Doucette. Absent – none.

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 Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to amend the agenda to include Terry Grout with the Alger Conservation District to request a 2018 millage as item 8a and accept the consent which includes the following items:

Authorize the treasurer to submit the grant application to the USDA for a new police vehicle;

Affirm approving the CVR (Crime Victim’s Rights) Grant with the Prosecutor’s Office;

Affirm to authorize payment to Pathways for their quarterly appropriation in the amount of \$8,305.

Those monies are to come from their 2018 appropriation (101-649-969.000).

Authorize payment of Board Bills;

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

Authorize the clerk to transfer between 2017 general fund budgets:

\*\$705.13 from the Bond Payment budget into the District Court budget

\*\$17,990.39 from the Bond Payment budget into the Prosecuting Attorney budget

\*\$1,857.54 from the Bond Payment budget into the Sheriff’s Secondary Rd. Patrol budget

\*\$53.96 from the Bond Payment budget into the Airport budget

\*\$8,046.16 from the Probate Court budget into the Employee Fringe Benefit budget

Authorize the treasurer to transfer the 2018 appropriations between the general fund to individual funds:

	DR	CR
101-000001000		\$147,115.00
101-134969000 (CIR.CT.PROB. OVERSIGHT)	\$1,000.00	
101-143969000 (CO LAW LIBRARY)	\$14,000.00	
101-326969000 (EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT)	\$62,216.55	
101-663969000 (PROBATE CHILD CARE)	\$40,000.00	
101-333969000 (SHERIFF'S SECONDARY RD.)	\$6,000.00	
101-332969000 (SNOWMOBILE LAW ENFORCE.)	\$2,700.00	
101-330969000 (MARINE SAFETY)	\$3,500.00	
101-320969000 (ORV)	\$2,000.00	
101-670969000 (F.I.A.)	\$2,500.00	
101-728969000 (CAPITOL IMPROVEMENT)	\$10,000.00	
216-000001000 (CIR, CT, PRO, OVERSIGHT)	\$1,000.00	
216-000440000		\$1,000.00
269-000001000 (CO LAW LIBRARY)	\$14,000.00	
269-000442101		\$14,000.00
258-000001000 (EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT)	\$62,216.55	
258-000440000		\$62,216.55

292-000001000 (PROBATE CHILD CARE)	\$40,000.00	
292-000440000		\$40,000.00
260-000001000 (SHERIFF'S SECONDARY RD)	\$6,000.00	
260-000440000		\$6,000.00
206-000001000 (SNOWMOBILE FUND)	\$2,700.00	
206-000440000		\$2,700.00
262-000001000 (MARINE SAFETY	\$3,500.00	
262-353400000		\$3,500.00
211-000-001000 (ORV)	\$2,000.00	
211-000440000		\$2,000.00
404-000001000 (CAPITOL IMPROVEMENT	\$10,000.00	
404-000440000		\$10,000.00
290-000001000 (F.I.A.)	\$2,500.00	
290-000440000		\$2,500.00

Affirm Resolution #2018-01 Opposing HB 5096-5098.

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

It was moved by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to approve the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of December 11, 2017; the Public Hearing meeting minutes of December 18, 2017; the Regular Board of Commissioners meeting minutes of December 18, 2017. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none.

Timothy Smith, Attorney with Smith & Johnson was present to discuss opioid litigation. Currently, Smith & Johnson is representing 16 counties. Mr. Smith explained this is not a class action law suit, rather mass tort. Mr. Smith explained that taxpayer monies have gone to fight the opioid epidemic. Seeking injunctive relief with court orders for these companies to conduct business, not fine the companies time and again. Mr. Smith explained the time has come for municipalities to address this program through litigation. Commissioner VanLandschoot noted that the Board of Commissioners should act now as this is a clear and present danger. Steve Webber asked what Alger County's obligation would be. Mr. Smith explained that between now and July, it would take roughly 25 to 40 hours of time with department heads. There are no advanced fees as this is contingent fee litigation. If this litigation fails and is found to be frivolous, council is responsible. Commissioner Rondeau asked what would stop this from happening all over again. Mr. Smith explained this litigation is nationwide and the damages will be substantial, as well as court orders that will have the judicial branch behind it. Commissioner Rondeau and Steve Webber would like to further discuss the issue with Prosecuting Attorney Karen Bahrman and Sheriff Brock. Mr. Smith explained there is not necessarily any rush to retain council, and he is more than willing to return to further discuss the issue face to face.

Terry Grout was present to seek approval for regarding a millage request for the Alger Conservation District on the ballot for the August 2018 election. Ms. Grout believes between .15 and .25 mills would suffice. Commissioner Doucette explained the Board will have to review how many other millages are out there. It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to authorize the Alger Conservation District to draft millage language to submit at the February Board Meeting. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none.

It was moved by Commissioner Rondeau and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to authorize Trudell Plumbing & Heating to supply and install the shower in the ambulance garage in the amount of \$3,380. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none.

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to authorize the clerk to purchase two laser printers and one lateral file cabinet along with other quill items in the amount of approximately \$1,426.29. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none.

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to approve Lynne Maki’s pay and benefits. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to approve the Letter of Agreement with the Sheriff’s Union. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none.

There was no unfinished business.

There were no miscellaneous financial matters.

There were no resolutions.

Committee reports were next. Commissioner Pullen spoke with Charles Marsh regarding the airport. Correspondence was briefly read from DHHS regarding meeting agenda and minutes.

Board comments were next. Commissioner Rondeau would like to join the opioid litigation as soon as possible. Commissioner Mattson commented on the opioid litigation. Commissioner Doucette commented that he would like to involve the prosecuting attorney into the opioid litigation and there is an UPWARD Talent meeting on January 18 in Escanaba.

There were no staff comments.

Public comment session was open. April Lark from the Munising News asked why the Board is opposing HB 5096-5098. Commissioner Pullen explained the legislation places limitations on local governments. 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 5:40 p.m. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none.

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Jerry Doucette, Chairman  
Alger County Board of Commissioners

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Mary Ann Froberg  
Alger County Clerk