

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

**June 8, 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, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Absent 6 Commissioner Rondeau.

The board of commissioners said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public comment session was open. Undersheriff Brock gave a 2014 year-end report for the sheriff's department. There was no other public comment from the floor; thus, the public comment session was closed.

The consent agenda was presented.

It was the consensus of the board to look at the minutes and make a motion at the next regular board meeting.

There was discussion on Bruce Cranham's pay for the Friend of the Court/Referee. He used to be just the referee but is now both the Friend of the Court and the referee. It was explained that the difference in the pay was for both positions being \$1,000 for the Friend of the Court and \$100 for the referee for a total of \$1,100. They are to be kept as separate positions. It was the consensus of the board to allow and approve the payment for both positions to Bruce Cranham back to January.

There was discussion on the Central U.P. Regional Community Corrections Grant Application for the Plan Year 2016. It was the consensus of the board to approve the Grant Application.

There was discussion on authorizing Murray to purchase panels, adhesive, and accessories for the ambulance garage walls where the ambulances are washed. It was the consensus of the board to authorize Murray to purchase the wall products and accessories in the amount of \$4,668 for the ambulance garage. The monies are to come from the ambulance fund.

Sheriff Hughes discussed that he would like to put item numbers 9 and 10 of the agenda together, which are two battery backups for the 911 system and to run two 30-amp twist locks for the UPS backups. The sheriff said that he needs three larger UPS battery backup systems. He gave the board a handout. He also discussed the clean room and said that it is too hot and needs to have some air conditioning. He said that this is to be informational and he will be ready for next week's meeting including the air conditioning.

There was discussion on resolution #2015-04 and on Amendment No. 1 to the 2008 MPSCS Co-Location License Agreement with Alger County. It was the consensus of the board to approve resolution #2015-04 Authorizing the Chairman of the Alger County Board of Commissioners to sign the MPSCS (Michigan Public Safety Communications System Integration Agreement) with Alger County.

It was the consensus of the board to approve the Amendment No. 1 to the 2008 MPSCS Co-Location License Agreement with Alger County.

Old business was next. There was none.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize payment to LMAS for their quarterly appropriation in the amount of \$20,745. The monies are to come from their appropriation (101-601-969.000).

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 2015 appropriations:

Transfer from Ambulance	\$4,500.00	To General Fund (Reimb)
Transfer from Cty Survey & Remon.	4,460.00	To General Fund (Admin)
Transfer from Limestone Summer	1,800.00	To General Fund (Collections 2015)
Transfer from Wireless 911	36,000.00	To General Fund (Wages)
Transfer from Bldg. Dept Fund	3,500.00	To General Fund (Rent)
Transfer from Bldg. Dept Fund	3,164.86	To DTR Fund (Payment Due)

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the treasurer to transfer the 2015 cost allocation plan monies as follows:

**COST ALLOCATION PLAN**

AMBULANCE	\$	66,209.00
BUILDING DEPARTMENT		5,935.00
WIRELESS 911		14,383.00
FORECLOSURE		194.00
D.T.R.		0.00
MSU EXTENSION		7,573.00
COUNTY AGING		6,974.00
LIMESTONE SUMMER		0.00
HOMESTEAD		0.00
BROWNFIELD		<u>92.00</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	\$	101,360.00

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the treasurer to create Certified Pistol License Fund #267. It was discussed that the wrong fund #316 was given to this fund and should be fund #267.

There were no miscellaneous financial matters.

It was discussed that Jerry Corkin thought if a resolution was prepared and could be ready for the UPACC (Upper Peninsula Association of County Commissioners) conference all 15 counties could support DHHS (Department of Health and Human Services) to remain in Alger County. There was discussion on how much revenue could be lost. It was discussed that the resolutions committee could come up with a resolution.

Committee reports were next. Commissioner Pullen discussed a Commission on Aging meeting and that John Sherman-Jones said that the food pantry is not a part of DHHS. He said that they want to be able to maintain the food pantry to remain in the building free of charge. There was discussion on them moving to the Parks and Recreation building. She also said that she went to a class in Gladstone on Parliamentary Procedures and learned some things. Commissioner Mattson discussed a memo from Lee Paquette asking for a new computer for the child support officer in the amount of \$885. The clerk will ask Kathleen Lindquist to be at next week's board meeting. Commissioner VanLandschoot discussed DHHS and a firmer application to be on the DHHS board. He said that Amy Lerlie is doing a great job at AMCAB and that things are going smoothly. Commissioner Doucette said that the social media policy is on a to-do list. He said that Commissioner Pullen has taken the chair on the Pathway's board. He said that he and Commissioner Mattson are going to split the ALTRAN meetings for Commissioner Pullen. He discussed DHHS and that he has spent the last couple of weeks everyday on the phone with MAC (Michigan Association of Counties) and our representatives. He said that the state budget is complete and Alger County was still on the closing list. He discussed a pot of money that is put aside. He said that Alger County is in most dire need of the money because of the bond and that Alger County will still be paying that bond. Commissioner Doucette said that this weekend there will be an opportunity to sit with representatives at the UPACC conference and hopefully will get some direction. He said that he is going to be holding the state to their responsibility of the bond. He said that the building is now in compliance because the county had to redo the HVAC system. There was discussion on just telling them to leave, or to continue to fight with them and buyout a percentage of the loan. He said there are a lot of equations to the new jail building and county courthouse building. There was discussion on additional staff if there are more bed additions. There is to be a jail committee meeting on June 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. MIWorks! was discussed. He said that all of the U.P. will be one region instead of three. Commissioner Doucette said that the county received grants totaling \$192,000 for the Brownfield Authority.

Correspondence was briefly read from the State of Michigan Department of Treasury regarding the Tri-County Convention Facilities Tax/4% State-wide Liquor Tax distribution for 2015 and 2016; and from the Forest Service regarding public input on four proposed special use projects. These will be placed in the board file.

Board comments were next. Commissioner Pullen said she will do the best she can on the DHHS resolution and will get it done for Friday. Commissioner Mattson said that he will try and make as many special meeting as he can. Commissioner VanLandschoot said that he would like to do a shout out to Joel in the Clerk's office about doing such a great job! Commissioner Doucette said that he is trying to get another date for the courthouse union negotiations. He said that there has been a request for three positions to go to Brownfield training in Chicago September 2<sup>nd</sup> through the 4<sup>th</sup>. He said that there are also unemployment hearings in Traverse City on July 7<sup>th</sup> and there is a MAC Seminar in Manistique on July 20<sup>th</sup>.

Staff comments were next. The sheriff said that Tim McKee agrees with the three battery back-ups and that UP-911 Authority said to go through Empiric to install the firewall.

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

This meeting is now adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

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Jerry Doucette, Chairman  
Alger County Board of Commissioners

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Mary Ann Froberg  
Alger County Clerk