

**ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING**

July 17, 2017

**Minutes are subject to corrections and approval**

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 – none.

The board of commissioners said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public comment session was open. Constituent Relations Representative, Judi Schwalbach from the Office of Attorney General Bill Schuette was present to observe tonight’s meeting. Thomas Bowler from Shelter Bay was present to discuss a building permit. There was no further public comment; thus, the public comment section was closed.

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to approve the consent agenda which includes the following items:

Approve the 2018 Child Care Fund Budget;

**County Child Care Budget Summary (DHS-2091)**

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS)  
Children's Services Agency  
Alger County for October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018

Organization	Court Contact Person	Telephone Number	Email Address
Alger County	▼		
Fiscal Year	MDHHS Contact Person	Telephone Number	Email Address
October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018	▼		

Care	Type Of	Anticipated Expenditures		
		MDHHS	Court	Combined
<b>Care Fund</b>	<b>I. Child</b>			
A. Family Foster Care		\$0.00	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00
B. Institutional Care		\$0.00	\$210,000.00	\$210,000.00
C. In-Home Care		\$0.00	\$37,790.00	\$37,790.00
D. Independent Living		\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
<b>E. Subtotals</b>		\$0.00	\$317,790.00	\$317,790.00
F. Revenue		\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
G. Net Expenditure		\$0.00	\$312,790.00	\$312,790.00

**Cost Sharing Ratios** County 50% / State 50%

II. Child Care Fund	Court	Combined
Foster Care During Release Appeal Period	\$0.00	\$0.00

**Cost Sharing Ratios** County 0% / State 100%

III. Juvenile Justice Services Fund	MDHHS	Court	Combined
Basic Grant	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00

**County Child Care Budget Summary (DHS-2091)**

<b>Cost Sharing Ratios</b>	County 0% / State 100%	\$15,000.00
<b>Organization:</b> Alger County		
through September 30, 2018		
<b>IV. Total Expenditure</b>		<b>\$327,790.00</b>

Authorize submission of the Summary Annual Report to Michigan Department of Treasury and posting notice on the County website in compliance with Act 530 of 2016;

In accordance with Public Act 530 of 2016 Section 20h.(7):

For a system other than a state unit, if the system's actuarial accrued liability for retiree health or pension is not at least 60% funded according to the most recent summary annual report created under section 13, the system shall post an informational report on the system's website outlining the steps, if any, the system may be taking to decrease the system's unfunded actuarial accrued liability. If the system does not have a website, the political subdivision sponsoring the system shall make the steps the system may be taking under this subsection available to the plan participants and beneficiaries and the citizens of the political subdivision. The system shall submit to the department of treasury, in a reasonable time frame and in a manner determined by the department of treasury, the steps the system may be taking under this subsection. As used in this subsection, "state unit" means that term as defined in section 13.

Actions taken by Alger County to address Other Post Employment Benefit (OPEB) liabilities:

Board of Commissioners Meeting of March 27, 2013: Existing elected officials & appointed employees will have health and current life insurance that will end at age 65, or Medicare age.

Board of Commissioners Meeting of March 27, 2013: Newly hired elected officials & appointed employees will have no retiree health or life insurance.

Court Staff employees hired after January 1, 2013 employer contribution to retiree health insurance is eliminated;

Courthouse employees hired after January 1, 2015 employer contribution to retiree health insurance is eliminated;

Sheriff's Department employees hired after January 1, 2017 employer contribution to retiree health insurance is eliminated;

Court Staff employees hired before January 1, 2013, who retire under the MERS plan with 20 or more years of service will receive 50% contribution of single subscriber rate up to \$300 per month;

Courthouse employees hired before January 1, 2015, who retire under the MERS plan with 20 or more years of service will receive 50% contribution of single subscriber rate up to \$300 per month (2 employees grandfathered with up to \$400 per month);

As of January 1, 2015 Life insurance to future retirees is eliminated for Courthouse and Court Staff employees;

As of January 1, 2016 Life insurance to future retirees is eliminated for Sheriff's Department employees;

Board of Commissioner's Meeting of March 20, 2017: Authorize a MERS (Municipal Retirees' Retirement System) Retiree Healthcare Funding Vehicle & Investment Services Program.

Older Adults; Approve the UPAAA FY2018 Annual Implementation Plan for services to Upper Peninsula

**RESOLUTION**

**U.P. AREA AGENCY ON AGING  
FY 2018 ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR SERVICES TO OLDER ADULTS**

**WHEREAS** UPCAP, which serves as the U.P. Area Agency on Aging, is required to develop a 2018 Annual Implementation Plan that provides development and funding for programs to serve older adults in the Upper Peninsula; and

**WHEREAS**, during the 2018 Annual Implementation Plan development process, UPCAP conducted one public hearing and received input from service providers, older adults, county officials, human services organizations, and other interested parties; and

**WHEREAS**, each U.P. county is represented by a county official on the UPCAP Board of Directors; and

**WHEREAS**, the UPCAP Board of Directors has unanimously approved the proposed 2018 Annual Implementation Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the AAA 2018 Annual Implementation Plan also requires review by individual county boards;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the \_\_\_\_\_ County Board of Commissioners has received and hereby supports the U.P. Area Agency on Aging 2018 Annual Implementation Plan.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be submitted to UPCAP and placed on file.

Authorize payment to Pathways for their quarterly appropriation in the amount of \$8,305. Those monies are to come from their 2017 appropriation (101-649-969.000);

Authorize payment of board bills;

Approve financial reports for all funds (Trial Balance Report Available). A full 30-page report is available upon request with the treasurer;

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

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to approve the minutes of June 12, June 19 and June 20, 2017. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none.

Commissioner Pullen discussed the affordability of the tether program and whether the Magistrate could reduce costs and fees. It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to authorize the Community Service Officer to perform and charge for tethering with all monies to go to general fund. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none.

Commissioner Pullen said the Animal Shelter is waiting for Joe Cilc to perform an inspection. Commissioner Pullen would like authorization from the Board to allow the construction to move forward using grant monies once the building inspector signs off. The grant is time sensitive. It was moved by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to approve the renovation of the Animal Shelter Cat Room through a grant. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none. Commissioner Rondeau questioned why the County does not sign over the building to the Animal Shelter. There was some discussion regarding the mandate for animal control and Alger County's costs for the Animal Shelter regarding utilities and insurance.

A copy of Marquette County's Administrator contract was made available to each Commissioner to review and suggest edits as they pertain to Alger County. Commissioner Rondeau would like to see the possibility of dissolving the position if the Emergency Management Grant is discontinued. Commissioner Doucette suggested requiring a 2/3 vote to end the contract. It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to schedule a special meeting for July 26 at 1:00 p.m. to approve the Administrator's Contract. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none.

Commissioner Doucette explained he would like the Insurance Committee to discuss healthcare issues pertaining to retired employees living abroad. Commissioner Pullen suggested adding specific language for retirees living abroad into future contracts. This issue will be discussed in the next Insurance Committee meeting.

There was no old business.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner Pullen to authorize the treasurer to transfer \$17,000 from the general fund Capital Improvement Department 728 to Capital Improvement Fund #404. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none.

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to authorize the treasurer to amend the following revenues:

Reimbursements #676	\$842.17
Local Grants #581	\$4,698.00

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

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to authorize the clerk to amend the following expenditures:

Kellogg / Probate (Dept. 661)	\$442.17
Rescue 21 (Dept. 416)	\$4,698.00
General Fund Probate Child Care (Dept. 663)	\$400.00

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

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to authorize the treasurer to transfer \$400 from general fund probate child care into Probate Child Care Fund #292. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to authorize the treasurer to transfer \$442.17 from Trust & Agency #701-000-228.140 to general fund reimbursement revenue #676. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none.

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to approve resolution #2017-08 Debt Elimination Plan as follows:

**WHEREAS**, Alger County’s Probate Child Care Fund has a \$400 deficit fund balance on December 31, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, 1971 PA 140 requires that a Deficit Elimination Plan be formulated by the local unit of government and filed with the Michigan Department of Treasury;

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED**, that the Alger County’s legislative body adopts the following as the Alger County’s Probate Child Care Fund Deficit Elimination Plan:

	<b>2017</b>
<b>Unrestricted Net Position (Deficit) Jan. 1</b>	(400)
<b>Revenue</b>	
Reimbursements	5,000
Transfers in from General Fund	62,315
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>67,315</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Health and Welfare	66,915
<b>Unrestricted Net Position (Deficit) Dec. 31</b>	-

Explanation: Increase Transfers in from General Fund by \$400 in 2017.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alger County Board of Commissioners submits the Deficit Elimination Plan to the Michigan Department of Treasury for certification.

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

Committee reports were next. Commissioner Pullen explained the Hanley Field has been mowed and lights are working but there are problems with the electrical box for the beacon. Arrangements are being made

to maintain the mowing at the airport. The revision of the airport land swap is still moving forward. There was further discussion regarding maintenance. Commissioner Rondeau attended an Alger Conservation District meeting. Commissioner Mattson spoke with the owners of the landfill and they will open one Saturday per month for three months on a trial basis.

Correspondence was briefly read from: Department of Health and Human Services Board Meeting Notice / Agenda for July 20, 2017 and Board Meeting Minutes from June 15, 2017; Alger County DHHS Welfare Fund Board Payments and Community Resource Program Monthly Report; LMAS District Board of Health minutes of June 5, 2017; NorthCare Network FY2016 County Summary for Alger, FY2018 County Request for Funds form.

Board comments were next. Joe Cilc explained to Commissioner Doucette that the Building Codes Ranger needs new tires and the lowest bid came in below \$500 so Commissioner Doucette gave Mr. Cilc approval. Commissioner Doucette explained the MAC Regional Summit is on August 16 and would like to know what staff would like to attend.

Commissioner Rondeau expressed his appreciation for the hard work on the part of law enforcement during the recent kidnapping investigation.

Sheriff Brock says the Sheriff's Department has been extremely busy. There are numerous inmates with mental health issues. Sheriff Brock is looking to file for mental health services assistance jointly with Luce County. Sheriff Brock is expecting jail revenues to increase. Sheriff Brock thanked Commissioner Doucette and the Board for opening up the Courthouse as a centralized command center during the recent kidnapping investigation. There is still a missing hiker in the Little Beaver area. The Rescue 21 crew saved a kayaker. The Ambulance has had many critical runs lately, and stress debriefing is currently being offered to the Ambulance crew. Smart 911 is a new service being offered in the area that allows more accurate information to be disseminated to and from the sheriff's department using cell phones; 70% of emergency calls currently come from cell phones. Sheriff Brock updated the Board regarding placement of 911 mile marker 911 signs. Sheriff Brock thanked the Board for notifying him of the Ambulance budget situation.

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

Judi Schwalbach said the Attorney General has an OK 2 Say program available on their cell phones allowing kids and parents to notify authorities of dangerous or inappropriate behavior. Mr. Schwalbach said the Attorney General's office has many programs and said presentations are available for organizations that are interested.

It was moved by Commissioner Rondeau and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to adjourn this meeting at 5:45 p.m. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none.

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Jerry Doucette, Chairman  
Alger County Board of Commissioners

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Mary Ann Froberg  
Alger County Clerk