

**ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

April 28, 2011

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Pursuant to recess, the Alger County Board of Commissioners convened in the conference room of the county building at 4:15 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. Ron LeJuene of Rock River Township was present and said that he has concerns as to the emergency management replacement. He said that this was listed as a union position and has been posted in house only. He said that it eliminates the Veterans Preference Act and that no one has an opportunity to apply if it is a union position. He said that this is a federally or state funded position and that he should at least have the opportunity to apply for the position under the Veterans Preference Act besides all of his qualifications for the position. Sheriff Hughes said that this has been a union position since 1996. This was discussed at length and will be looked at and possibly advertise for the position. There was no other public comment from the floor; thus, the public comment session was closed.

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

There was a lengthy discussion on the employees at the sheriff's office. On a motion by Commissioner Doucette and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to lift the hiring freeze only for the purpose to authorize the sheriff to hire a full time deputy for the jail. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Doucette, Mattson, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Pullen. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

Board comments and were next. Commissioner Pullen discussed the letters from Eugene Stenberg. She said she has also talked to Joe Cilc, Gary Niemmela, and Mike Rozak about the same property. She said there were a couple of points to cover. She discussed the truss braces and the problems that occurred a few years ago with properties in Alger County. She also discussed the problem with the electricity at the same premises. She said that Joe Cilc has the right to go into the property and the right to inspect the property. Commissioner Pullen said that if Mr. Stenberg still has any more complaints he should get on the agenda of a board meeting. Commissioner Doucette discussed talking with Dick Williams from Honeywell and the new heat/air conditioning system. He said that it is a work in progress.

Public comment session was open. The Sheriff said that he wanted to thank the board for letting him hire a person. He said that the fire alarms will be worked on in the third week in May. He also discussed the 911 system and the new CAD system. There was no other public comment from the floor; thus, the public comment session was closed.

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

Catherine A. Pullen, Chairwoman
Alger County Board of Commissioners

Mary Ann Froberg
Alger County Clerk