

**ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

November 16, 2015

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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 moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to approve the consent agenda including the Regular Board meeting minutes of October 19, 2015. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

Randy Nichols was not available to be at the meeting.

There was discussion on changing the health insurance from Consumers Mutual to Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) because Consumers Mutual was going out of business. Sheila Peters explained the push for the new health insurance plan. It was discussed that there was some other insurance company but that there was no time to fill out any of the medical paperwork and to be able to keep the employees covered. It was still recommended by the insurance committee to go with the employees paying 12%. It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to go with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan at a difference of \$54,175.82 and at the recommended employee paying 12% of the cost. Commissioner Mattson said there are other options, being the percentage the employees pay. Commissioner Doucette said that there are going to have to be concessions from the employees in negotiating and going with the 12%. Sheila said that they went with a higher utilization of the HRA this year and will have a better understanding on the use next year. 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 authorizing raises for the Prosecuting Attorney and the Clerk of their salaries that were reduced 10 years ago by 15%. It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to postpone the raises until the budgets have been completed. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

Commissioner Pullen discussed bridging the elected official's MERS (Municipal Employees Retirement System) retirement. She said that they are meeting with the MERS representatives tomorrow and asked if the board had any questions or concerns. She said that she will make a report at the next meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Rondeau and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to approve the following Annual MSUE Plan of Work for FY 2016:

**Agreement for Extension Services provided by
Michigan State University to ALGER County
Annual Work Plan FY 2016 (Exhibit A)**

A. Specific Contributions by MSUE:

1. At least 1.0 FTE Extension Educator whose primary office of operations will be the county Extension office is included in the assessment, unless otherwise agreed to by the county
2. 0 FTE - Extension educators. Please indicate the area(s) of Expertise: _____
3. 0 FTE - 4-H program coordinator(s).
4. 0 FTE - Additional 4-H program coordinators/other paraprofessional.
5. .5 FTE – Support Staff
6. 0 FTE- Other Staff to be included Agreement for Extension Services. Please indicate title and rank

7. Administrative oversight included in annual assessment.
 8. Access to Extension Educators with expertise in each of the MSUE Institutes included in annual assessment.
 9. Supervision of University provided academic and paraprofessional staff. Supervision of county clerical staff and/or county staff upon request. Supervision is included in the annual assessment.
 10. Annual reporting of services provided, audiences served, and impact of programs in the county.
- B. Specific Contributions by Alger County:** Please note funding for the below items: office, clerical staff, operational expenses, and assessment fee is taken from the voter approved millage and not from Alger County general fund.
1. Office space for a County Extension office. The office will include space for at least one Extension educator, one 4-H program coordinator and one clerical staff person, access to space for delivering Extension programs, and utilities, including telephone. Office space will be available for additional MSUE and/or county staff as mutually agreed. The office must be provided high-speed internet sufficient to meet the needs of MSUE Personnel. Minimum standards for internet access can be found in Appendix A. The office space must be at least comparable to the average office space used by County employees.
 2. Clerical staff for the Extension office that will perform clerical functions, including assisting county residents in accessing MSUE resources by office visit, telephone, email, internet and media. This can be a county employee or the county can contract with MSU for their services.
 3. General operating expenses for the office and non-MSU Personnel.

C. Assessment to County:

2016 TOTAL BASE Assessment	\$ <u>36,292.00</u>
ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL	
1. Educator	_____
2. 4-H Program Coordinators	<u>0</u>
3. Additional 4-H program coordinators/other paraprofessional	<u>0</u>
4. Support Staff	<u>30,050</u>
5. Other Staff	_____
TOTAL COUNTY PAYMENT FOR 2016	<u>\$66,342</u>

For the period, January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016, ALGER County shall pay to MSUE **\$66,342.00**, which is the cost of the assessment (minus the credit) plus any additional personnel costs. Payment will be made the first month of each quarter of the county fiscal year. Payments should be sent to

MSUE Extension Budget Office
446 W. Circle Dr.
160 Agriculture Hall
East Lansing, MI 48824

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

ALGER COUNTY

By: _____
Daniel T. Evon, Director,
Contract & Grant Administration

By: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

By: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

ALGER FY 2016
Name Year

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 the Dog Control Ordinance #12, ORV Ordinance #14, and the Snowmobile Ordinance #19. The sheriff explained the modifications that Karen Bahrman came up with regarding persons aged 12 ó 16. There was discussion on ORVs on state highways. Commissioner Rondeau discussed the ET Road. The sheriff said that ORVs must keep to the extreme right hand side of the roadway with the flow of traffic. Commissioner Pullen wants the sheriff to check with the road commission if a road can be open and closed. Commissioner Rondeau said that the road commission said it was the county board's decision. They are to work on the ORV ordinance. The sheriff said that all three civil infractions are up to \$500 and that was a recommendation by the court. Commissioner Rondeau is to go over the ORV ordinance with the townships, sheriff, road commission, and the DNR. The other two ordinances were good.

It was moved by Commissioner Rondeau and seconded by Commissioner Pullen to authorize a public hearing for Ordinance Nos. 12 and No. 19. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none. The sheriff asked for a consensus to go with option 2 on the ORV ordinance. There was a consensus of the board.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to authorize the 2.5% cost of living adjustment (COLA) for the three retirees (Joan Pelletier, Ethel Holmquist, and Vivian Rousseau) at a total cost of \$449.52. The monies are to come from the employee fringe benefits budget ó retirement. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Rondeau, VanLandschoot and Doucette. Nays ó Commissioner Pullen. Absent ó none.

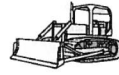
It was moved by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to reappoint Paulette Kivel to the DHHS (Department of Health and Human Services) board for another three-year term ending 12/31/2018. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to reappoint Esley Mattson, Teri Grout, and Phil Hansen to the Alger County Brownfield Authority for another three-year term ending 12/31/2018. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

There was one bid from Gerou Excavating, Inc. to do the snow plowing for the Alger County Complex and the Alger County Animal Shelter for three years. It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to accept Gerou Excavating, Inc.s quote and to contract for the snow plowing for three years as follows:



Gerou Excavating, Inc.



P O Box 539, Munising MI 49862 Phone (906) 387-2389 Fax (906) 387-2395

Gerou Excavating is pleased to quote you on the snowplowing to be done at the Alger County Court Complex and the Alger County Animal Shelter for the 2015/2016, 2016/2017, and 2017/2018 seasons.

- 2015/2016 Season: \$4400.00
Hourly: \$60.00
- 2016/2017 Season: \$4600.00
Hourly: \$60.00
- 2017/2018 Season: \$4800.00
Hourly: \$60.00
- Sanding/Salting- All seasons: \$85.00 per occurrence
- Snow Hauling if deemed necessary:
 - o Parking Lot Pile: \$500.00 per occurrence
 - o Ambulance Garage Pile: \$200.00 per occurrence

If you have any questions regarding this quote, please feel free to call any time. Thank you for the opportunity and we look forward to working with you in the future.

Respectfully,
Stan Gerou III

Vice President

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

There was one proposal for performing the Alger County remonumentation work from Peninsula Land Surveying. It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to hire Peninsula Land Surveying to perform the countys remonumentation work for the years 2016, 2017, and 2018. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

Old business was next. There was none.

There were no appropriations.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to authorize payment of the board bills. 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 Mattson and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to approve the financial reports for all funds. A full 30-page report is available upon request with the treasurer. 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 Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to authorize the treasurer to amend the following revenues:

Authorize the treasurer to amend the following revenues in the general fund in the total amount of \$16,679.10:

*\$2,990.20	FOC Title IV Inc. (101-000-505.000)
*\$1,069.00	P.A. Atty Fees – State Inmate (101-000-544.000)
*\$2,523.90	District Court Fees (101-000-609.000)
*\$1,246.42	Real Estate Transfer Tax (101-000-615.000)
*\$3,292.00	County Inmate – Room & Board (101-000-645.000)
*\$5,557.58	Reimbursements (101-000-676.000)

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 Pullen to authorize the clerk to amend the following expenditures:

Authorize the clerk to amend the following expenditures in the general fund in the total amount of \$16,679.10:

*\$8,707.96	Board of Commissioners (101-101)
*\$5.95	Advertising (101-103)
*\$3,000.00	Audit (101-105)
*\$2,410.64	Elections (101-191)
*\$2,484.55	Postage (101-288)
*\$70.00	Medical Examiner (101-648)

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

There were no miscellaneous financial matters.

There were no resolutions.

Committee Reports were next. Commissioner VanLandschoot handed out to the board a Housing Report and Executive Director's Report from AMCAB (Alger Marquette Community Action Board). He discussed working with the Mather group and the citizens about the Mather building and that it is going very well. Commissioner Rondeau said that Jason Allen is going to be here on December 14th and that Mr. Allen would be willing to meet with the Vets at the Legion. The clerk will check if he can meet at 7:00 p.m. Commissioner Pullen discussed the Women's Center fundraiser. She said that they did an international food thing and that the food, ambiance, and silent auction were well done. She said that it should help get the women's center publicized. Commissioner Doucette discussed his trip to Lansing.

Correspondence was briefly read from the Alger County Department of Health and Human Services (Board meeting notice, agenda, and minutes). These will be placed in the file.

Board comments were next. Commissioner Rondeau said that he heard from a forester that Plumb Creek has been bought out by Weyerhaeuser. Commissioner Doucette wanted to give a Thanksgiving wish to all and thanked everyone for their work.

Staff comments were next. The sheriff said that they need to have a law enforcement meeting in December before the Committee of the Whole meeting. He discussed the ambulance and the instructors. He discussed the Marquette School of EMT with teleconferencing the class with him supervising. He said that he would like to come up with ideas how to do this. He also wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving

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

It was moved by Commissioner Rondeau and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to adjourn this meeting at 5:15 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