

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

**April 8, 2013**

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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, Rondeau, VanLandschoot and Doucette. Absent 6 Commissioner Pullen.

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.

Elizabeth Coyne was on the agenda for a letter of support, but was not able to be present.

The sheriff discussed the need to purchase a lifting device for the oxygen bottles. He asked to go out and get some competitive quotes to bring back to the board. It was the consensus of the board to authorize the sheriff to go out on bids for a lifting device for the oxygen bottles.

The sheriff discussed wanting to purchase a new ambulance. He said that it was budgeted for \$160,000 in this year's budget. He said that last time that an ambulance was purchased there was a trade-in. He said that this time, he will replace the worst ambulance which is in the Chatham-Trenary area with one of the 2009 ambulances. He said that he would like to have the bids in for June. He said that they purchased two ambulances in 2009 and one in 2011. Commissioner Pullen arrived at 4:10 p.m. It was the consensus of the board to authorize the sheriff to go out on bids for a new ambulance.

The sheriff discussed a one-year contract with TopComp, Inc. for dispatch 911 cad maps. He explained the 911 cad maps and the GIS data. He said that the GIS information needs to be updated to the cad maps. He said that he needs to contract with this company to import this information and any updates that are needed. The contract would cost \$1,300 annually. He discussed companies being able to FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) the GIS information and the board should come up with a price range of \$500 to \$1,000 for the FOIA requests. This will be discussed at a later meeting. It was the consensus of the board to authorize the sheriff to sign a one-year contract with TopComp, Inc. in the amount of \$1,300. The monies are to come from the 911 fund.

The airport insurance was discussed. The premium increased by \$123 from last year's premium. It was the consensus of the board to authorize the clerk to renew the airport insurance with Starnet in the amount of \$2,573.00. The monies are to come from the airport budget.

A Letter of Authorization utilizing Manatron software and services for Equalization was discussed. It was the consensus of the board to authorize the chair to sign the Letter of Authorization for a three-year term beginning 7/1/13 and ending 6/30/16 in the annual amount of \$6,500.

It was the consensus of the board to reappoint Nancy Bennett to the Alger County Jury Board to a six-year term expiring April 30, 2019.

The bids for the 2003 Ski-Doo were opened. There was a bid from David Miskus in the amount of \$1,756; a bid from David Borden in the amount of \$1,901.50; a bid from Katia Locke in the amount of \$1,757; and a bid from Paul Kelto in the amount of \$1,711. It was the consensus of the board to authorize the sale to David Borden in the amount of \$1,901.50. The monies are to be deposited back into the ambulance fund.

Old business was next. There was none.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize payment to LMAS District Health Department for their quarterly appropriation for April through June 2013 in the amount of \$20,745. The monies are to come from the District Health appropriation budget (101-601-969.000).

Board bills were next. It was the consensus of the board to approve payment of all board bills as recommended by the audit committee.

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.

There were no miscellaneous financial matters.

Resolutions were next. Commissioner Pullen discussed Resolution #2013-04 Act 88 of 1913 (PA 88). She said that she talked with the Gratiot County Administrator on why they rescinded their resolution. She said that the administrator said that they had a new board and passed this resolution before they knew that they used funds through PA 88. She said that they partially support MSU Extension and their EDA costs with those funds. Commissioner Pullen feels they should not pass this because it would be available to use for funding an EDA throughout the county. She said that they need a lot more information on this. There was a consensus of the board not to pass Resolution #2013-04. Commissioner Rondeau discussed Resolution #2013-05 Implement a Plan to Improve Michigan Roads and Highways. He said that he brought it to the road commission and they want to act on it next Monday. It was recommended by the resolutions committee to pass this resolution.

Committee reports were next. Commissioner Pullen discussed that the transfer station/pocket park will have a grand opening May 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m. She discussed that the interim for the Pictured Rocks Superintendent is Tim Good. Commissioner Rondeau discussed a meeting that he attended with the insurance committee on Marion Riley and that they threw the letter out that Attorney Burkhart wrote and that they will be redoing the letter. He asked what kind of money they are talking about regarding her buy-out option. He asked if she opts out will she be able to opt back in. It was discussed that an amount that could be used is what the current court staff employee's buy-out is. It was also discussed that the issue of a buy-out after retirement will have to be thought about. He discussed an insurance seminar on Obamacare that is to be held on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at Sydney's from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Correspondence was read and will be placed in the file.

Board comments were next. Commissioner Mattson brought up the email from Ron Ford, Luce County Commissioner, regarding the Veterans Affairs Officer. Commissioner VanLandschoot discussed that no one wanted to share Alger County's Veterans Affairs Officer and that our Veterans Affairs Officer does not want to take on any further responsibilities at this time. This will be added to the agenda for next Monday to be acted on. Commissioner VanLandschoot gave the board a handout regarding AMCAB, sequestration and some of the cuts that AMCAB has done. He also discussed the work in Chatham and Grand Marais. Commissioner Doucette asked the board to review their emails because he sent one out regarding sequestration. He talked about developing a FOIA policy and charging for those costs. This is to be added to next Monday's meeting agenda. He also discussed having a policy for people on administrative leave and how much to pay them. He wants to have this on next month's agenda. He discussed a phone call from Andrew Jones, Defense Attorney, and being interested in taking one half of Alger County's cases at a particular rate. He said he will be trying to call Judge Luoma and Judge Carmody on this. Insurance and unemployment were discussed about hiring Andrew Jones and that this could be a problem. He also discussed the Memorandums that were sent to the county departments regarding the purchasing policies and agenda items.

Staff comments were next. There were none.

Public comment session was open. Amanda Ingraham from the Munising News discussed new legislature on FOIA standardization costs and that it should be acted on soon. There was no other public comment from the floor; thus, the public comment session was closed.

This meeting was adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

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Jerry Doucette, Chairman  
Alger County Board of Commissioners

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Mary Ann Froberg  
Alger County Clerk