

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

**October 10, 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, the public comment session 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 and accepted.

Nick Derusha, the LMAS Director was present. He discussed the organization of the Health Department under the Urban Cooperation Act. He said that each county will have two board members. The contributions will be based upon population and that each county will share 25% of the prison population. He said that they will evaluate the population and contributions every five years. They will also re-evaluate contributions if a large population change happens. Nick said that they will be asking for a couple of thousand dollars less per county. He will forward a copy of the resolution for the Urban Cooperation Act to the county. He also talked about the rent at the LMAS building in Wetmore. He said that they would come to an agreement with the county for the EMD (Emergency Management Department). He said that he has not been able to talk with Mr. Bouth yet. Nick said that his EMD Director will contact Mr. Bouth.

It was the consensus of the board to adopt the apportionment report that was given by Pat Suboski, the Equalization Director.

There was discussion on the wording in the sheriff's union contract of the sheriff's department insurance buyout. It was discussed that there was a mistake made in the contract and a letter of agreement should be done. The board is to look at this and this will be discussed at the next board meeting.

There was discussion on the sheriff's union contract and the new job classifications. The board felt as co-employers that they should have been notified. It was discussed that in the future, the board will be talked to. Commissioner Pullen said that the union and the sheriff did come to an agreement. This was not deliberate, it was just misinterpreting the contract. The sheriff agreed that there was failure to communicate.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the sheriff to purchase extrication safety equipment in the amount of \$2,072. The monies are to come from the ambulance rescue supplies (210-000-727.040).

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the sheriff to purchase a tower for the 911 clean room as recommended by El-Com in the amount of \$1,827.50. The monies are to come from the 911 fund in capital improvements.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the sheriff an additional payment of 18 yards of concrete to fill in the underground tank in the amount of \$2,665.96. The monies are to come from the 911 fund in capital improvements.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize additional payment of a catch basin and backhoe loader rental in the amount of \$2,345. The monies are to come from the ambulance fund in capital improvements.

There was only one bid to open for the snow plow bids. It was from Gerou Excavating, Inc. There was no consensus for the bid. The clerk is to get clarification on the bid.

Board Policy on time cards and the chain of command were discussed. It was the consensus of the board to change board policy on time cards and the chain of command with extra wording added.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the clerk to advertise for the audits for a three year period.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the clerk to refund Mike Glance for an electrical permit in the amount of \$417. The monies are to come from the building department fund #249.

It was the consensus of the board to charge \$40 for all divorce packets as a uniform policy throughout the four circuit court counties.

It was the consensus of the board to reappoint Anita Bouth to the Alger County Library Board.

There was no old business to discuss.

It was the consensus of the board to pay the LMAS quarterly appropriation for October through December 2011 in the amount of \$21,235.50.

It was the consensus of the board to approve payment of all of the board bills as recommended by the audit committee. There was discussion on the bills that were from February 2011 to September 2011 from Christmas Auto. There was discussion on bills that run late such as Christmas Auto and Putvins. The Undersheriff is to let them know that the auditor's recommended a 30-days billing time frame. There was also discussion on departments getting board bills into the clerk's office two days prior to the audit date.

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.

It was the consensus of the board to amend the revenues below:

\*Revenue Sharing (101-000-574.000) in the amount of \$2,819.11

\*Reimbursements (101-000-676.000) in the amount of \$149.84

It was the consensus of the board to amend the expenditures below:

\*Advertising in the amount of \$300.00

\*Audit in the amount of \$1,750.00

\*Jury Commission in the amount of \$130.95

\*USDA payment in the amount of \$638.16

\*Circuit Court meals (101-131-741.000) in the amount of \$97.52

\*County Commissioner lodging (101-101-861.020) in the amount of \$52.32

There were no miscellaneous financial matters.

It was the consensus of the board to approve Resolution #2011-11 Appointment of Douglas York.

It was the consensus of the board to approve Resolution #2011-12 Support of the UPEDA (redo of 2011-09).

It was the consensus of the board to approve Resolution #2011-13 Consolidation of Regional Planning Enabling Acts (redo of 2011-08).

Committee reports were next. Commissioner Pullen said that she left a message for Amanda Ingram regarding the county dashboard. Commissioner Doucette said that he wanted the commissioners to take the NACo prescription drug cards to their townships so that they may distribute them. He said that the two tickets for the Packer/Lion game went to Michael Perron and Leota Paquette. He also discussed the Honeywell project. He talked about a TV6 interview to be done regarding the high school kids working on the ambulance garage and about the Honeywell project. He discussed the ICivics in the schools. It was also discussed that Bob Lindbeck was to discuss with 11 and 12 year olds why gas prices are so high.

Correspondence was read and will be placed in the file.

Board comments were next. Commissioner Pullen talked about a discussion that she had with Pat Suboski regarding Brad Heikkila. She said that he is taking an unpaid leave of absence. It was discussed that if he was not back to work by January 1<sup>st</sup>, this will be revisited. There is no cost to the county for Brad to be gone. He is an independent contractor. Commissioner VanLandschoot discussed the flower project in the triangle. He said that he came and got someone from the jail to help and that he was a great asset. He wanted to thank Todd. Commissioner Rondeau discussed the EMD meeting that was cancelled. He also asked about Pat Suboski and his position. There was discussion and that there is no formal contract, just minutes. Commissioner Rondeau talked about the ice caves and the parking lot there. He said that there was no sign marking where the ice caves are. He asked Commissioner Doucette to talk to the road commission about this.

Public comment session was open. The Undersheriff wanted to know if someone could bring something up at the regular board meeting or does it have to be at the Committee of the Whole. It was discussed that they could be at the regular board meeting as long as they let the clerk know that they want to be on the agenda. There was no other 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