

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

August 10, 2015

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Pursuant to recess, the Alger County Board of Commissioners convened in the conference room of the county building at 4:05 p.m. on the above date.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Mattson 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 approve them at the next regular board meeting.

The consent agenda was presented. The agenda was amended to add item 10 to discuss attendance of the MAC (Michigan Association of Counties) Conference.

There was discussion regarding adding elevator safety equipment. There was a consensus to authorize a safety upgrade for the elevator pit area with Otis Elevator Company in the amount of \$480.

There was discussion that the City of Munising took issue with zoning aspects of the jail expansion. Commissioner Pullen expressed concern that the letter from the City of Munising could set a precedent for future zoning issues. There was a consensus to authorize payment to Douglas W. Van Essen in the amount of \$1,000 for his opinion in dealing with the city's zoning issue.

There was some discussion regarding the Superior Watershed Partnership and CUPPAD (Central Upper Peninsula Planning and Development). There was a consensus to authorize a letter of support for CUPPAD regarding an EDA Power Planning Assistance funding opportunity that CUPPAD is applying for jointly with the Superior Watershed Partnership.

There was discussion about the tractor at the airport and that the water pump has not come in yet, but Bergdahl estimates the part & repairs to be \$1,500. There was a consensus to by-pass the bidding process and authorize payment to Bergdahl in an amount up to \$1,500 to fix the airport tractor.

The MAC (Michigan Association of Counties) Conference was discussed and Commissioner Doucette said the registration deadline is approaching. The conference is in Traverse City from September 20-22, 2015. The registration cost is \$375. There was some discussion regarding the conference agenda and schedule of events. The Commissioners will check their schedules.

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to go into closed session at 4:30 p.m. regarding the strategy connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement pursuant to MCL 15.268(c). Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to come out of closed session at 6:03 p.m. No action was taken in closed session. 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.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize payment to NorthCare Network for their substance abuse appropriation in the amount of \$6,841.50. The monies are to come from their appropriation (101-631-969.000).

It was the consensus of the board to approve payment of all 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.

There were no miscellaneous financial matters.

Resolutions were next. There was discussion on authorizing a resolution where Terry Burkhart will file a lawsuit and represent Alger County against Michigan First Response and its principals in order to recover the illegally diverted or converted funds. Commissioner Pullen stated the lawsuit against Michigan First Response regarding the new ambulance is absolutely necessary. It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to approve the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ALGER COUNTY**

At a said session of the Alger County Board of County Commissioners held at the conference room of the county building in Munising, Michigan on August 10, 2015;

Present were: _____

Absent were: _____

WHEREAS, discussion was had relative to a recommendation from the County's attorneys that a lawsuit be filed against Michigan First Response and its principals, which has illegally diverted or converted funds belonging to the County;

WHEREAS, after discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner _____ to recommend the County authorize its attorneys, Burkhart, Lewandowski & Miller, P.C., to proceed with litigation against Michigan First Response and its principals in order to recover the illegally diverted or converted funds.

WHEREAS, the motion was seconded by Commissioner _____.

WHEREAS, after discussion and consideration of the motion, by a vote of _____ to _____, the Board resolved to authorize its attorneys, Burkhart, Lewandowski & Miller, P.C., to proceed with the filing of a lawsuit in an attempt to collect illegally diverted or converted funds.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Alger County Board of Commissioners at the time, date, and place specified above pursuant to the required statutory procedures.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Froberg, Alger County Clerk

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 MIWorks! consolidating all 15 counties in the U.P. into one program. Commissioner Doucette stated the goal is to maintain the core group. There was some discussion as to the potential downsides of the consolidation. It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to approve the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION
for the
UPWARD TALENT COUNCIL**

WHEREAS the Congress of the United States enacted the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), replacing the Workforce Investment Act, and State of Michigan has the authority to designate the Michigan Works! Service Areas, under WIOA, in alignment with Prosperity Regions; and

WHEREAS the Western Upper Peninsula Alliance Board, the Six County Employment Alliance Board, and the Eastern Upper Peninsula Employment and Training Consortium Administrative Board are currently the respective Boards of the three separate, Upper Peninsula Michigan Works! Boards (of County Commissioners), created by Michigan Public Act 7 and Act 8; and

WHEREAS the three Boards, on June 3, 2015, on June 4, 2015 and on June 18, 2015; respectively, deliberated on Service Area Designation and passed unanimous motions in their separate meetings to unite into one, Upper Peninsula Michigan Works! Board (of County Commissioners); and

WHEREAS the three separate Upper Peninsula Michigan Works! Boards (of County Commissioners) desiring the unification of the Upper Peninsula Michigan Works! have:
1. created the 15-County P.A. 7 Interlocal Agreement, and whose Members agreed in Boards' motions to request their own respective County Boards to adopt the Agreement; and
2. presented here a copy of the proposed Interlocal Agreement, designating the UPWARD Talent Council as the 15-County Michigan Works! Board (of County Commissioners), with this Resolution; and

WHEREAS this Interlocal Agreement among all 15 Counties of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan requires approval by each County Board of Commissioners prior to submission to the Governor's Office and the Attorney General for approval; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alger County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the proposed Third Amended and Restated Interlocal Agreement to establish the UPWARD Talent Council and its functions and authorizes the Board Chairperson and County Clerk to sign the Interlocal Agreement.

This resolution shall have immediate effect.

Adopted this ___ day of _____, 2015.

Jerry Doucette, Chairperson
Alger County Board of Commissioners

CERTIFICATION
I certify that this resolution was passed by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Alger in the State of Michigan at an open meeting of the Board of Commissioners held on _____.

By: _____
Mary Ann Froberg, Alger County Clerk

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

Commissioner Pullen left at 6:12 p.m.

Committee reports were next. Commissioner Rondeau said there will be an airport meeting on August 12, 2015 and that it is running smoothly. Commissioner Doucette said legislators will get back to him about the DHHS (Department of Health and Human Services) issue.

Correspondence was briefly read from DTMB (Department of Technology, Management & Budget) regarding cancelling the State of Michigan, Sub-Lease #2719-Munising, Michigan with Alger County; a letter from the Koski Family regarding concerns about the current conditions that are resulting from the business of the rental of watercraft known as AuTrain River Canoes and Kayaks; from the State of Michigan Administrative Hearing System regarding unemployment hearings in Traverse City; from the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources thanking commissioners for meeting with their team; a letter from the USDA Forest Service regarding a copy of the Hiawatha National Forest's Schedule of Proposed Actions (SOPA) Report for the fourth quarter; and a letter from Citizen's Management Inc. regarding the worker's compensation program.

Board comments were next. Commissioner Doucette said that he went to the Grand Island 25th Year Dedication and said it was a very nice event. He said that he spoke with Charles Marsh and that the airport land swap should be resolved and coming to a close by October. He also discussed discretionary federal funds. Commissioner Rondeau asked about the Laughing Whitefish issue.

Staff comments were next. There were none.

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

This meeting is now adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Jerry Doucette, Chairman
Alger County Board of Commissioners

Mary Ann Froberg
Alger County Clerk