

**ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING**

March 19, 2018

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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, VanLandschoot and Doucette. Absent – Commissioners Pullen and Rondeau.

The board of commissioners said the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Sheriff Brock spoke with Sheriff Hughes concerning the oldest ambulance. This ambulance will still be considered part of the County fleet and can be recalled in case of emergency.

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

Affirm authorizing the Schoolcraft County Inmates Contract for 5 Inmates;

Affirm the MADCP (Michigan Association of Drug Court Professionals) Registration for 3 people in the amount of \$915;

Affirm authorizing the Engagement Letter with Gabridge & Co. for the 2017 audit;

Authorize the location of the oldest ambulance to go to Rock River;

Authorize payment of board bills;

Approve Financial Reports for all funds (Trial Balance Report Available);

Authorize the treasurer to back the 2017 revenues back into 2017 from 2018;

Authorize the clerk to transfer between 2017 general fund budgets:

*\$1,173.00 from the Sheriff's Department budget in to the Prosecuting Attorney's budget

*\$162.70 from the Sheriff's Department budget in to the County Law Library budget

Authorize the treasurer to transfer \$162.70 from the General Fund County Law Library to Fund 269 County Law Library;

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 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of February 12, 2018; Special Board of Commissioners meeting minutes of February 19, 2018; Board of Commissioners meeting minutes of February 20, 2018. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – Commissioners Pullen and Rondeau.

It was moved by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to authorize the Rural Development Grant in the amount of \$19,000 for a new 2018 Chevy Tahoe Police Pursuit Vehicle 4x4. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – Commissioners Pullen and Rondeau.

Teri Grout submitted Alger Conservation District millage language for the Commissioners to review for the April 9, 2018 Committee of the Whole.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to authorize payment to Burt Township Ambulance Corp in the amount of \$42,000 for operations for their appropriation and

hold \$7,000 in Trust & Agency for the future purchase of an ambulance. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – Commissioners Pullen and Rondeau.

It was moved by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to authorize payment to Mathias Township First Responders in the amount of \$5,600 for their appropriation. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – Commissioners Pullen and Rondeau.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to authorize payment to Rock River First Responders in the amount of \$5,600 for their appropriation. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – Commissioners Pullen and Rondeau.

There was no unfinished business.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to pass the following Resolution #2018-03:

WHEREAS, the Alger County Board of Commissioners adopts all plans and policies for any funds received through MEDC/CDBG as follows:

- Residential Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan
- Grievance Procedure under section 504
- Economic Opportunities Policy for Section 3 Covered Contracts
- Policy of Non-Discrimination on Basis of Handicap
- Fair Housing Policy
- Alger County Fair Housing Plan
- Fair Housing Discrimination Complaint Process
- Alger County Citizen Participation Plan
- Procurement Policy
- Policy Prohibiting the Use of Excessive Force Against Non-Violent Civil Rights Demonstrators

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alger County Board of Commissioners adopts all of the plans and policies as listed above.

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

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to pass the following Resolution #2018-04:

**A RESOLUTION HONORING THE OFFICER OF THE YEAR
FOR THE ALGER CORRECTIONAL FACILITY**

DAVID TENNYSON

WHEREAS, in the spirit of excellence in the Department of Corrections for the State of Michigan and the County of Alger; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution will serve to focus attention on the exemplary commitment and discipline that distinguish exceptional officers and to recognize them for their efforts;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alger County Board of Commissioners commend and salute **DAVID TENNYSON**, Officer of the Year for the Alger Correctional Facility.

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

It was moved by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to pass the following Resolution #2018-06:

OPPOSING AMENDATORY LEGISLATION TO MICHIGAN PUBLIC ACT 93 OF 2013

WHEREAS, Michigan Public Act 93 of 2013 created the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC), authorized the MIDC to establish minimum standards for the provision of indigent defense services, mandated compliance plans from all Michigan counties by November 20, 2017 to address the first four indigent defense standards, and mandated that any additional costs required to implement these minimum standards be paid by the state; and

WHEREAS, Governor Rick Snyder has now proposed a FY19 budget for the state of Michigan, which includes insufficient funding to pay the additional indigent defense expenses that are anticipated in association with implementation of the first four indigent defense minimum standards, as required by Michigan Public Act 93 of 2013; and

WHEREAS, realizing state funding as currently proposed is insufficient and in violation of Michigan Public Act 93 of 2013, the Governor has further proposed amendatory legislation, "to clarify and improve" Michigan Public Act 93 of 2013, which include, among other things, establishing a new minimum local share of indigent defense costs to \$7.25 per capita and requiring that 90 percent of the revenue now collected by counties from partially indigent defendants be remitted to the state to support statewide system costs; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the proposed amendatory changes to Michigan Public Act 93 of 2013 would result in an increase in expenses to Alger County to provide indigent defense services in compliance the first four standards, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Alger County Board of Commissioners **hereby opposes** any amendatory legislation to Michigan Public Act 93 of 2013 that would reduce or eliminate the state of Michigan's fiduciary responsibility to pay any and all additional costs required to implement the minimum indigent defense standards, as presently legislated.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Alger County Board of Commissioners remains committed to implementing the new minimum indigent defense standards as mandated by the MIDC, so long as the state of Michigan remains true to its original commitment to pay for any additional costs necessary for their implementation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Snyder, Representative Cambensy, Senator Casperson, the Michigan Association of Counties, and the other 82 counties.

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

Committee reports were next. Commissioner VanLandschoot will have reports by the end of the week. Commissioner Doucette discussed the law enforcement meeting and explained that all departments need to submit their board agenda items by the executive committee meeting.

Correspondence was briefly read from CUPPAD, USDA, DHHS, and Cowell & LaPointe, PC.

Board comments were next. Officials will be headed to the MAC Conference on March 25, 2018.

There were no staff comments.

Public comment session was open. April Lark, from the Munising News, asked if Rock River would indeed be receiving the oldest ambulance. There was no further public comment; thus, the public comment was closed.

It was moved by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to adjourn this meeting at 4:35 p.m. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – Commissioners Pullen and Rondeau.

Jerry Doucette, Chairman
Alger County Board of Commissioners

Mary Ann Froberg
Alger County Clerk