

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

March 10, 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, 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.

Nick Derusha, Health Officer/Environmental Health Director for the LMAS District Health Department, gave the agency's annual report for fiscal year 2013. He gave a brief update on the programs that they do. He said they had an outstanding audit for 2013. He said that for the third consecutive year they closed the year in the black. He said that they have three main divisions at LMAS being Emergency Preparedness Department, Environmental Health Division, and Personal Family Health Division.

Jim Lucas, District 2 Coordinator with MSU Extension, was present to discuss the Agreement for Extension Services for 2014. He said that he is asking the board for a lesser amount this year because they are looking at how they are funding the secretary support in the office. It was the consensus of the board to approve the Agreement for Extension Services provided by Michigan State University to Alger County Annual Work Plan FY 2014.

William Slavin, CEO and Judi Brugman, SA/CDR Supervisor, with NorthCare Network were present to discuss legislation requiring Coordinating Agency integration that becomes effective as of October 1, 2014. Both NorthCare Network and Pathways are interested in pursuing formal integration prior to October 1 and doing so requires approval by the counties currently served by Pathways as the Coordinating Agency. William discussed the history of the CMH/CA/PIHP (Community Mental Health/Coordinating Agency/Pre-Paid Inpatient Health Plan) in Michigan. He said that NorthCare Network is independent of Pathways as of January 1, 2014 and is no longer a DBA (Doing Business As) of Pathways Community Mental Health. Judi said that today they are here to ask the board to consider recommending that the Pathways Coordinating Agency be integrated sooner. She said that in August they are hoping to reconvene the Oversight Policy Board. She said that those board members would be appointed by the county and those people who participate on that board will have oversight and input on the local expenditures. Judy said that for operational efficiency and for all practical purposes they would like to consider the eastern 8 counties integrating as early as April 1st or May 1st. They are hoping the board will take action and support Pathways Coordinating Agency integrating into NorthCare PIHP prior to the required deadline of October 1st. Commissioner Pullen is going to ask John Basse of Pathways before next Monday's meeting.

The sheriff discussed the proposed 911 millage wording. He said that they put in the wording, òbe increased by up to one half (.5) millö so the board could decide how much money is needed to fund 911 after the surcharge. He discussed funding of the console in 2015 and that some of the funding might be able to come from a firefighting grant. This millage would be on the August ballot. There was a consensus of the board to approve the following 911 millage wording:

Shall the tax limitation on the total amount of taxes which may be assessed against the assessed and equalized value of all taxable property in Alger County, Michigan, be increased by up to one half (.5) mill, a mill being 1/10 of one cent of every property tax dollar, effective January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2018, inclusive, the funds resulting therefrom to be used exclusively for financing the operation of Alger County 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone Dispatch System? (This millage of 0.5 of a mill equals 0.50 cents per \$1,000.00 of taxable property value. The millage will raise up to \$180,349.07 in the first year).

There was discussion on authorizing the sheriff to purchase two spare belts to have on hand for the hovercraft. The sheriff said that there is some wear on the drive belts that operate the fans used to propel the craft. He said that one of the belts does have a crack in it similar to a weather check on a tire. He said that in checking with Hovertechnics, they discovered that the belts are quite expensive as they are Kevlar reinforced. The cost for two is \$1,483.02. It was the consensus of the board to authorize the sheriff to purchase the belts in the amount of \$1,483.02. The monies are to come from the ambulance fund in rescue supplies line item.

There was discussion on 1.5% raises for the Veterans Officer and the Building Codes Inspector. There was no consensus and this will be voted on at next Monday's meeting.

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

Old business was next. There was none.

There were no appropriations.

There was discussion on the board bills. It was the consensus of the board to approve payment of all of the 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 transfer the following 2014 revenue back to 2013 due to the fact it was for the year 2013:

REMARKS			TRANSFER REVENUE RECEIVED IN 2014 <u>BACK TO 2013 BUDGET</u> PER MARCH 17, 2014 BOARD	
			DEBIT	CREDIT
12/31/2013	101-000-040-000	ACCTS RECEIVABLE	\$20,200.90	
	101-000-403-000	Current Tax Collection		\$8,818.19
	101-000-403-010	Current Tax Coll. Interest		\$252.41
	101-000-502-000	FOC Co-Op		\$7,080.43
	101-000-591-000	Dept. Human Services		\$3,852.06
	101-000-676-000	Reimbursements		\$197.81

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the clerk to transfer the expenditures between the 2013 budgets as follows:

- *\$34.13 from the Board of Commissioners budget into the Circuit Court budget
- *\$89.01 from the Board of Commissioners budget into the District Court budget
- *\$51.20 from the Board of Commissioners budget into the Friend of the Court budget
- *\$71.94 from the Board of Commissioners budget into the Prosecuting Attorney budget
- *\$620.29 from the Board of Commissioners budget into the Building and Grounds budget
- *\$89.01 from the Board of Commissioners budget into the Sheriff Department budget
- *\$3,227.70 from the Employee Fringe Benefits budget into the Substance Abuse budget
- *\$3,771.84 from the Jail budget into the Substance Abuse budget
- *\$1,447.50 from the Bond Payment budget into the Substance Abuse budget
- *\$1,642.46 from the County Clerk/ROD budget into the Substance Abuse budget

There were no miscellaneous financial matters.

It was the consensus of the board to approve Resolution #2014-07 Honoring the Officer of the Year for the Alger Correctional Facility.

It was the consensus of the board to approve Resolution #2014-08 To Improve Michigan Roads, Bridges and Highways.

Committee reports were next. Commissioner Rondeau discussed two meetings regarding Officer Cote from the Forest Service. He said that in a meeting they discussed that there were over 30 complaints in a six month period against Officer Cote. There was discussion on an AMCAB loan and the work that is done. Commissioner VanLandschoot discussed support of services for veterans from AMCAB.

Correspondence was discussed by Cohl, Stoker & Toskey P.C. regarding Appeals to the Unemployment Insurance Agency, Appeal Referrals and an Order Dismissing Appeal Due to Lack of Jurisdiction from the Unemployment Insurance Agency, a page which explains which employees are covered by Unemployment Insurance and a general understanding sheet for Independent Contractors; correspondence from Dennis MacDonell, Court Security Specialist, regarding the security concerns within the Alger County building; a letter to the Munising Township Board regarding the airport; Pathways Annual Report 2012-2013; and minutes from the LMAS District Board of Health. These will be filed in the board meeting file.

Board comments were next. Commissioner Doucette discussed his trip to Washington and meeting with the Representatives on a few issues. He discussed a few issues in the state including regionalism and the population numbers in the Upper Peninsula.

Staff comments were next. The clerk reminded the board that their nominating petitions are due by April 22, 2014 if they are going to be running for office.

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

This meeting is now adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Jerry Doucette, Chairman
Alger County Board of Commissioners

Mary Ann Froberg
Alger County Clerk