

**ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

December 19, 2011

Minutes are subject to corrections and approval

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 ó none.

The board of commissioners said the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

On a motion by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to approve the Regular Board of Commissioner's minutes of November 21, 2011, and the Committee of the Whole minutes of December 12, 2011. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

The Women's Center rent was discussed. Commissioner Doucette gave a copy of a letter to the board he is going to send to the Women's Center and asked for any corrections or recommendations to change anything. There were none. See the following letter:



ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Jerry Doucette, Board Chair
101 Court Street, Munising, MI 49862

December 20, 2011

Dear Women's Center Board, Pat Micklow, Phyllis Loonsfoot, and Bill Mattson:

The Alger County board of Commissioners appreciated your attendance at our meeting on December 12, 2011. The Board is fully aware that your organization is 501 3(c) non-profit that relies on grants, etc. to provide service. Furthermore, we understand and appreciate the work and services your organization provides our citizenry.

As you stated and realize the financial stress counties are currently undergoing, are mainly coming to us from other controls we are unable to regulate. That being said, our Board had a lot of discussion regarding this matter, and is willing to help you as much as we can.

Our Board will consider your scenario #2, with modifications as follows:

- 1) The Women's Center pays the utilities due.
- 2) Alger County will keep offices in the same location.
- 3) Alger County will donate back rent for 2011.
- 4) Alger County will reduce the rent to \$100.00 per month for 2012 until 2% funding is acquired from the Sault Tribe. A copy of your application for the 2% funding will be required to be sent to the Alger County Board of Commissioners so progress can be followed. If no additional funding is acquired, re-evaluation will be needed.

i hope this will alleviate some of your financial concerns for the present time.

Sincerely,

Jerry Doucette, Chair
Alger County Board of Commissioners

On a motion by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to accept the letter as presented. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

Don Kinnunen's insurance was discussed. There was discussion on getting a packet together for all elected officials prior to the May filing deadline on what their benefits are to be. There was discussion on all retired elected officials benefits. It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to authorize the clerk to pay out of pocket expenses for 2011 for Betty Kinnunen to a maximum of the HSA amount of \$2,250 depending on payment made in 2011 by Betty Kinnunen of the \$600 deductible to be done without precedence. Betty Kinnunen will have the same insurance as employees in order to save the additional cost of the premium for the insurance policy she currently has. The amount of \$2,250 will be reimbursed upon request to Betty Kinnunen instead of funding the HSA directly. It is the intent that Alger County will revise retired elected official's health insurance within the next four months to become effective 1/1/2013. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

On a motion by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to authorize the sheriff to salvage the 2002 Ford Explorer and the 1999 Jeep for approximately \$300 each. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to authorize the sheriff to purchase one more ice rescue suit in the amount of \$587. The monies are to come from the ambulance fund in rescue supplies. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

Old business was next. There was none.

There were no appropriations.

On a motion by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to approve payment of all of the board bills as recommended by the Committee of the Whole. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to approve the financial reports for all funds. A full 30-page report is available upon request with the treasurer. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

On a motion by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to authorize the treasurer to transfer the following funds:

Transfer from Ambulance	\$3,000.00	To General Fund
Transfer from F.O.C. Fund	\$2,500.00	To General Fund
Transfer from Cost Allocation	\$4,500.00	To Probate Child Care Fund
Transfer from R.O. D. Auto Fund	\$8,000.00	To DTR Fund (Repayment of Loan)
Transfer from Bldg. Dept Fund	\$4,000.00	To DTR Fund (Repayment of Loan)

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

It was moved by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to amend the revenues in PILT (101-000-428.000) in the amount of \$4,750. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

On a motion by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to amend the expenditures below:

*Audit	\$500
*Motor Pool	\$4,000
*Computer	\$250

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

There were no miscellaneous financial matters.

There were some resolutions given out and they are to be passed at the next board meeting.

Committee reports were next. Commissioner Mattson said that the budget committee had met and has a balanced budget. He said that every department was there and that they had met with all of the department heads and elected officials and that they were very cooperative. Extra revenues regarding the jail were also discussed. Commissioner Doucette talked about a community corrections meeting he attended and about using UPCAP for doing the administration of the community corrections program and possibly bringing in some income along with additional services from other counties. Commissioner Rondeau said that he went to a soil conservation meeting and he also discussed the airport.

New correspondence was read and will be placed in the file.

Board comments were next. Commissioner Doucette thanked the budget committee for their work.

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

On a motion by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Pullen to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

Jerry Doucette, Chairman
Alger County Board of Commissioners

Mary Ann Froberg
Alger County Clerk