

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

June 9, 2014

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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, and Doucette. Absent ó Commissioner VanLandschoot.

The board of commissioners said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner VanLandschoot arrived at 4:02 p.m.

Vice-Chair Mattson took over the meeting for Chairman Doucette.

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.

Lee Francisco, CEO/Founder of 906 Technologies was present to discuss his company and the services that they could provide. Lee was told by the board to come back at the beginning of next year so there could be a bidding process to bid out the services.

There was discussion on appointing an Alger County community corrections liaison board member. Kimberly Wheeler had said that she would be on the board. Commissioner Rondeau wanted to know who was on the board. This will be voted on at next Monday's regular board meeting.

There was discussion on asking the assistance of MAC (Michigan Association of Counties) in writing a grant for a new jail. It was the consensus of the board to authorize the assistance of MAC to help Alger County in writing a grant for a new jail.

There was much discussion on increasing the number of meetings for per diems for those commissioners that have added committee meetings. This will be voted on at next Monday's regular board meeting.

There was discussion on authorizing the sheriff to purchase 10 bullet proof vests at approximately \$600 each. Four of the vests will be paid for by the Stark Foundation, four will qualify for a matching grant, and two will have to be paid for in full. There was discussion on putting money away in a fund every year for future needs. It was the consensus of the board to authorize the sheriff to purchase the bullet proof vests. Any expenses will be out of the sheriff's department ó equipment line item.

There was discussion on authorizing the sheriff to charge boat rescue fees for things like kayaks, paddle boards, or beach rescues. He said that they charge a \$500 fee for some rescues and would like to charge the \$500 for boat rescues. The sheriff said that he would like to research it more. This will be postponed and put on the agenda in the July meeting.

There was discussion on adopting the Defined Benefit Plan Adoption Agreement with MERS (Municipal Employees' Retirement System) of Michigan for the courthouse union employees hired after 01/01/05 that would pay 3.75% of their contribution. Commissioner Pullen asked if they could escrow the 3.75% of the employee's contribution and wait for the change until negotiations were done. It was the consensus of the board to postpone the adoption of the Defined Benefit Plan Adoption Agreement with MERS until next Monday's regular board meeting until more information is received.

Cost savings ideas / revenue sources were next on the agenda. There were none.

Old business was next. There was none.

There were no appropriations.

It was discussed that the audit for the board bills will be on Wednesday, June 11, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.

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 amend the revenues in inmate housing in the amount of \$2,400.

It was the consensus of the board to amend the expenditures in the sheriff's department / equipment line item in the amount of \$2,400.

There were no miscellaneous financial matters.

There were no resolutions.

Committee reports were next. Commissioner Mattson discussed a law enforcement meeting. Commissioner VanLandschoot discussed AMCAB.

Correspondence was read and discussed from Pathways regarding FY15 funding, Hiawatha National Forest regarding a proposed 6.5 mile north/south snowmobile trail connector project, LMAS board minutes, and an email from the University of Michigan's Center for Local, State, and Urban Policy regarding oilfracking in communities. These will be filed in the board meeting file.

Board comments were next. Commissioner Doucette discussed the new generator. Commissioner Rondeau discussed hurricanes and the names of hurricanes. Commissioner Mattson discussed the DTR tax fund report and the county's financial situation. There were no other board comments.

Staff comments were next. There were no staff comments.

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

This meeting is now adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Jerry Doucette, Chairman
Alger County Board of Commissioners

Mary Ann Froberg
Alger County Clerk