

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

November 13, 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. Equalization Director Dulcee Ranta updated the board regarding Alger County's equalization corrective action plan. The State of Michigan has not followed through with updates and conference calls. There was no further public comment; thus, the public comment was closed.

The agenda was presented.

Elizabeth Wiener, 4-H Program Coordinator for MSU Extension, introduced herself to the Board of Commissioners and briefly updated the Board on the 4-H program.

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to opt-out of 2011 Public Act 152. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none. This item will be reaffirmed at the next Regular Board meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to approve 2019 Health Insurance renewal option with 30% Health Reimbursement Account utilization and 15% employee cost-sharing. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none. This item will be reaffirmed at the next Regular Board meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to approve 8 session Employee Assistance Program with Lifeworks. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none. This item will be reaffirmed at the next Regular Board meeting.

Implementation of a flexible spending account was discussed. Further research into employee participation and engagement is required.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to authorize hiring Andrew Jones as Public Defender in compliance with Michigan Indigent Defense Commission Act. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none. This item will be reaffirmed at the next Regular Board meeting.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize cost of living adjustment payments to three retirees in the amount of \$484.22. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize purchase of Courthouse sign in the amount of \$1,713.00. Monies to come from credit card point reimbursement totaling \$1,553.13 and the remainder to come from Building and Grounds). This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to approve the FY2019 Memorandum of Understanding with NorthCare Network for District Court. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none. This item will be reaffirmed at the next Regular Board meeting.

Sheriff Brock explained that Marquette County inmates could soon be housed in the Alger County jail for additional revenue.

There was no unfinished business.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize payment to NorthCare Network for convention facility tax monies for substance abuse in the amount of \$8,888.52 (101-631-969.000). This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to approve payment of all board bills as recommended by the Audit Committee. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to approve Financial Reports for all funds (Trial Balance Report Available). This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize treasurer to amend general fund revenues in Transfer-In Foreclosure (101-000-446.000) in the amount of \$30,294.88. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize treasurer to amend revenues in reimbursements (101-000-676.000). This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize treasurer to amend general fund revenues in Land Bank (101-415) in the amount \$20,000. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the clerk to amend the general fund postage account budget (101-288) in the amount of \$1,200). This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the clerk to amend the general fund treasurer's office budget (101-253) in the amount of \$9,094.88. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the clerk to amend the general fund employee fringe benefits budget (101-862) in the amount of \$21,427.25. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

There were no miscellaneous financial matters.

There were no resolutions.

Committee reports were next. Commissioner Pullen reported on her recent attendance at an Eco-Tourism meeting. Commissioner Rondeau noted that renewable energy is currently five times as expensive as coal. Commissioner Mattson explained that the Budget Committee has a balanced 2019 general fund budget. Commissioner VanLandschoot will be absent for the November 19 Board meeting. Commissioner Doucette congratulated the Board their recent elections.

Board comments were next. Commissioner Rondeau would like to see the tribal government invited to the regional government meetings and noted that wolves were recently transplanted to Isle Royale.

Staff comments were next. Sheriff Brock expressed concern for the condition of the Sheriff Department's ORV and possible breakdown while transporting a critical patient. There was some discussion regarding EMS

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 6:30 p.m.

Jerry Doucette, Chairman
Alger County Board of Commissioners

Mary Ann Froberg
Alger County Clerk