

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

March 14, 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.

The consent agenda was amended to add Amy Lerlie with Alger-Marquette Community Action as item 8 and Joe Cilc, Building Inspector, as item 9.

Nick DeRusha gave the Annual LMAS Report. He said that a service added this year was a region-wide home visitation program. They were the first to implement emergency information sharing. Mr. DeRusha supplied a message to the community and explained the details of the report. Of note, the water sampling (sanitary survey) will have increased requirements due to the Flint Water Crisis. There was some discussion on how long the health department has reported concussion baselines. Nick said that LMAS refunded Alger County approximately 16% of their appropriated monies, which comes to \$13,293.

Jim Lucas presented the MSU Extension millage language and is seeking approval. It was the consensus of the board to approve the following MSU Extension Millage language:

**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?

This is to be added to the consent agenda at the next board meeting.

Amy Lerlie reported for Alger-Marquette Community Action regarding low income housing. They are looking for a competitively priced building for low income housing. She said that Munising has a shortage of units available for special needs. This building will be a tiered rental structure, allowing for different rental rates based on economic necessity. Amy explained that they will get cash by selling tax credits. They will develop 40 units with 25% of those units set aside for special needs. If the currently proposed millage fails, or matching funds are not secured, the consolidation of the Mather School Building shall be considered opted out. Munising Public Schoolsø Superintendent Pete Kelto reiterated that all plans hinge on the millage passing, and this is the best option. He also said that part of the purchase agreement is to lease back the auditorium.

Joe Cilc was present and reported the following Annual Building Report to the board:

ALGER COUNTY

Building Department
Joe Cilc
Building Administrator
101 Court Street, Munising, MI 49862
Phone: (906)387-2727 Fax: (906)387-5727
E-mail: algercodes@algercourthouse.com

Permit Summery 2000 through 2015

Year	# Permits	Valuation
2000	281	\$ 8,028,702
2001	255	\$ 9,603,929
2002	259	\$ 7,946,308
2003	220	\$ 9,879,938
2004	262	\$ 17,927,474
2005	225	\$ 12,233,905
2006	212	\$ 21,042,200

2007	190	\$ 7,711,343
2008	195	\$ 10,630,883
2009	169	\$ 6,419,220
2010	178	\$ 10,599,911
2011	179	\$ 10,071,363
2012	162	\$ 9,706,553 * \$ 1,518,350
2013	159	\$ 7,566,733.00
2014	176	\$ 9,339,280.00
2015	186	\$ 10,828,223.00

* Public Construction Projects

Construction Report 2015

New Homes	23	\$ 3,621,473.00
Recreational Buildings	5	\$ 326,150.00
Residential Additions	42	\$ 1,552,947.00
Non Residential Additions	9	\$ 2,618,850.00
Residential Garages & Carports	48	\$ 1,694,766.00
Demolition of Buildings	17	
Churches & Other Religious	1	\$ 6750.00
Public Works	2	\$ 119,600.00
Stores & Customer Service	2	\$ 153,260.00
Residential Remodel	28	\$ 517,077.00
Trailers	4	\$ 105,440.00
Miscellaneous	5	\$ 35,040.00
TOTAL	186	\$ 10,828,223.00

RED TAGS 2015

1. Craig Lavoy	3232 Valley Rd.	No Permit
2. Rodney Fredrick	6926 Tahquamenon Dr.	No Permit
3. Nicole Robinson	9699 Miller Rd.	No Permit
4. Patrick McGee	3378 Valley Rd.	No Permit
5. First Bank	5176 Benson Rd.	No Permit
6. Daniel Rabine	5057 Benson Rd.	No Permit
7. Terry Roberts	6970 Tahquamenon Dr.	No Permit
8. Jeffery Beauchaine	7278 Hilltop Rd.	No Permit
9. Felicia Anderson	9294 Sand River Rd.	No Permit
10. Amanda McMaster	3550 ET Rd.	No Permit
11. Francis Roberts	6938 Chapel Dr.	No Permit
12. Roman Perian	7108 Wildwood Rd	No Permit
13. Josh Warner	14047 Ellen St	No Permit
14. Alison Karvinen	1195 E T Rd.	No Permit
15. Donald Verbrigghe	4875 M-67	No SESC Permit
16. Brady Johnson	4765 M-67	No SESC Permit
17. William Kunick	6650 Summer Homes Rd.	No Permit
18. Elizabeth Tischler	1710 ET Rd	No Permit
19. Chuck Cooper	Bakers Grade	No Permit
20. Mike Protasiewicz	8222 Lindroth	No Permit
21. Robert Kordish	7714 Scrooges Alley	No Permit
22. William Duckwall	7793 Scrooges Alley	No Permit
23. First Presbyterian Church	103 Chocolay St.	No Permit
24. Tod Sphere	E 629 M-28	No Permit
25. Ray Lane	Elmer Johnson Rd.	No Permit
26. Todd Stahr	629 M-28	No Permit
27. Emily Carpenter	5223 Gladstone St.	No Permit

Jill Maddox was present and said that she will be retiring and is looking at the transition in the office of Circuit Court. She said that she is currently training Jodi Tiglas for the Court Administrator's position in Schoolcraft County. It was discussed that they would like someone to do court reporting. There was much discussion on this. It was the consensus of the board to authorize Paula Perron to attend a court reporting workshop and testing in Lansing in the fall. Paula performing court reporting will have to be discussed at a later date.

There was discussion on a Complaint to Vacate Alley for the jail renovation and that it had to be done. It was the consensus of the board to authorize the Chair to sign the Complaint to Vacate Alley and authorize the filing fee of \$150. The monies are to come from the Board of Commissioners budget. Commissioner Doucette is to call MAC (Michigan Association of Counties) for an attorney's opinion with who should really be paying for this alley vacation.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the Friend of the Court to advertise for bids to renovate the old clerk's office.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the treasurer to reimburse the Friend of the Court (FOC) Fund #215 in the amount of \$6,814.80 when the funds are available. This was for reimbursements that were not disbursed correctly.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize TriMin to migrate the Register of Deeds (ROD) application to the new server in the amount of \$1,200. The monies are to come from the ROD fund. This is to be added to the consent agenda for the next board meeting.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize Gabriel Roeder Smith & Company to do a three-year OPEB (Other Post-Employment Benefits) Actuarial in the approximate amount of \$13,700. Those monies are to come from the Employee Fringe Benefits Retiree/OPEB line item. This is to be added to the consent agenda for the next board meeting.

There was discussion on a Letter of Support for Alger-Marquette Community Action regarding the Mather School. It was the consensus of the board to authorize a Letter of Support for Alger-Marquette Community Action. This is to be added to the consent agenda for the next board meeting.

There was discussion on purchasing self-inflating jackets for the deputies who work on the boat. Lt. Waldron explained the Sheriff's Department is looking for four of these new jackets, especially considering the hypothermia prevention. It was the consensus of the board to authorize the sheriff to purchase four self-inflating jackets for the boat. This is to be added to the consent agenda for the next board meeting.

Sgt. Webber explained the differences between specifications on a Chevy Tahoe 4x4 Special Services vehicle at a price of \$39,312 and a ½ ton Dodge Ram 4x4 Crew Cab Special Services pickup at a price of \$27,479. He is looking to cash flow a new vehicle using Emergency Management reimbursements. He is also going to submit for USDA funds with the option to buy to help with the purchases/leases. The sheriff's department is to start a replacement plan for the vehicles. It was the consensus of the board to 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. This is to be added to the consent agenda for the next board meeting.

The sheriff presented the board with the ambulance millage. It was the consensus of the board to authorize the ambulance millage language to run from January 2017 through 2020 as follows:

**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?

This is to be added to the consent agenda for the next board meeting.

It was the consensus of the board to approve the ORV Ordinance language and authorize the clerk to advertise for a public hearing. This is to be added to the consent agenda for the next board meeting.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the purchase of a laptop (HPI ProBook 650) and new computer (HPI ProDesk 400 and Acer 24" LED monitor) from Compudyne for the new security system for Det. Blank & Sgt. Webber in the amount of \$1,534. The monies are to come from Sheriff's Department equipment line item. This is to be added to the consent agenda for the next board meeting.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize payment of Alger County Brownfield bills to Envirologic in the total amount of \$3,069.44. The monies are to come from the Brownfield Fund #795. This is to be added to the consent agenda for the next board meeting.

It was the consensus of the board to reappoint Cathy Pullen to the Pathways Committee. This is to be added to the consent agenda for the next board meeting.

Cost saving ideas / revenue sources were next. There were none.

Old business was next. There was none.

There were no appropriations.

There was discussion on the board bills. It was the consensus of the board to approve payment of all of the board bills as recommended by the audit committee. The Luce County Inmate Care bills were discussed and will be forwarded onto Luce County to pay themselves. This is to be added to the consent agenda for the next board meeting.

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. This is to be added to the consent agenda for the next board meeting.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the treasurer to transfer the following revenues received in 2016 back to 2015:

JOURNAL ENTRY		TV	
		12/31/2015	
REMARKS	TRANSFER REVENUE RECEIVED IN 2016 BACK TO 2015 BUDGET (PER MARCH 21, 2016 BOARD)	DEBIT	CREDIT
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

This is to be added to the consent agenda for the next board meeting.

It was the consensus of the board to 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 Commissionerø 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)

This is to be added to the consent agenda for the next board meeting.

There were no miscellaneous financial matters.

It was the consensus of the board to approve resolution #2016-08 Define Freeze Emergencies as Major Disasters.

This is to be added to the consent agenda for the next board meeting.

It was the consensus of the board to approve resolution #2016-09 Jail Commissary Fund. This is to be added to the consent agenda for the next board meeting.

It was the consensus of the board to approve resolution #2016-10 Opposing Changes to Act 298. This is to be added to the consent agenda for the next board meeting.

Committee reports were next. Sgt. Webber reported that the new water heaters are in place and the new laundry room is operating well at the jail. He also discussed the new jail. Commissioner Pullen thanked Commissioner Rondeau for his work on the airport and that there is some clarification needed regarding the easement that is required by the power company to complete the land swap of the airport. Commissioner Rondeau wanted to thank the sheriffø department on the work that was done with the ORV Ordinance. He said that CUPPAD is to talk about the recreation plan at a regional government meeting in May. That is scheduled for the fourth Wednesday in May (May 25, 2016). The question of paying for refreshments arose. Commissioner Doucette discussed MAC (Michigan Association of Counties), the Governor and the Flint Water Crisis, and major cuts in the state budgets.

Correspondence was briefly read from CompuDyne regarding the new Web Blocker activity; a letter of appreciation regarding resolution from Rep. Kivela; letters from MAC thanking the clerk for copies of resolutions; a thank you email from Lon Johnson; and DHHS (Department of Health and Human Services) board meeting notice/agenda and board meeting minutes.

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

This meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Jerry Doucette, Chairman
Alger County Board of Commissioners

Mary Ann Froberg
Alger County Clerk