

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

March 12, 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, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot and Doucette. Absent – none.

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.

It was the consensus of the Board to accept the agenda as presented.

Dotty LaJoye and Ryan Soucy with CUPPAD were present to discuss updating Alger County's Master Plan. A Planning Commission would need to be formed if creating a Master Plan under the Planning and Enabling Act. A County Strategic Plan, which would be specific to county land only, could be adopted by the Board. Ryan presented a simplified Master Plan he dubbed the SLIM Plan (Sustainable Livable Innovative Master Plan). Incorporated in the SLIM plan is an annual report, with major revisions every five years. There was some discussion regarding land use zoning and the fees for these planning services. Commissioner Doucette explained that Alger County needs better organization to plan and handle the increase in tourism to the area. Ms. LaJoye and Mr. Soucy have offered to return to further explain the details of developing a planning commission.

Steve Webber explained the proposed Schoolcraft County Inmates Contract to house five inmates in the Alger County jail at a rate of \$30 per bed per day. Sheriff Brock explained the possibility of adding a third shift based on jail population. Commissioner Mattson and Sheriff Brock emphasized their desire to help Schoolcraft County in any way Alger County can. Commissioner Pullen commented on possible changes to language in the contract. It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to authorize the signing of the Schoolcraft County inmate contract for 5 inmates. 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 amend the previous motion to include reaffirming at the Regular Board meeting of March 19, 2018. 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 payment to MADCP (Michigan Association of Drug Court Professionals) Registration for 3 people in the amount of \$915. 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 Pullen to authorize the engagement letter with Gabridge & Co for the 2017 audit. This item is to be reaffirmed at the Regular Board meeting. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none.

Sheriff Brock would like to give the 2008 ambulance to Rock River Township's First Responders. Commissioner Mattson and Commissioner Doucette would like to further discuss this issue at a law enforcement meeting. It was moved by Commissioner Rondeau to give the 2008 ambulance to the Rock River First Responders. Commissioner Rondeau withdrew his motion to give the 2008

ambulance to the Rock River First Responders. It was the consensus of the board to give the 2008 ambulance to the Rock River First Responders. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

There were no cost savings ideas or revenue sources.

There was no unfinished business

It was the consensus of the board to approve payment of all the board bills as recommended by the audit committee. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to approve financial reports for all funds (Trial Balance Report Available). This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the treasurer to back the 2017 revenues back into 2017 from 2018. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the clerk to transfer between 2017 general fund budgets – see sheet. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the treasurer to transfer \$162.70 from the General Fund County Law Library to Fund #269 County Law Library back the 2017 revenues back into 2017 from 2018. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

There were no miscellaneous financial matters.

There were no resolutions.

Committee reports were next. There was an update on North Country Disposal offering recycling services for \$21.00 per quarter. Commissioner Pullen gave an update on the airport. Commissioner Rondeau commented on parking near the Eben Ice Caves. Commissioner Mattson gave a 2017 Budget update. Commissioner Doucette noted that NACo wrote in their newsletter about Pictured Rocks appearance on the new Michigan quarter.

Correspondence was briefly read from DEQ and LMAS.

Board comments were next. Commissioner Rondeau commented on Michigan having the highest automobile insurance rates in the nation, as well as, electricity rates. Commissioner Doucette explained that NACo's MSISAS operation will be implementing a Homeland Security subsidized security upgrade for the county network. Commissioner Doucette also explained PILT payments for 2018 and legislative situations.

Staff comments were next. Sheriff Brock gave the 2017 Departmental Report.

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

The Chairman adjourned this meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Jerry Doucette, Chairman
Alger County Board of Commissioners

Mary Ann Froberg
Alger County Clerk