

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

March 24, 2011

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Pursuant to recess, the Alger County Board of Commissioners convened in the conference room of the county building at 9:00 a.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 moved by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Doucette 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.

John Basse and Donna Kitrick were at the board meeting to talk about Pathways and their appropriation. Commissioner Rondeau said he feels that the board is in violation of the mental health code and in not providing the appropriations to Pathways. There was much controversial discussion between the board itself and with Pathways. The lawsuit with Alger County, Marquette General Hospital, and Pathways was brought up and John Basse said that he would not discuss this in an open meeting and would meet to discuss it with the Chair of the board. Commissioner Doucette said that he would like to work together with Pathways and doesn't see why there are charges back and forth. Mr. Basse said that he is also talking to the Sheriff to work things out. The Undersheriff said that in the last three months, they have worked better with Pathways than before and that this last weekend when needed Pathways bent over backwards to help the sheriff's department. Commissioner Doucette asked what other counties they serve. Mr. Basse said that the other counties served are Delta, Luce, and Marquette. He said that based on the agreement of 1997, the amount Alger County is to pay is \$33,220 and per the agreement can not increase. Commissioner VanLandschoot asked Mr. Basse about reapportioning Pathways and possibly combining with LMAS. Mr. Basse is to look into this and the legal issues. Mr. Basse said that he was blind sided by the situation because the Alger County Representative never told him that there was a problem with Pathways. Ms. Kitrick said that the current representative is appointed until 2013. Mr. Basse said that this board is responsible for appointing the representative. Donna Kitrick said that they would be more than willing to come and give the board a presentation on Pathways services. It was discussed that the board needs to come up with \$33,220 for the 2011 budget plus \$8,305 for the last quarter of 2010 for a total of \$41,525.

On a motion by Commissioner Doucette and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to approve the last quarter 2010 appropriation payment to Pathways in the amount of \$8,305. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Doucette, Mattson, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Pullen. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

There is to be discussion and amendments of the 2011 budgets at a special board of commissioner's meeting Wednesday, April 6, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.

It was moved by Commissioner Doucette and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to authorize the clerk to sign the following resolution for CUPPAD:

**RESOLUTION OF CONCURRENCE WITH THE
2011 - 2015 COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY
(CEDS)**

WHEREAS, the Central Upper Peninsula Planning and Development Regional Commission (CUPPAD) has prepared a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) document for the six-county planning area; and,

WHEREAS, the 2011 - 2015 CEDS provides adequate coverage and represents the needs of Alger County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Alger County Board of Commissioners concurs with the CEDS document as prepared by the CUPPAD Regional Commission.


Mary Ann Froberg, Clerk
Alger County

Date 3/24/11

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 VanLandschoot said that he would like to thank the people from Pathways for coming down and discussing the issues. Commissioner Doucette just wanted to reiterate partnering and working together with Pathways.

Public comment session was open. Murray Donnelly talked about some remodeling to the animal shelter. He said that the animal shelter received a donation to do the remodeling. He also said that this work has to be done by a contractor. It was discussed that the board for the animal shelter is going to have to get building permits and to advertise for the contractors. They will also have to follow board policy for the costs. There is to be a building and grounds meeting to discuss this on Wednesday, April 6, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. A nurse from Pathways said that there is going to be a two-day Mental Health First Aid session in Wetmore sometime around the first week in July. There was no other public comment from the floor; thus, the public comment session was closed.

On a motion by Commissioner Rondeau and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot 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