

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

**August 12, 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, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot and Doucette. Absent ó none.

The board of commissioners said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public comment session was open. Teri Grout from the Alger Conservation District was present to discuss a proposal for the Great Lakes Restoration Grant for invasive species. She said that this is a no match grant. There was no other 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 amended to add the Alger Conservation District for a letter of support as item no. 7.

On a motion by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to authorize the chair to sign a letter of support for the Alger Conservation District for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative as follows:

August 13, 2013

To: Great Lakes Restoration Initiative  
Environmental Protection Agency  
Grant Review Committee

Subject: Great Lakes Restoration Initiative RFA 2013  
Letter of Support for the Central UP (MI) Invasive Plant Prevention and Control Project

Dear Grant Review Committee:

The Alger County Board of Commissioners is pleased to extend its support to the Alger Conservation District's Central UP (MI) Invasive Plant Prevention and Control Project for Great Lakes Restoration Initiative funding.

Our long-term partnership with the Alger Conservation District has resulted in many benefits to our county's natural resources. Alger Conservation District has worked over the years to educate the public and to find, monitor, and control the invasive plants which threaten the natural resources which are important to our economic base and quality of life. This project will strengthen and enhance their efforts.

We pledge to continue our ongoing operations support to the Conservation District in the form of office space so that they may continue to pursue these important restoration activities.

Sincerely,

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.

Cost savings ideas were next. Commissioner Pullen discussed the CDBG administration fees and that the treasurer and the clerk do some of the administrative work. She said that she asked the treasurer if the county could receive some of those funds. She said that the treasurer is checking on it.

Lynne Maki's health insurance after retirement was discussed. Commissioner Pullen said that Lynne did not expect to receive what Terry McLaren will be receiving. It was the consensus of the board to change Lynne Maki's health insurance after retirement and to have her pay 50% of a single subscriber rate that will end at age 65 or the date such person becomes Medicare eligible, whichever occurs later. That 50% contribution will be calculated based on the then current employer paid contribution to the then current existing single subscriber rate.

It was discussed that due to the resignation of Al Weymouth (DDA) on the Alger County Brownfield Authority that Kathy Reynolds (DDA) would fill the remainder of his term. It was the consensus of the board to appoint Kathy Reynolds (DDA) to the Alger County Brownfield Authority for the remainder of a term ending 12/31/2014.

There was discussion on advancing the pending grievance #13-178. On a motion by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to advance the pending grievance #13-178 to arbitration. 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 stopping payment to Honeywell for the audit services. It was discussed that it has been monitored and we are saving what Honeywell said the county would save. It was the consensus of the board to stop paying Honeywell for the audit services. The clerk will do a letter to terminate the audit services.

There was discussion that the Digital Interface Module for the radio system dispatch console is defective. The replacement cost for the module is \$1,187. It was the consensus of the board to authorize the sheriff to replace the Digital Interface Module in the amount of \$1,187 from El-Com Services, Inc. The monies are to come from the 911 fund.

There was discussion on authorizing the sheriff to purchase a new computer from Compudyne in the amount of \$1,147.69. Commissioner Doucette asked the sheriff if he needed this right away and the sheriff said that he could wait one month. Commissioner Doucette said that he would like to see what MAC (Michigan Association of Counties) could come up with as far as a savings and that he would make some phone calls. It was the consensus to hold on this to see what the MAC pricing would be.

There was discussion on a Reciprocal Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement between Alger County and Munising City Police. It was the consensus of the board to authorize signing the Reciprocal Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement with some corrections made.

The undersheriff discussed wanting to bid out the 2002 Ford Explorer. He said that they will try and get a free-be vehicle through the government and hopefully get enough money from the bid to pay for the travel to go and pick up the vehicle. It was the consensus of the board to authorize the sheriff to put the 2002 Ford Explorer out on bids.

There was discussion on the first Annual CAD and UP 911 Service Contract in the amount of \$20,960.67. It was the consensus of the board to authorize payment to Upper Peninsula 911 Authority for the service contract in the amount of \$20,960.67. The monies are to come from the 911 fund service contract line item.

There was discussion on authorizing the adjustment to the Accumed Contract to enable faxing of reports to the hospitals from the software in the amount of \$1,250. It was the consensus of the board to authorize the sheriff to make the adjustment to the Accumed Contract in the amount of \$1,250. The monies are to come from the ambulance fund.

There was discussion on authorizing the sheriff to increase the preliminary breath testing from \$2 to \$5. It was the consensus of the board to authorize the sheriff to increase the preliminary breath testing to \$5.

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 July through September 2013 in the amount of \$20,745. The monies are to come from their appropriation (101-601-969.000).

Board bills were next. Commissioner VanLandschoot brought up an issue with a bill from the Building Codes Department. It was discussed that it was not brought before the finance committee under 202 Purchasing Policy. The amount was \$599.97 to Northern Motors. Commissioner Doucette is going to talk with Joe Cilc about this. 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.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the treasurer to amend the revenues in the miscellaneous budget (101-000-677.000) in the amount of \$5,230.50. These funds will be coming from the fund balance.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the clerk to amend the expenditures in the attorneys/consultants budget (101-135-969.000) in the amount of \$5,230.50. There was a brief discussion on the courthouse union contract.

There were no miscellaneous financial matters.

Resolutions were next. There were none.

Committee reports were next. Commissioner Pullen had none. She left at 4:45 p.m. Commissioner Rondeau discussed the meeting with the Supreme Court Security Specialist for the courthouse security. There will be a report done with suggestions or recommendations for the courthouse. There was discussion on the costs of those recommendations. Murray said a card swipe system starts at \$20,000. Commissioner Rondeau also discussed box stores. Commissioner Doucette said that Senator Casperson is working on this along with unfunded mandates. Commissioner VanLandschoot discussed the indigent defense funds for the veterans and the meetings they are going to have. He also said that Amy Lerlie from AMCAB will be here in September for a presentation. Commissioner Doucette discussed the NACo conference he attended and the committees he is on. They are reorganizing the Labor and Economic Development Committee and he wants to stay on the committee. He also wants to get involved in the Regional Action Committee, which regulates for all the federal land. He discussed the gas tax and it being a dead issue and more interest in increasing the sales tax. He also discussed the MAC Conference in Frankenmuth.

Correspondence was read from the State of Michigan Department of Treasury, the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority, Hiawatha National Forest Service, Upper Peninsula Recycling Coalition, CUPPAD Regional Commission, LMAS District Board of Health, Congressman Dan Benishek, Michigan Association of Counties, U.P. Association of County Commissioners, State of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. The correspondence will be placed in the file.

Board comments were next. Commissioner Rondeau discussed the deputy at the sheriff's department and would like to see the issue addressed. Commissioner Mattson said that his concern is the budget. There was discussion on the wolf hunt and that there will not be any in Alger County.

Staff comments were next. Murray Donnelly said from his recommendation that the county does not need Honeywell to do the audit services anymore. He said that there would be no cost savings for the county going to a four day work week, unless the whole system could be shut down. He also said that he is looking at upgrading the phone system. There were no other comments.

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

This meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

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Jerry Doucette, Chairman  
Alger County Board of Commissioners

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Mary Ann Froberg  
Alger County Clerk