

**ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

September 17, 2012

Minutes are subject to corrections and approval

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 Chairman Doucette with the following Commissioners present: Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. 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 Mattson to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

It was moved by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to approve the Committee of the Whole minutes of August 13, 2012, the Regular Board of Commissionerø minutes of August 20, 2012, and the Special Board of Commissionerø minutes of August 23, 2012. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

There was discussion on the countyø health insurance and putting the process out on bids. It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to rescind the motion made on May 21, 2012 to authorize Employee Benefits Agency, Inc. as Alger Countyø insurance agent for 2013. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to authorize to have the health insurance go out on a bidding process and to be advertised in the Munising News and the Mining Journal. The bids are to be sealed and sent to the Alger County Clerk. It was discussed that one or two of the county commissionerø that sits on the insurance committee is to be at the insurance committee meeting when those bids are open. The insurance committee will then decide on a reasonable amount of quotes for the board. Commissioner Doucette said that he would like to see a committee list of people that are always at the committee meetings. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

There was discussion on converting the EOC (Emergency Operations Center) into a training/classroom and having Steve add some shelving for the conservation district. It was moved by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to authorize Steve Webber to convert the EOC into a training/classroom. The cost will be in the amount of \$4,500 this year and \$4,500 next year. The monies are to come from the ambulance fund ó capital improvements line item. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to authorize the sheriff to purchase the STEMI data equipment for the ambulance services in the amount of \$7,852.50. The monies are to come from the ambulance fund in the capital improvements line item. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to authorize the chair and the clerk to sign the 911 Resolution and approve the Letter of Agency as follows:

STATE OF MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION

At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Alger, Michigan, held at the County Building in Munising, Michigan on the 17th day of September, 2012, at 4:00 o'clock p.m. local time.

PRESENT: Commissioners: Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette

ABSENT: Commissioners: None

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and supported by Commissioner VanLandschoot that the following resolution be adopted.

Whereas, the Alger County Board of Commissioners ("Board") is authorized under Michigan's Emergency Telephone Service Enabling Act, 1986 PA 32, as amended ("Act") and under authority provided by its Emergency Telephone Services Plan ("911 Plan") to make administrative findings regarding among other things, the service suppliers providing 9-1-1 services within the 911 Plan's Service District;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Board hereby makes an Administrative Finding that Peninsula Fiber Network shall be the primary 9-1-1 service supplier, employing a common network that enables all other service suppliers within the 911 Plan's Service District to be selectively routed and otherwise access the 9-1-1 system and the primary PSAPs identified in the Plan;

Be It Resolved, that all service suppliers shall cooperate with Peninsula Fiber Network in order to facilitate the switchover to its common network and selective router as required herein;

Be It Further Resolved, that Peninsula Fiber Network is authorized and directed to work with the 911 Plan's service suppliers, the Michigan Public Service Commission, State 911 Committee and State 911 Director and any other state, federal or local authority in order to effectuate and implement the provisions of this Administrative Finding, including but not limited to the identification for a specific date and time for the switchover to Peninsula Fiber Network's common network;

Be It Further Resolved, that this Resolution shall augment, supersede, modify or replace any inconsistent prior resolution or motion;

Be It Further Resolved, that the County Clerk shall send a copy of this resolution and its Administrative Findings to each service supplier, PSAP, and emergency service provider within the County.

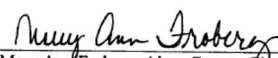
YEAS: Commissioners: Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette

NAYS: Commissioners: None

ABSTENTIONS: Commissioners: None

RESOLUTION ADOPTED:


Jerry Doucette, Chairperson
Alger County Board of Commissioners


Mary Ann Froberg, Alger County Clerk



To: All Exchange Carriers

Date:

The Alger County Board of Commissioners, as the governing body of the County's Public Emergency Services District, (herein after known as the 911 authority) hereby advises the recipient of this Letter of Agency that it has authorized Peninsula Fiber Network, LLC to order services and process records associated with Alger County 9-1-1 service and certain other database functions.

By this Letter of Authorization, Peninsula Fiber Network, LLC is given authority to act independently on behalf of the 911 authority when those actions are in the best interest of the 911 authority.

The 911 authority may revoke this authorization at any time by the issuance of a written revocation referring the services listed above, delivered to the recipient Exchange Carriers of this letter is sent to and Peninsula Fiber Network, LLC at the address listed below.

By this Letter of Authorization, the 911 authority provides its authorization for Peninsula Fiber Network, LLC to direct the connection, disconnection or rearrangement of the 911 authority's circuits, services or other equipment as determined by Peninsula Fiber Network, LLC. Peninsula Fiber Network, LLC agrees that it shall not undertake the issuance of orders, or rearrangements hereunder unless it has given the 911 Authority, notice of such action, specifying date and time of planned work.

Peninsula Fiber Network, LLC agrees to release and hold harmless the carrier from liability for (a) making available 911 authority information relating to the exercise of this authorization, and (b) following 911 authority's or Peninsula Fiber Network, LLC instructions and direction with regard to these matters listed above. Communication from the carrier shall be directed to:

FAX, Email or deliver to: Peninsula Fiber Network, LLC
Attn: Thom Sumbler
1901 West Ridge Street, Suite 2
Marquette, MI 49855
Fax: 906 226 7102
thom@pfnlc.net

By signature or receipt of this Letter of Agency, the Alger County 911 Authority, Peninsula Fiber Network, LLC and the receiving party agree to the terms and conditions of this document.

Peninsula Fiber Network, LLC:

Name: Thom Sumbler
Title: Sales and Business Development

Phone: 906 387 6617
Fax: 906 226 7102
Email: thom@pfnlc.net

Authorized: _____

Agency: Alger County 911
Name: Jerry Doucette
Title: Chairperson, Alger County Board of Commissioners

Phone: (906) 387-7048 / Cell : (906) 202-0061
Fax: (906) 387-2156
Email: JerryDoucette@charter.net

Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to authorize the sheriff to advertise for a medical examiner. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to authorize the chairman to sign the Friend of the Court CRP (Cooperative Reimbursement Program) Contract with DHS (Department of Human Services) and County of Alger. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

It was moved by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to authorize the chairman to sign the Prosecuting Attorney CRP (Cooperative Reimbursement Program) Contract with DHS (Department of Human Services) and County of Alger. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to authorize Commissioners Mattson, Rondeau, and Doucette to attend the UPACC (U.P. Association of County Commissioners) Conference October 18-19, 2012. The registration costs are \$25 for each and \$65 for each room. The monies are to come from the commissioner's budget. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

It was moved by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to authorize the hiring of Peter Cohl from Cohl, Stoker & Toskey, P.C. for researching the cost allocations. The monies are to come from the attorney's budget. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot that the Alger County Board of Commissioners has elected to receive the full state payment amount option for the National Forest Revenues. The county will allocate 20% of their payment for special projects in Title III with the other 80% to be used for public schools and public roads (Title I funds). Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to re-affirm the motion made at the Special Board of Commissioners meeting August 23, 2012 to hire a full time employee at the sheriff's department. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to authorize the purchase of new recording equipment for Circuit, District, and Probate Courts in the amount of \$13,200. \$9,700 is to come from Circuit Court's equipment line item and \$3,500 is to come from the Friend of the Court Fund #215's equipment line item. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

Old business was next. There was none.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to authorize payment to LMAS for their fourth quarterly appropriation in the amount of \$20,745 (101-601-969.000). Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

It was moved by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to approve payment of all of the board bills as recommended by the Committee of the Whole holding the one to Bond Towing. The sheriff is to call and find out more about the bill. He said that they did not tow the ambulance, just pulled it out of a culvert. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

It was moved by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to approve the financial reports for all funds. A full 30-page report is available upon request with the treasurer. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to amend the revenues in the amount of \$13,000 (\$4,000 to Transfer in Ambulance and \$9,000 to USDA Grant Reimbursement). Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to amend the expenditures in the Motor Pool budget in the amount of \$13,000. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

It was moved by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to authorize the treasurer to transfer the following funds for cost allocation monies:

COST ALLOCATION PLAN

Ambulance	\$ 91,614
Building Department	10,894
F.O.C.	2,568
Wireless 911	27,648
Foreclosure	1,636
D.T.R.	396
Homestead	<u>224</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	\$ 134,980

Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to authorize the treasurer to transfer \$960.79 from the Ambulance Fund #210 into the Capital Improvements Fund #404 (for portion of Honeywell invoices). Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

There were no miscellaneous items.

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to authorize the Chair to sign the following Resolution #2012-13:

RESOLUTION #2012-13

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF GUARANTEED REVENUE REPLACEMENT SHOULD THE STATE REPEAL PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

WHEREAS, Michigan counties provide crucial services on behalf of state government, as evidenced by the delivery of road patrol services, corrections, foster care, clean water, food safety, the judicial system, etc.; and

WHEREAS, Years of declining local revenues and cuts to state revenues to counties, coupled with unfunded mandated services have placed Michigan counties in a position of financial stress; and

WHEREAS, The state has a poor track record of fulfilling itsø statutory promises for its share of funding for things like revenue sharing, payment in lieu of taxes (PILT), public health, Medicaid reimbursement, and county jail reimbursement; and

WHEREAS, Personal property tax revenue represents 6.73% of Alger Countyø total taxable value; and

WHEREAS, the elimination of personal property taxes would harm a countyø ability to provide mandated services to the public; and

WHEREAS, Michigan counties are mandated by the state to pay for the stateø court system with local taxpayer dollars; and

WHEREAS, Michigan counties cannot continue to operate if the revenue from personal property taxes is not fully replaced with a constitutionally guaranteed revenue source.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Alger County Board of Commissioners urges the legislature and the Governor to retain the personal property tax until such time as the residents of Michigan vote in favor of a constitutional amendment that will fully replace the revenues lost from the repeal of personal property taxes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be distributed to the Governor, Senator Tom Casperson, Representative Steven Lindberg, and the Michigan Association of Counties for their consideration and action.

Adopted this 17th day of September, 2012.

Jerry Doucette, Chair
Alger County Board of Commissioners

Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

Committee reports were next. Commissioner Pullen discussed getting a bid from the road commission on brush hogging part of the airport in the amount of \$545.86 and that they will be discussing it and submitting it to the finance committee. Commissioner Rondeau attended the conservation district meeting and said that they are looking for volunteers to monitor the plovers in Grand Marais in regards to the break wall. He discussed projects that the conservation district is working on. Commissioner VanLandschoot discussed AMCAB and that they closed nine jobs with two more coming. He also said that there are more ARRA (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) funds coming.

New correspondence was read and will be placed in the file.

Board comments were next. Commissioner Pullen told Commissioner Rondeau that Teri Grout is doing a great job. Commissioner Rondeau said that Alger County's Conservation District maybe taking over Schoolcraft County's Conservation District. Commissioner Doucette discussed governmental identification cards and that the commissioners need to get pictures taken after the meeting. The cards will have an effective date on them.

Staff comments were next. Undersheriff Brock discussed more boat rescues. He said that he and Bill Schieding are looking at a new process for deferred felons. A Community Corrections meeting will be held on September 21, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

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

On a motion by Commissioner Rondeau and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to adjourn the meeting at 5:08 p.m. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

Jerry Doucette, Chairman
Alger County Board of Commissioners

Mary Ann Froberg
Alger County Clerk