

**ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

January 2, 2013

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The organizational meeting of the Alger County Board of Commissioners convened in the conference room of the county building at 4:10 p.m. on the above date. The meeting was called to order by the Alger County Clerk, Mary Ann Froberg, with the following Commissioners present:

District 1 ó Commissioner Pullen

District 2 ó Commissioner VanLandschoot

District 3 ó Commissioner Mattson

District 4 ó Commissioner Doucette

District 5 ó Commissioner Rondeau

The Board of Commissioners said the Pledge of Allegiance.

The County Clerk handed the board a copy from the Guide to Michigan County Government where it explains electing the chairperson and the vice-chair. It states that traditionally, the law required a county board of commissioners to elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson each year at the first meeting in January. That law has since been changed to require a county board to elect the chairperson at its first meeting in each odd-numbered year while requiring the election of the vice-chair to a one-year term. It also states that the statute goes on to say that a board, by majority vote, may have the election of the chairperson to be a one-year term. It is important to note that statute states that the board may not use the one-year term option as a tool to remove from the chairmanship, a person who was elected to a two-year term. There was a brief discussion on this. The County Clerk opened up the floor for nominations for Chairperson. Commissioner Pullen nominated Jerry Doucette. There were no other nominations. On a motion by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot that nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Jerry Doucette to be the Chairperson for a two-year period for the years 2013 and 2014. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Doucette, Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, and VanLandschoot. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

Commissioner Doucette, Chairman opened the floor to nominations for Vice-Chairperson. Commissioner VanLandschoot nominated Esley Mattson as Vice-Chair. There were no other nominations from the floor. It was moved by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Pullen to close nominations and a unanimous ballot be cast for Esley Mattson as Vice-Chairman for the year 2013. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

On a motion by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to retain the commissioner's salaries as follows: Chair - \$210; Vice-Chair - \$195; all other Commissioners - \$175. Each board member's per diem are to remain the same at \$35 per meeting. 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 hold the Committee of the Whole meetings on the second Monday of the month at 4:00 p.m. See the following meeting dates:

January 14, 2013
February 11, 2013
March 11, 2013
April 8, 2013
May 13, 2013
June 10, 2013
July 8, 2013
August 12, 2013
September 9, 2013
October 14, 2013
November 11, 2013
December 9, 2013

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

On a motion by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to hold the regular Board of Commissioners meeting on the third Monday of each month at 4:00 p.m. See the following meeting dates:

January 21, 2013
February 18, 2013
March 18, 2013
April 15, 2013
May 20, 2013
June 17, 2013
July 15, 2013
August 19, 2013
September 16, 2013
October 21, 2013
November 18, 2013
December 16, 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 VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to go with the current IRS rate of 56.5 cents per mile. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó Commissioner Pullen. Absent ó none.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner Pullen that the costs of meals are to remain the same at: Breakfast - \$7.25; Lunch - \$7.25; Dinner - \$12.50 for a total of \$27.00 per day. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

There were board comments on closed sessions and Pathways.

On a motion by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Pullen to adjourn this meeting at 4:52 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