

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

March 21, 2016

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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 VanLandschoot to approve the consent agenda including the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of February 8, 2016 and the Regular Board meeting minutes of February 16, 2016. The consent agenda included the following items:

Approve MSU Extension Millage Language as follows:

MSU EXTENSION PROPOSITION
Proposition for Alger County millage renewal to fund
Michigan State University Extension

For the purpose of funding MSU Extension services in Alger County, and to levy for that purpose annually not more than .25 mill (estimated to provide revenues of \$94,200 in the first year of the levy), shall the limitation on the total amount of taxes which may be imposed upon all taxable property within Alger County be renewed at the level of .25 mill (\$0.25 per \$1,000) on the taxable valuation of such property for taxes levied for a period of five (5) years, the years 2017 through 2021, inclusive?

Authorize TriMin to migrate the Register of Deeds (ROD) applications to the new servers in the amount of \$1,200. The monies are to come from the Register of Deeds Fund #256.

Authorize Gabriel Roeder Smith & Company to do the OPEB (Other Post-Employment Benefits) in the amount of \$13,700. The monies are to come from the Retiree/OPEB line item in Employee Fringe Benefits.

Authorize the following Letter of Support for Alger-Marquette Community Action regarding the Mather School:
March 21, 2016

Michigan State Housing Development Authority
PO Box 30044
735 E. Michigan Avenue
Lansing, MI 48909

RE: Redevelopment of William G. Mather High School Project

To Whom It May Concern:

Alger County is encouraging MSHDA's support for the redevelopment of the historic William G. Mather High School project to the Mather Court. The project is to provide affordable family and supportive housing units in our downtown area. As a part of the community, we have a deep awareness both of the community needs and the multiple efforts to identify a highly strategic site in downtown Munising.

Community Action Alger Marquette and other developers have repeatedly conducted Market Studies and have found support for a project in the 9% round of Low Income Housing Tax Credit competition. The challenge has been finding a suitable site. Due to the topography of the City, there have been limited options until now. This site in downtown is walkable, and physically connected to the City Parks and Recreation facility which houses numerous local support agencies and services including Head Start, Early Head Start, MDHHS, Child & Family Services, Pathways Community Mental Health, Michigan Works!, the Alger Regional Community Foundation, among many others.

Sincerely,

Jerry Doucette, Chairman
Alger County Board of Commissioners
(906) 387-7031
jerrydoucette@charter.net

Authorize the sheriff to purchase four self-inflating jackets for the boat. The monies are to come from the ambulance fund ó rescue supplies.

Authorize the sheriff to go with the state purchase (lowest price) of a 2016 Ram SSV 4x4 Police truck in the amount of \$27,479 and 2016 Chevy Tahoe Police in the amount of \$39,312 and to submit for USDA grants for both vehicles.

Approve the following ambulance millage language:

**COUNTY PROPOSITION
PROPOSITION TO RENEW ALGER COUNTY AMBULANCE**

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 one (1) mill, a mill being 1/10 of one cent of every property tax dollar (estimated to provide revenues of \$376,768 in the first year of the levy), effective January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2020, inclusive, the funds resulting therefrom to be used exclusively for financing the Alger County Ambulance Service?

Approve ORV Ordinance language and authorize the clerk to advertise for a public hearing.

Authorize the purchase of a laptop (HPI ProBook 650) for Det. Blank and new computer (HPI ProDesk 400 and Acer 24ö LED monitor) for Sgt. Webber from Compudyne for the new security system in the amount of \$1,534. The monies are to come from Sheriff's Department equipment line item. .

Authorize payment of the Alger County Brownfield bills to Envirollogic in the total amount of \$3,069.44. The monies are to come from the Brownfield Fund #795.

Reappoint Cathy Pullen to the Pathways Committee.

Authorize payment of board bills.

Approve financial reports for all funds (Trial Balance Report Available).

Authorize the treasurer to transfer the following revenues received in 2016 back to 2015:

JOURNAL ENTRY		TV		
REMARKS			DEBIT	CREDIT
	TRANSFER REVENUE RECEIVED IN 2016 BACK TO 2015 BUDGET (PER MARCH 21, 2016 BOARD)	12/31/2015		
12/31/2015	101-000-040-000 ACCTS RECEIVABLE		\$53,676.26	
	101-000-645.000 INMATE ROOM & BOARD			\$20,110.00
	101-000-571.000 CONVENTION FACILITY TAX			\$3,209.00
	101-000-567.000 DIVERTED FELONS			\$805.00
	101-000-573.000 COURT EQUITY FUND			\$7,292.00
	101-000-403.000 CURRENT TAX COLLECTION			\$8,257.96
	101-000-403.010 CUR. TAX COLL. INTEREST			\$359.69
	101-000-676.000 REIMBURSEMENTS			\$2,565.93
	101-000-502.000 FRIEND OF THE COURT			\$4,247.42
	101-000-577.000 COUNTY JUVENILE OFFICER			\$6,829.26

Authorize the clerk to transfer the following 2015 expenditures between budgets:

- *\$2,520.00 From the Debt Elimination budget (101-870) into the Board of Commissioner's budget (101-101)
- *\$1,158.36 From the Debt Elimination budget (101-870) into the Probate Court budget (101-148)
- *\$112.00 From the Debt Elimination budget (101-870) into the Medical Examiner budget (101-648)
- *\$5,859.80 From the Motor Pool budget (101-304) into the Capital Improvements budget (101-728)

Resolution #2016-08 as follows:

RESOLUTION #2016-08

RESOLUTION TO DEFINE FREEZE EMERGENCIES AS MAJOR DISASTERS

WHEREAS, During the 2013-2014 winter season, much of the northern United States experienced extended extreme cold weather events. From frigid temperatures to heavy snowfall to arctic wind chills and the thaws that followed, severe winter weather was constant; and

WHEREAS, Michigan's Upper Peninsula experienced some of the worst weather that winter. Temperatures were routinely below the average daily recordings from 1981 to 2010, with subzero weather a regular occurrence. Because of the freezing temperatures, elevated numbers of water customers from communities throughout the Upper Peninsula needed to have their pipes thawed, including almost 25 percent of customers in the city of Negaunee. Roads, underground water mains, sewers, and hydrants were also damaged from the extreme cold weather. Damages amounted to over \$6.5 million in Marquette, Michigan, and more than \$19 million in the Upper Peninsula and three northern counties in the Lower Peninsula ; and

WHEREAS, Under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, federal aid may be available to state and local governments facing a major disaster, which includes any natural catastrophe. Specifically listed are hurricanes, earthquakes, floods, fires, and snowstorms, among other events. Not expressly on the list are extreme cold weather events like freezes, prolonged freezes, and related thaws. It is long overdue that these events, which can be devastating, are added to the act's definition of major disasters. Severe freeze emergencies, like that experienced recently across the Upper Peninsula, deserve the attention of federal aid and relief efforts the same as any other disaster; and

WHEREAS, Congress is currently considering legislation on disaster assistance reform. This effort presents an opportunity for freeze emergencies to be addressed and for freezes, prolonged freezes, and related thaws to be added to the definition of major disaster;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate, that they memorialize the Congress of the United States to address freeze emergencies and their consequences by enacting legislation to define freeze emergencies as major disasters eligible for federal disaster relief and emergency assistance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan Congressional Delegation.

Dated: March 21, 2016

Jerry Doucette, Chairman
Alger County Board of Commissioners

Resolution #2016-09 as follows:

**RESOLUTION #2016-09
RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH FUND 595 – JAIL COMMISSARY FUND**

WHEREAS, the County Sheriff has the need to provide items of a personal nature for the inmates of the County Jail to purchase; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners agree that this need must be met.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alger County Board of Commissioners hereby establishes Fund 595, the Jail Commissary Fund, to record the revenues and expenses for the operation of a Commissary in the Jail.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:

1. The County Sheriff will make recommendations to the Board of Commissioners to select a vendor to fill the orders of the inmates on a periodic basis set by the County Sheriff. Further, operating supplies necessary for the operation of the Commissary activity may be purchased.
2. The markup on the items shall be determined per the contract in place.
3. Purchases by the inmates shall be made from the inmates' personal funds maintained in the Inmate Trust Fund and transferred to the Commissary Fund at the time of delivery of the items ordered by the inmate.
4. The money that accumulates in the retained earnings of this Fund may be used for equipment or supplies in the jail for the inmates' use or for the operation of the Jail.
5. Purchases of equipment and supplies from the Commissary Fund shall be made in accordance with the County's Purchasing Policy.
6. All expenses must be approved by the Board of Commissioners.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that any motion or resolution that conflicts with this Resolution is hereby rescinded.

Dated: March 21, 2016

Motion by: Commissioners Pullen, Seconded by: Commissioner VanLandschoot. to adopt the foregoing Resolution. Ayes being: Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Jerry Doucette, Chairman
Alger County Board of Commissioners

STATE OF MICHIGAN }
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COUNTY OF ALGER }

I, Mary Ann Froberg, Alger County Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is true copy of Resolution #2016-09 adopted by the Alger County Board of Commissioners at a regular session held on the 21st day of March, 2016.

Mary Ann Froberg
Alger County Clerk

Resolution #2016-10 as follows:

RESOLUTION #2016-10

RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE SECTION 298 OF THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017

WHEREAS, Pathways Community Mental Health Authority has served for more than 18 years as the public mental health and developmental disabilities services provider for this multi-county community, serving nearly 3,000 residents of Alger, Delta, Luce, and Marquette counties (hereinafter referred to collectively as "participating counties") each year; and

WHEREAS, Pathways CMH was created by the participating counties Board of Commissioners as duly authorized under 330.1205 of the Michigan Mental Health Code ; and

WHEREAS, Pathways CMH and four other community mental health service programs representing 15 counties created a regional entity (NorthCare Network) to manage Medicaid specialty services as duly authorized under 330.1204b of the Michigan Mental Health Code; and

WHEREAS, Pathways CMH includes persons and family members of persons receiving mental health and developmental disability services on the Board of Directors as required under 330.1222 of the Michigan Mental Health Code; and

WHEREAS, Pathways CMH and four other community mental health service programs representing 15 counties require representation from local communities and persons and/or family members of persons receiving services be included on the regional entity Board of Directors managing Medicaid specialty services; and

WHEREAS, Section 298 of the Executive Budget recommendation for 2017 effectively nullifies the duly authorized actions taken by the Pathways CMH and the four other community mental health service programs to create a regional entity under section 330.1204b of the Michigan Mental Health Code; and

WHEREAS, Section 298 of the Executive Budget recommendation for 2017 transfers all Medicaid and Healthy Michigan funding for specialty services to private entities with no accountability to the participating counties Boards of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Section 298 of the Executive Budget recommendation for 2017 transfers all Medicaid and Healthy Michigan funding for specialty services to private entities with no accountability to persons and/or family members of persons receiving services from Pathways CMH; and

WHEREAS, Section 298 of the Executive Budget recommendation for 2017 will result in the elimination of specialty mental health services that are accountable to the communities of persons residing in Alger, Delta, Luce, and Marquette counties;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the participating counties Board of Commissioners opposes Section 298 of the Executive Budget recommendation for 2017 and encourages the Governor, State Senate, and State House of Representatives to prevent it from becoming law.

Dated: March 21, 2016

Jerry Doucette, Chairman
Alger County Board of Commissioners

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

Judge Luoma discussed community service. Schoolcraft County hired a coordinator through the court. The judge believes the program would be better serviced through the sheriff's department at 10 hours per week. He said a Community Service program is important to the community, and failing to setup such a program will be a political decision. The sheriff discussed putting a deputy in the courtroom and would be the initial contact for the defendant for community service. Judge Luoma said that the Drunk Driver third offense receives 480 hours of mandatory community service. Sheriff Hughes will meet with Commissioners Mattson and Doucette to further discuss this issue. Judge Luoma said that there is revenue involved. He said that he does not want Lynne to do the community service work. Judge Carmody and Judge Luoma will plug in the numbers and will also discuss it with the sheriff. Judge Luoma said that the point is there is a need for Community Corrections in the community. Undersheriff Brock noted with the tether system, there is a \$10 per day cost, of which the county receives \$6 and the State of Michigan receives \$4. He said that it is 60 ó 90 days in duration for tethering. Commissioner Rondeau said that it is a good proposal as long as it stays revenue neutral. The clerk is to be involved in the community corrections meeting.

There was a discussion on the outdated invoices from six to eight months old. Judge Luoma said it has been discussed and taken care of. Commissioner Mattson said this isn't the first time and it won't be the last.

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to authorize a part-time Circuit Court replacement in Schoolcraft County. 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 Paula Perron attending a court recording workshop. Judge Carmody discussed the need for a court recorder. He doesn't know why it can't work out with Paula doing the court reporting. Judge Carmody just wants to get to talk with Jill and to get clarification on the whole thing that is between all four counties. Commissioner Pullen wants to work through the unions regarding the wages and pensions. It was discussed to have Paula go to the workshop for court recording and be cross trained. A decision regarding pay and benefits for this job duty will not be made until discussion with unions. It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to authorize Paula Perron to attend court reporting workshop and testing in Lansing. 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 the Chair to sign the Complaint to Vacate Alley and authorize the filing fee of \$150. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none. The monies are to come from the county commissioner's budget.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to authorize the Friend of the Court to advertise for bids to renovate the old clerk's office. 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 reimburse the Friend of the Court 215 fund in the full amount of \$6,814.80 when available. 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 approve the following proposition for Alger County Commission on Aging millage renewal for senior citizen services:

**PROPOSITION FOR ALGER COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING
MILLAGE RENEWAL
FOR SENIOR CITIZEN SERVICES**

For the purpose of authorizing Alger County Commission on Aging to provide services to persons 60 years of age or older, and to levy for that purpose annually not more than .50 mills, shall the limitation on the total amount of taxes which may be imposed upon all taxable property within Alger County be increased by .50 mills (.50 per \$1000) (estimated to provide revenues of \$188,384 in the first year of the levy) on the taxable valuation of such property for taxes levied for a period of five (5) years, the years being 2017 through 2021 inclusive?

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.

There were no miscellaneous financial matters.

There were no new resolutions.

Committee Reports were next. Commissioner VanLandschoot discussed the Mather Court.

Correspondences were briefly read being an email from Commissioner Pullen regarding training Paula as a court reporter; from the Forest Service regarding White Spruce Assessment; and from Marquette County Board of Commissioners regarding the reappointment of Marcus Abood to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

Board comments were next. Commissioner Mattson said that he is looking forward to working with the sheriff and undersheriff for community corrections. Commissioner Rondeau would like his LMAS Annual Report one week ahead to look at before the meeting. He said that NOAA said that we are supposed to have a warm summer. Commissioner Doucette discussed MAC (Michigan Association of Counties) and the meeting here June 16th and 17th, 2016.

Staff comments were next. The clerk discussed the cars and the undersheriff discussed the jail. The undersheriff also gave the sheriff's end of the year report as follows:

2015 Sheriff's Office Year End Report

To: Alger County Board of Commissioners

From: Undersheriff Todd Brock

Jail:

- **Average daily inmate population: 18 (Increase in 2 per day from 2014)**
- **227 bookings (Increase from 196 in 2014)**
- **Bed rentals: We currently rent 6 beds to Luce County at \$30.00 per day, and 4 beds to the Department of Corrections at \$35.00 per day. (In 2014 we rented out 9 beds, in 2015 we rented 10 beds)**

Ambulance:

- 1,114 runs

911 Calls/Dispatch:

- 2,824 911 calls (Land line and cell calls)
- 12,132 other calls into the dispatch center
- 14,956 total calls through our dispatch center (911, administrative, general information calls)

416 Road Patrol/Departmental Complaints:

- Approximately 800 patrol hours on County Roads
- 486 complaints (Includes arrests, investigations, traffic accidents, search and rescue, and general assistance)

Snowmobile Patrol:

- 386 hours worked
- 1376 contacts (snowmobile trail heads, intersections, areas we can check sleds and talk with snowmobilers)
- Citations: 2, Verbal Warnings: 26
- 13 personal injury accidents (20 in 2014)
- 2 fatalities (5 additional from January 2016, to March 2016)

ORV:

- 140 patrol hours
- 103 contacts, 20 verbal warnings
- 2 personal injury accidents

Boat:

- 1 rescue

Rescue 21:

- 6 snowmobile rescues/extrications
- 2 motor vehicle extrications
- 4 search and rescue operations

*** Going over our statistics/numbers from year to year, a few things jump out at me: We continue to have a high volume of personal injury accidents and fatalities on snowmobiles in Alger County. Alger County had 2 fatalities in the 2014/2015 winter season. With the short winter season of 2015/2016, we responded to 5 snowmobile fatalities from January to March of 2016. That is 7 deaths on snowmobiles in the last 2 winter seasons. The 2 contributing factors to most of these crashes remain alcohol and speed.

On a more positive note, I am proud to report we are on track to begin the new construction of a 22 bed addition to our jail June 1st. The opening of this new addition is set for October 1st, 2016. This will allow Alger County the ability to "rent" more bed spaces to other Counties, bringing in additional revenue for the County, and will alleviate crowded conditions in our current jail. Also I am proud to report, Deputies Patrick Mellon and Codey Grahovac successfully completed the 160 hour Regional Corrections Academy, hosted by Northern Michigan University and the Michigan Sheriff's Coordinating Council. Deputies Mellon and Grahovac graduated on February 26th, and resumed their positions with the Sheriff's Office as State Certified Corrections Officers.

To: Commissioner Rondeau

From: Undersheriff Brock

Re: Approximate costs to County for snowmobile rescue

Hello Mick, I did some rough calculating of costs to our County for a snowmobile accident:

- EMS crew responding: \$250 (3 crew members)
- Police response: \$300 (2 officers for 4 hours to do the investigation)
- Extrication: \$120 (2 person crew)
- DOA/Autopsy \$120

Average cost to County for a Snowmobile Personal Injury Accident: \$550

Average cost to County for a Snowmobile PIA/with Extrication: \$670

Average cost to County for Snowmobile PIA/ with Extrication and DOA: \$790

Laurie Pine said that Paula would be a wonderful asset and it is a great idea. It was discussed to expect 1.2 million in the Pictured Rocks National Park this year.

Public comment session was open. Rochelle Cotey said that there is a meeting on March 24, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Parks and Rec regarding how to educate people to be on the water (pontoons, kayaks, etc.) There was no other public comment from the floor; thus, the public comment session was closed.

It was moved by Commissioner Doucette and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to adjourn this meeting at 5:50 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