

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

April 9, 2012

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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 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 the consensus of the board to look at the minutes and make a motion at Monday's regular board meeting. The agenda was presented.

Pat Suboski presented the board with a copy of the L-4024 report and explained the report and how it is done. It was the consensus of the board to adopt the equalization report. Pat said that there was a decrease of last year's equalization report of assessed and equalized valuations of 2.62%. He also said that there is a 2.079% increase in the taxable value of the county.

Gary Stewart from Pitney Bowes was not able to be present for the meeting.

Nick Derusha presented the board with the LMAS District Health Department Agency Annual Report for the FY2011. He explained the report in detail. He also wanted to talk about the Urban Cooperative Act Agreement. There were two minor changes in the area of board duties that annually the board would evaluate the priorities and then for a dissolution of a department. It was the consensus of the board to approve the First Amendment To Resolution Approving Intergovernmental Agreement.

Jolene Hetherington from the library board was present to discuss the renewal of the library millage proposal for the August 2012 election. Commissioner Pullen questioned the millage about the wording for coverage of the cost allocation monies. This was discussed among the board members. Commissioner Pullen thought that the wording of funding library services in Alger County would cover the cost allocation monies. The county is waiting for an answer from the state on what can be charged for cost allocation. It was the consensus of the board to approve the renewal language for the library millage.

Jolene also discussed a vacancy on the library board. Commissioner Pullen is going to look for someone from the Grand Marais area. If she cannot find anyone, it is to be advertised in the paper.

Terri Grout from the Alger County Conservation District was present to ask the board for a resolution or a letter of support for a grant proposal for the Alger-Marquette (Michigan) Cross Border Restoration Project (Sustain Our Great Lakes grant). She explained what the grant was for. It was the consensus of the board to approve the letter of support.

Kevin Calhoun, the CEO from Munising Memorial Hospital (MMH), presented the board with a 340B Health Care Services Contract between The Alger County Commission and Munising Memorial Hospital. He explained that the agreement is to participate in the drug discount program established under Section 340B of the Public Health Services Act. He said that the hospital agrees to continue its commitment to the provision of health care to indigent, uninsured and underinsured resident of Michigan. The savings from the program will provide services at no reimbursement or considerably less than full reimbursement from the applicable patients. It was the consensus of the board to approve and authorize the chair to sign the contract.

The cost allocation letter from MGT was discussed. There were questions on the general fund departments, internal service funds, and proprietary (enterprise) funds. Commissioner Pullen wanted to ask if the millage language would specifically need to be included. It was discussed that the letter is not clear at all. This item will be postponed until they hear back from the auditor or MGT.

The OPEB (Other Post Employment Benefits) actuarial valuation from Gabriel Roeder Smith & Company was discussed. This valuation will be in compliance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 45. The cost for this valuation is \$12,320. The clerk spoke with Mike Greutz from Anderson Tackman, the county's auditor, and he said that we did not need the additional reports totaling \$4,830. Those reports are just for what if scenarios, a 20-year benefit projection, and a contribution based on alternate interest rate assumption. It was the consensus of the board to approve and authorize the clerk to sign the papers for the OPEB actuarial valuation in the amount of \$12,320. The monies are to come from the OPEB line item in the employee fringe benefits account.

The sheriff discussed purchasing two LifePAK 15 monitor/defibrillators. He said that these machines will transmit EKG data to the cardiologists at Marquette General bypassing the emergency rooms in Marquette and Munising. The information gets transferred over the cell phone towers. Where there is no cell phone reception, the paramedics are able to read the EKGs. The old LifePAK 12s will be sold with the exception of one. They will keep one of the LifePAK 12s for the basic rig. Each LifePAK 15 costs \$25,490. It is the consensus of the board to authorize the sheriff to purchase two LifePAK 15s and battery chargers in the amount of \$50,490 payable to Physio Control. The monies are to come from the ambulance budget under 210-000-727.020 Ambulance Defibrillation Supplies.

The sheriff discussed the Next Generation 911. He said that it is the answering system that communicates with the CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch). They will be able to stream videos, photos, use On-Star data, and texting messages to the 911 dispatchers. He said that the cost is covered by a grant at 75%. He said that the 25% cost for the Next Generation 911 is \$34,357. This is to be paid to UP911 Authority. He also discussed the new recorder for the 911 system. The cost from El-Com for a 16 channel logger is equipment \$16,400; labor \$4,000; and eventide support of \$1,312/year. This is to be installed by June 15th. It was the consensus of the board to approve the purchase of both. The monies are to come from the Wireless 911 fund under capital improvements.

The sheriff discussed 911 address signs. He wants to start a project in the county for replacing those 911 address signs. He wants to offer a replacement program for owners to purchase these signs from a price of \$35 to \$40 per sign. He said that these signs are like a resin sign and should not be as corrosive. It is the consensus of the board to authorize the sheriff to change the costs of the 911 address signs from \$35 to \$40. This covers the cost at county prices.

The sheriff discussed the county purchasing a commercial size shredder. He said that the county should have a retention policy but does not have one. It was discussed to adopt the state recommended retention policies for the county. It was the consensus of the board to postpone purchasing a shredder until 2013.

Old business was next. There was none.

There were no appropriations.

There was discussion on the board bills. Christmas Auto was again discussed regarding bills from 2011. It was the consensus of the board to approve payment of all of the board bills as recommended by the audit committee. The clerk is to send out a memo regarding 2011 budgets. The sheriff had a board bill that was approved for payment to Michigan Public Safety Communications System in the amount of \$3,150. \$900 is to come from the ambulance fund under service contract (210-000-835.000) and \$2,250 is to come from the 911 fund under service contract (265-000-835.000). The sheriff said that the bill to Bay Care is still being looked at.

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 discussed that the reimbursement of the totaled vehicle at the sheriff's department is in the amount of \$10,221. The sheriff said that he will be getting the down payment information for the new vehicle. The original amounts were to be \$4,000 from the ambulance fund and \$8,000 from the motor pool.

Under miscellaneous financial matters the sheriff discussed the ambulance millage renewal for the August election using the same wording. This will be on next week's agenda.

The sheriff asked Commissioner Pullen to get together with Todd to write a resolution for the school kids.

Committee reports were next. Commissioner VanLandschoot discussed working with AMCAB and the funding, and working with the judicial committee.

Correspondence was read, discussed, and will be filed.

Board comments were next. Commissioner Mattson asked about the treasurer checking on revenues. The treasurer said that there is \$4,516.55 from the revenue sharing fund that can be transferred that into general fund revenue sharing. She said that the current tax collection should stay the same. He said that there should be a budget meeting regarding additional expenses and they should be taking a good look at the budget. Commissioner Doucette said that they are still working with their labor groups. There were no further comments.

Staff comments were next. There were none.

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

This meeting is now adjourned at 6:35 p.m.