

**ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

January 3, 2011

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The organizational meeting of 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 the Alger County Chief Deputy Clerk, Darlene Moreland, with the following Commissioners present:

District 1 – Commissioner Pullen
District 2 – Commissioner VanLandschoot
District 3 – Commissioner Mattson
District 4 – Commissioner Doucette
District 5 – Commissioner Rondeau

The Board of Commissioners said the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Chief Deputy Clerk gave each Commissioner their Oath of Office.

The Chief Deputy Clerk opened up the floor for nominations for Chairperson. Commissioner Doucette nominated Catherine Pullen. Commissioner VanLandschoot seconded the nomination. The Chief Deputy Clerk asked three times if there were any other nominations. There were none.

On a motion by Commissioner Doucette and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to close nominations and a unanimous ballot be cast for Catherine Pullen as 2011 Chairperson. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Doucette, Mattson, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Pullen. Nays – none. Absent – none.

Catherine Pullen, Chairwoman opened the floor to nominations for Vice-Chairperson. Commissioner VanLandschoot nominated Esley Mattson as Vice-Chair. Commissioner Doucette seconded the motion. Commissioner Pullen asked if there were any other nominations. There were not. It was moved by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Doucette to close nominations and a unanimous ballot be cast for Esley Mattson as 2011 Vice-Chairman. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Doucette, Mattson, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Pullen. Nays – none. Absent – none.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mattson, and seconded by Commissioner Doucette to increase the Commissioner's salaries as follows: Chair - \$210; Vice-Chair - \$195; all other Commissioners - \$175. Each Board of Commissioner's per diem are to remain the same at \$35 per meeting. Commissioner Rondeau inquired about the 2011 budget and asked if the budget would allow a raise for the Commissioners. Commissioner Pullen stated that after raises had been given to the union members, the court staff, and the elected officials that there was still adequate money left in the budget for commissioners' raises as recommended by the budget committee. She added that the adopted budget for 2011 already reflects this raise for the commissioners. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Doucette, Mattson, VanLandschoot, and Pullen. Nays – Commissioner Rondeau. Absent – none.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to hold the Committee of the Whole meetings on the second Monday of each month at 4:00 p.m. and that the Regular Board of Commissioners meetings will be held on the third Monday of each month at 4:00 p.m. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Doucette, Mattson, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Pullen. Nays – none. Absent – none.

A motion was made by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to keep the mileage reimbursement at \$.48 ½ cents per mile, with the costs of meals remaining the same as follows: Breakfast - \$7.25; Lunch - \$7.25; Dinner - \$12.50 for a total of \$27.00 per day. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Doucette, Mattson, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Pullen. Nays – none. Absent – none.

Board comments were next. Commissioner Pullen passed out a tentative committee list for 2011 and discussion followed. Commissioner Mattson inquired about the best dates and times for the audit, finance, and executive meetings. Discussion took place tentatively scheduling the audit meetings for the second Monday of the month at 3:00 p.m. immediately preceding the Committee of the Whole, and the finance and executive meetings for the Thursday prior to the Committee of the Whole at 3:30 and 4:30 p.m. respectfully. Commissioner Rondeau was looking for information pertaining to the MSU lands in Chatham that were donated by CCI (Cleveland Cliffs Iron). Commissioner Doucette stated that the best place to look for answers would be at the township's meetings. Commissioner Pullen passed out copies of three letters from Karen Bahrman, and a Compudyne contract. Commissioner Doucette asked about the Alger County Phone Directory and whether some lines could be eliminated. Commissioner Doucette also inquired as to whether Alger County has ever had a capital improvement fund.

A motion was made by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Doucette to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Doucette, Mattson, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Pullen. Nays – none. Absent – none.

Catherine A. Pullen, Chairwoman
Board of Commissioners

Mary Ann Froberg
Alger County Clerk