

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

**September 17, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.**

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Pursuant to recess, the Alger County Board of Commissioners convened in the conference room of the county building at 4:03 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.

There were no minutes available.

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

Judge Luoma was present to discuss the 2016 Drug Court Grant. He said that the contract is the same as the previous year's contract. It was moved by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to authorize Chairman Doucette to sign the Drug Court Contract. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

Lynne Maki was present to request attending Northern Arms Pistol Training Class and to purchase a firearm. Lynne stated that her counterpart in Schoolcraft County, Dave Maddox, is a CPL holder and carries. Commissioner Mattson is worried what sort of precedent this would set. Commissioner Mattson noted that the Alger County Sheriff's Department pay for their own training and buy their own weapons. There was some discussion concerning security in the courthouse. Commissioner Doucette said the Sheriff's Department is moving into the courthouse with the jail expansion.

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to approve the child care budget for FY2016. 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 authorize an increase of \$2 to the crisis on-call for child care. The pay is increased to \$22 on the weekdays and \$27 on the weekends. 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 approve the health insurance opt-out letter setting the deadline for October 2, 2015. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

Ted Woodaz presented the sheriff's department request for LED lighting for the rescue trailer at the finance committee meeting. Commissioner VanLandschoot suggested talking about additional costs and upgrades for any future purchases to avoid extra costs. It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to authorize the sheriff to purchase LED lighting for the rescue trailer in the amount of \$970. The monies are to come from ambulance rescue line item (210-000-727.040). 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 911 millage rate at .35 mill. 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 Rita Hale as the Republican representative to the Alger County Board of Canvassers for a four year term. 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 Pullen to reappoint Dan Herman as the Democratic representative to the Alger County Board of Canvassers for a four year term. 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 payment to LMAS for their mental health appropriation in the amount of \$20,745. The monies are to come from their appropriation (101-601-969.000). 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 Pullen 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 VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau 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 Mattson and seconded by Commissioner Pullen to authorize the treasurer to amend the revenues in the EMD fund in the amount of \$1,800. 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 Pullen to amend the expenditures in the EMD fund in the amount of \$1,800. 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 Doucette explained that MAC (Michigan Association of Counties) does not support the changes to the appellate court and is working on payment in lieu of taxes (PILT). Commissioner VanLandschoot said that conversion of the Mather Elementary School building is still moving forward. Commissioner Mattson said that he signed a letter to State of Michigan accepting the furniture left behind by DHHS (Department of Health and Human Services). Commissioner Rondeau would like to send a letter to Forester Matt Watkeys for his help with the airport land swap timber appraisal. Commissioner Pullen announced the land swap is still pending. There was some discussion regarding property forfeiture, county employee health insurance, and inmate housing. Commissioner Doucette told Michigan Association of Counties his expectations as their new president, being more delegation to directors. On the county level, Commissioner Doucette would also like to see fines for violating snowmobile ordinance and unlicensed dogs increased to \$500.

There was no new correspondence.

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

It was moved by Commissioner Rondeau and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to adjourn this meeting at 5:40 p.m. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

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Jerry Doucette, Chairman  
Alger County Board of Commissioners

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Mary Ann Froberg  
Alger County Clerk