

**ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING**

December 16, 2019

Approved January 21, 2020

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 moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to approve the agenda as presented with amendment to change Affirmations to Approvals. 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 approve the consent agenda which includes the following items:

Approve Law Library contract with Thompson Reuters for a 36-month contract in the amount of \$49.87 per month;

Approve 2020 Cost of Living Adjustment for retirees in the amount \$484.22;

Approve appointing Jerry Doucette, Mary Ann Froberg, Pam Johnson to the Brownfield Authority for a 3-year term expiring 12/31/2022;

Approve appointing Jerry Doucette and Mary Ann Froberg to the Land Bank Authority for a 3-year term expiring 12/31/2022;

Approve payment of all Board Bills;

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

Authorize the clerk to transfer \$2,000.00 from the general fund treasurer’s budget into the general fund law library;

Authorize the treasurer to transfer \$2,000.00 from the general fund law library into fund #269 law library;

Approve Resolution #2019-24 Emergency Management and Safe Schools:

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 November 12, 2019. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none.

It was moved by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to approve the Board of Commissioners meeting minutes of November 18, 2019. 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 approve the 2020 General Fund budgets in the amount of \$4,364,232.91:

GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	2020 APPROVED BUDGET
Fund: 101 GENERAL FUND		
APPROPRIATIONS		
Totals for dept 101 - BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS		70,989.00
Totals for dept 103 - ADVERTISING		1,000.00
Totals for dept 105 - AUDIT		16,200.00
Totals for dept 131 - CIRCUIT COURT		89,016.00
Totals for dept 132 - CIR.CRT.JUDGE ADMIN. EXP.		2,500.00
Totals for dept 133 - STANDARDIZATION		25,193.56
Totals for dept 134 - CIR CT PROB OVERSIGHT		1,000.00
Totals for dept 136 - DISTRICT COURT		189,579.38
Totals for dept 141 - FRIEND OF THE COURT		147,693.11
Totals for dept 143 - COUNTY LAW LIBRARY		13,500.00
Totals for dept 145 - JURY COMMISSION		900.00
Totals for dept 148 - PROBATE COURT		249,726.07
Totals for dept 149 - COUNTY JUVENILE OFFICER		30,068.60

Totals for dept 172 - ADMINISTRATOR	109,398.60
Totals for dept 191 - ELECTIONS	27,962.00
Totals for dept 215 - COUNTY CLERK/ROD	367,486.93
Totals for dept 225 - EQUALIZATION DEPT.	130,886.00
Totals for dept 229 - PROSECUTING ATTORNEY	267,478.18
Totals for dept 244 - SERVICE CONTRACTS	9,720.00
Totals for dept 253 - COUNTY TREASURER	306,785.67
Totals for dept 265 - BUILDING AND GROUNDS	178,016.20
Totals for dept 270 - FAIR BOARD	750.00
Totals for dept 287 - DUPLICATING ACCOUNT	2,500.00
Totals for dept 288 - POSTAGE ACCOUNT	17,550.00
Totals for dept 299 - MIDC	53,463.93
Totals for dept 301 - SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT	180,575.26
Totals for dept 303 - RD. PATROL (FEDERAL) PARK PAI	2,102.00
Totals for dept 326 - EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	57,740.00
Totals for dept 345 - COMPUTERS	886.00
Totals for dept 351 - JAIL	1,031,111.25
Totals for dept 416 - PUBLIC SAFETY / RESCUE 21	1,470.00
Totals for dept 421 - ANIMAL SHELTER	8,170.00
Totals for dept 536 - AIRPORT	6,000.00
Totals for dept 601 - DISTRICT HEALTH	80,211.00
Totals for dept 605 - CONTAGIOUS DISEASES	100.00
Totals for dept 631 - SUBSTANCE ABUSE	19,188.00
Totals for dept 648 - MEDICAL EXAMINER	28,000.00
Totals for dept 649 - COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH	33,220.00
Totals for dept 661 - KELLOHH/CC FAM DIV OF PROB	442.17
Totals for dept 663 - PROBATE - CHILD CARE	40,000.00
Totals for dept 670 - F.I.A.	2,500.00
Totals for dept 681 - VETERANS BURIALS	5,100.00
Totals for dept 706 - BOND PAYMENT	266,145.00
Totals for dept 728 - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	10,000.00
Totals for dept 862 - EMPLOYEE FRINGE BENEFITS	281,909.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	4,364,232.91

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 approve the 2020 funds budgets in the amount of \$3,614,571.90:

GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	2020 APPROVED BUDGET
Fund: 202 COUNTY AGEING		
APPROPRIATIONS		
Totals for dept 000 - UNCLASSIFIED		207,541.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		207,541.00
Fund: 205 NORTHCARE/RESOURCE OFFICER		
APPROPRIATIONS		
Totals for dept 000 - UNCLASSIFIED		5,000.00
Totals for dept 222 - RESOURCE OFFICER		6,000.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		11,000.00
Fund: 206 SNOWMOBILE ENFORCEMENT FUND		
APPROPRIATIONS		
Totals for dept 000 - UNCLASSIFIED		16,500.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		16,500.00
Fund: 208 MSU EXTENSION		
APPROPRIATIONS		
Totals for dept 000 - UNCLASSIFIED		103,699.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		103,699.00
Fund: 210 AMBULANCE FUND		
APPROPRIATIONS		
Totals for dept 000 - UNCLASSIFIED		987,681.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		987,681.00
Fund: 211 ORV FUND		
APPROPRIATIONS		
Totals for dept 000 - UNCLASSIFIED		20,000.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		20,000.00
Fund: 215 FRIEND OF THE COURT FUND		
APPROPRIATIONS		
Totals for dept 000 - UNCLASSIFIED		15,620.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		15,620.00
Fund: 216 CIR.CT. PROB. OVERSIGHT FUND		
APPROPRIATIONS		
Totals for dept 000 - UNCLASSIFIED		1,000.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		1,000.00

Fund: 220 CONSERVATION DISTRICT APPROPRIATIONS Totals for dept 000 - UNCLASSIFIED	98,919.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u>98,919.00</u>
Fund: 245 PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT/TITLE III APPROPRIATIONS Totals for dept 000 - UNCLASSIFIED	41,528.12
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u>41,528.12</u>
Fund: 249 BUILDING DEPT. FUND APPROPRIATIONS Totals for dept 000 - UNCLASSIFIED	98,000.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u>98,000.00</u>
Fund: 255 HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX AUDIT F APPROPRIATIONS Totals for dept 000 - UNCLASSIFIED	150.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u>150.00</u>
Fund: 256 REG. OF DEEDS AUTOMATION FUND APPROPRIATIONS Totals for dept 000 - UNCLASSIFIED	24,000.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u>24,000.00</u>
Fund: 258 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT APPROPRIATIONS Totals for dept 000 - UNCLASSIFIED	80,406.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u>80,406.00</u>
Fund: 260 SHERIFF'S SECONDARY RD. PATROL APPROPRIATIONS Totals for dept 000 - UNCLASSIFIED	27,000.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u>27,000.00</u>
Fund: 262 SHERIFF GRANTS APPROPRIATIONS Totals for dept 353 - MARINE SAFETY GRANT Totals for dept 357 - STONEGARDEN GRANT	4,000.00 200,000.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u>204,000.00</u>
Fund: 265 WIRELESS 911 FUND APPROPRIATIONS Totals for dept 000 - UNCLASSIFIED	469,283.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u>469,283.00</u>
Fund: 266 DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND (PA) APPROPRIATIONS Totals for dept 000 - UNCLASSIFIED	100.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u>100.00</u>
Fund: 267 CONCEALED PISTOL LICENSING APPROPRIATIONS Totals for dept 000 - UNCLASSIFIED	10,210.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u>10,210.00</u>
Fund: 269 COUNTY LAW LIBRARY APPROPRIATIONS Totals for dept 000 - UNCLASSIFIED	15,500.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u>15,500.00</u>
Fund: 270 MIDC/INDIGENT DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS Totals for dept 000 - UNCLASSIFIED	446,941.78
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u>446,941.78</u>
Fund: 271 PUBLIC LIBRARY MILLAGE FUND APPROPRIATIONS Totals for dept 000 - UNCLASSIFIED	112,892.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u>112,892.00</u>
Fund: 276 MICHIGAN DRUG COURT GRANT PROG APPROPRIATIONS Totals for dept 000 - UNCLASSIFIED	43,000.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u>43,000.00</u>
Fund: 285 MICHIGAN JUSTICE TRAINING FUND APPROPRIATIONS Totals for dept 000 - UNCLASSIFIED	1,585.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u>1,585.00</u>
Fund: 290 FAMILY IND. AGENCY APPROPRIATIONS Totals for dept 000 - UNCLASSIFIED	2,500.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u>2,500.00</u>

Fund: 292 PROBATE COURT - CHILD CARE		
APPROPRIATIONS		
Totals for dept 000 - UNCLASSIFIED		45,000.00
Totals for dept 147 - PROBATE DIVERSION OFFICER		15,000.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		<u>60,000.00</u>
Fund: 293 VETERANS RELIEF/MILLAGE FUND		
APPROPRIATIONS		
Totals for dept 000 - UNCLASSIFIED		59,575.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		<u>59,575.00</u>
Fund: 296 DRUG COURT FUND		
APPROPRIATIONS		
Totals for dept 000 - UNCLASSIFIED		700.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		<u>700.00</u>
Fund: 351 DEBT SERVICE FUND		
APPROPRIATIONS		
Totals for dept 000 - UNCLASSIFIED		75,244.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		<u>75,244.00</u>
Fund: 404 CAPITOL IMPROVEMENT		
APPROPRIATIONS		
Totals for dept 000 - UNCLASSIFIED		10,000.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		<u>10,000.00</u>
Fund: 479 ALGER CO. REVOLVING REHAB.		
APPROPRIATIONS		
Totals for dept 000 - UNCLASSIFIED		20,000.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		<u>20,000.00</u>
Fund: 516 DELINQUENT TAX FUND		
APPROPRIATIONS		
Totals for dept 000 - UNCLASSIFIED		95,300.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		<u>95,300.00</u>
Fund: 517 FORECLOSURE FUND		
APPROPRIATIONS		
Totals for dept 000 - UNCLASSIFIED		44,790.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		<u>44,790.00</u>
Fund: 595 COMMISSARY/CONCESSION FUND		
APPROPRIATIONS		
Totals for dept 000 - UNCLASSIFIED		10,000.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		<u>10,000.00</u>
Fund: 602 TWP CURRENT TAX COLLECTION		
APPROPRIATIONS		
Totals for dept 000 - UNCLASSIFIED		1,857.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		<u>1,857.00</u>
Fund: 711 HEALTH INS. DEDUCTABLE - HRA		
APPROPRIATIONS		
Totals for dept 000 - UNCLASSIFIED		80,300.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		<u>80,300.00</u>
Fund: 714 INMATES TRUST FUND		
APPROPRIATIONS		
Totals for dept 000 - UNCLASSIFIED		105,000.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		<u>105,000.00</u>
Fund: 795 BROWNFIELD AUTHORITY		
APPROPRIATIONS		
Totals for dept 000 - UNCLASSIFIED		12,750.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		<u>12,750.00</u>
APPROPRIATIONS - ALL FUNDS	(3,614,571.90
NET OF REVENUES/APPROPRIATIONS - ALL FUNDS		(3,614,571.90)

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

There was some discussion regarding the language in the ambulance millage. Language may need to change from “2020 to 2024” to “2020 through 2024.” It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to approve **Resolution Submitting Ambulance Services Millage Proposal to Repeal and Replace Existing Millage:**

WHEREAS, the County Commission of the County of Alger, Michigan (the "County"), determines that it is necessary for the health, safety and welfare of County of Alger and its residents to submit a millage proposal to the qualified electors of the County at the election to be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the electors of the County previously authorized the levy of 1.00 mill in August 2016 to provide funds for ambulance services in the County, which authorization expires with the 2020 levy; and

WHEREAS, this authorization has been reduced by operation of the Headlee amendment to 0.9985 mill; and

WHEREAS, the County Commission determines that it is in the best interest of its residents to submit a proposal to replace the previous authorization into one new increased authorization for ambulance services in the County; and

WHEREAS, this County Commission wishes to submit the millage proposal to the vote of the qualified electors of the County at the election to be held in the County on Tuesday, March 10, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The following proposal shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the County at the election to be held on TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020 (the "March Election Date"):

AMBULANCE SERVICES MILLAGE PROPOSAL TO REPEAL AND REPLACE EXISTING MILLAGE

This proposal will permit the County of Alger to fund all ambulance services provided by the County by authorizing a single new increased millage of 1.85 mills by repealing and replacing existing millage authorization of 1.00 mill, as rolled back to 0.9985 mill by operation of the Headlee amendment, previously approved by the electors which expires with the 2020 levy.

To repeal and replace the previous millage authorization of 1.00 mill approved in 2016 for ambulance services, shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the County of Alger, Michigan, be increased by 1.85 mills (\$1.85 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of five (5) years, 2020 to 2024, inclusive, as new additional millage, for the purpose of providing funds for ambulance services provided by the County of Alger? It is estimated that 1.85 mills would raise approximately \$727,272 when first levied in 2020.

2. The Alger County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to (a) post and publish notice of last day of registration and notice of election for the March Election Date as required by the Michigan Election Law; and (b) have prepared and printed, as provided by the Michigan Election Law, ballots for submitting the proposal at the March Election Date, which ballots shall contain the proposal appearing herein, or the proposition shall be stated as a proposal on the voting machines, which ballots may include other matters presented to the electorate on the same date.

3. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution are hereby rescinded.

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

There was no unfinished business.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner Pullen to authorize the treasurer to transfer \$200,000.00 from the Delinquent Tax Revolving fund #516 into the General Fund Transfer-in DTR (101-000-442.000). Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none.

There were no resolutions.

Committee reports were next. Commissioner Rondeau attended the Forest Management plan meeting. Commissioner Pullen spoke with Ezra Scott concerning the erosion issue. Commissioner Doucette updated the board concerning recent budget events.

Correspondence was briefly read.

Board comments were next. Commissioner Pullen wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Commissioner Rondeau questioned if the State Police would be paying rent. Commissioner Mattson said Happy Holidays. Commissioner Doucette thanked staff for their hard work, and said we should be proud.

Staff comments were next. Sheriff Brock explained the benefits of having the State Police based in the Courthouse. Sheriff Brock would like to see an increase in funding for patrols and drug enforcement. Sheriff Brock explained that Alger County is on the cutting edge by having an Ambulance Service. Undersheriff Blank explained that the Sheriff's Department is in full-blown snowmobile season. Robert Steinhoff does not have any more trials this year and will have a year-end report soon. The 2020 Circuit Court schedule is occupied heavily by Alger County. Pam Johnson is submitted grant applications for a new track machine and a truck for the Sheriff's Department.

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

It was moved by Commissioner Rondeau and seconded by Commissioner Pullen to adjourn this meeting at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none.

Jerry Doucette, Chairman
Alger County Board of Commissioners

Mary Ann Froberg
Alger County Clerk