

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

**August 8, 2011**

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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 Chairwoman Pullen with the following Commissioners present: Commissioners Doucette, Mattson, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Pullen. 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, public comment was closed.

It was the consensus of the board to look at the minutes and make a motion at Monday's regular board meeting. The agenda was presented.

On a motion by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to go into closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268 (e) litigation MGH v Alger County et al with Cheryl Hill. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Doucette, Mattson, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Pullen. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

**CLOSED SESSION**

It was moved by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to come out of closed session. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Doucette, Mattson, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Pullen. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize Cheryl Hill to sign any documents for the Marquette General Hospital lawsuit and to settle the same lawsuit.

Mike Greutz from Anderson, Tackman & Company, P.L.C. was present to discuss Alger County's audit. He discussed that management has not acquired an actuarial calculation of Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) in the Government Wide Financial Statements. He said that the state may not accept the audit unless: 1) they get an actuarial done and reproduce the audit to the state; or 2) the state has stopped paying to the entities any state funds. He said that Alger County has not received a rejection letter yet and may not. They really don't know. Mike said that the statement of net assets is \$5,061,036 which is an increase of 2,055,757. He said that the general fund had an increase of about \$49,000. He said that the revenue sharing fund will be used up in 2012 and then the county will have to go back to the state and ask for revenue sharing dollars, for whatever is left. He said that the ambulance fund has made the biggest increase of everything. He also said that the general fund balance has stayed stable over five years and has 28 days of operating expenses. There was discussion on the deficiencies in the county and corrective action plans. Mike said that budgets should be looked at every quarter and amended at that time.

It was the consensus for the clerk to order 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012 from an actuarial company for an OPEB (Other Post Employment Benefits) Actuary.

It was the consensus of the board to approve the Community Corrections Grant Application.

Bids were discussed for the ambulance garage and computer room at the jail. It was the consensus of the board to follow the recommendation of the sheriff for the ambulance garage as follows: Imperial Electric \$8,700.00; Northern Excavating \$7,950.00; Valley Spur \$64,233.00 plus an estimated cost of \$26,000 for roof and building materials for a total of \$106,883. Monies are to come from the ambulance fund in the capital improvements line item. The recommendation for the computer room is Imperial Electric \$4,600; Northern Excavating \$950; Valley Spur \$8,327 plus an estimated cost of \$8,000 for the roof and building materials for an approximate total of \$21,877. Monies are to come from the 911 fund in the capital improvements line item. Commissioner Doucette said that they appreciate the work employees did on this project.

Pam Johnson gave a brief presentation on the Alger County Land Bank. They would like to start acquiring properties into the land bank. It was the consensus of the board to approve the agreement between Alger County, Michigan, and Alger County Land Bank.

There was discussion on revisiting the Board of Commissioners' meetings per month. Per board policy the current number of meetings is set at 15 meetings per month. It was the consensus to amend the board policy to waive the maximum of 15 meetings per month and be retroactive from June 2011 until the Honeywell project is completed for the building and grounds committee member. There have been no concerns or recommendations from the prosecuting attorney, the treasurer, or the clerk as per stated in 311 ó policy changes of the board policy.

Old business was next. A letter from Honeywell was discussed regarding starting work on the new air/heating system. The letter was forwarded to the DHS Office in Lansing. See the following letter:

US Core Energy Retrofit Team  
Honeywell Building Solutions  
4694 46<sup>th</sup> Street S/E  
Suite B 100  
Kentwood, MI 49512

Honeywell

August 8, 2011

Jerry Doucette  
Alger County Courthouse  
101 East Varnum  
Munising, MI 49862

Re: Alger County Complex

Dear Mr. Doucette:

Now that Alger County and Honeywell have secured a contract for an Energy Retrofit Program we will begin work immediately. Engineering and equipment ordering have already begun. One of our first priorities is to temporarily improve the temperature comfort level in the DHS / Courthouse areas until the new temperature control and Heating / Air Conditioning systems can be installed. I will begin work this week starting with the DHS then moving to the Courthouse areas.

The new temperature control system installation will begin in the DHS area in two weeks and will be completed after 30 days. The Courthouse's new Heating / Air Conditioning and temperature control systems installation will begin in September and will be completed in early December.

I will be meeting weekly with Murray Donnelly developing our weekly work schedule. Murray will then be informing the departments to coordinate a smooth transition. Please feel free to contact me at 616-843-5703 with any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

Chris DeLeeuw  
Construction Project Control Specialist  
US Core Energy Retrofit Team  
Honeywell Building Solutions  
Cell: 616.843.5703  
Fax: 616.566.6297

It was the consensus of the board to pay the convention facility tax payment for substance abuse to NorthCare Network in the amount of \$8,820.50 (101-631-969.000).

It was the consensus of the board to pay the quarterly mental health appropriation for 7/1/11 to 9/20/11 to Pathways in the amount of \$8,305 (101-649-969.000).

It was the consensus of the board to approve payment of all of the board bills as recommended by the audit committee.

It was the consensus of the board to approve the financial reports for all funds. A full 30-page report is available upon request with the treasurer.

There were no miscellaneous financial matters.

There were no resolutions.

Committee reports were next. Commissioner Rondeau discussed a fair board meeting that he was at and discussed the airport. Commissioner Doucette discussed the NACo conference that he attended. He also had a presentation for the commissioners to look at. He said that the theme for this year's conference was "Government Works". He discussed a game that is on the NACo website regarding government and is designed for kids 6<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. He also discussed a meeting regarding the AuTrain Dam and a flood plain analysis.

Correspondence was read and will be placed in the file.

Board comments were next. There were none.

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

This meeting is now adjourned.

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Catherine A. Pullen, Chairwoman  
Alger County Board of Commissioners

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Mary Ann Froberg  
Alger County Clerk