

**ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING**

**September 16, 2019**

**Approved October 21, 2019**

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

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 Mattson and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to approve the consent agenda which includes the following items:

- Affirm approving 36-month Edge Pro Contract with Compudyne at \$3,000 per month;
- Affirm authorizing going to the Labor Relations Workshop in Frankenmuth October 17, 2019;
- Authorizing UPACC Fall Conference 10 – 11, 2019 in Sault Ste. Marie;
- Approve payment of all Board Bills;
- Approve Financial Reports of all funds (Trial Balance Report Available);
- Authorize the clerk to transfer \$228.21 from the audit budget into the advertising budget;
- Authorize the treasurer to create Fund #220 Conservation District;

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

It was moved by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to approve the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of August 12, 2019. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – Commissioner Pullen.

It was moved by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to approve the Board of Commissioners meeting minutes of August 19, 2019. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – Commissioner Pullen.

There was some discussion concerning insurance covering liability at the animal shelter and the legality of animal control for the county.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to authorize signing the Emergency Management Grant Application. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none. This item is to be reaffirmed after signing.

It was moved by Commissioner Rondeau and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to approve the Veterans Relief Millage at .10. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – Commissioner Pullen.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to approve the 911 Millage rate at .50. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – Commissioner Pullen.

It was moved by Commissioner Rondeau and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to approve amended HCSP with MERS. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – Commissioner Pullen.

It was moved by Commissioner Rondeau and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to authorize payment of \$750 to the Alger County Fair Board for the Alger County Fair. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – Commissioner Pullen.

There was no unfinished business.

There were no miscellaneous financial matters.

It was moved by Commissioner Rondeau and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to approve Resolution **#2019-20 OPPOSING LEGISLATION TO PREVENT COUNTY COMMISSIONER CANDIDATES FROM DISCLOSING THEIR PARTY AFFILIATION ON BALLOTS PROVIDED TO MICHIGAN VOTERS**

WHEREAS, Executive Director of the Michigan Association of Counties (MAC), of which Alger County is a dues paying member, stated MAC is considering supporting a change to Michigan election law; and

WHEREAS, this change in Michigan law would force candidates for the office of County Commissioner to run as a "non-partisan" candidate and would prohibit said candidates from disclosing their party affiliation on ballots provided to Michigan voters; and

WHEREAS, preventing disclosure of a candidate's party affiliation needlessly restricts and censors information that Michigan voters have traditionally relied upon to help them select a candidate who shares their values; and

WHEREAS, the proposed change to Michigan election law is not needed as current Michigan law already permits County Commission candidates to withhold information about their party affiliation from being print on ballots provided to Michigan voters; and

WHEREAS, under the current law, Commissioner Candidates are able to run for office without being affiliated with a political party and disclosing their affiliation, by running as an independent candidate.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alger County Board of Commissioners hereby support providing Michigan voters with full information about their candidates for County Commissioner, and hereby oppose forcing a candidate for County Commissioner to run as a "non-partisan" candidate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alger County Board of Commissioners hereby request copies of this resolution be sent to State Senator Ed McBroom, State Representative Sara Cambensy, the Michigan Association of Counties, and all Michigan Counties, within two weeks of the passage of this resolution.

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

Commissioner Mattson noted that Budget Committee meetings will need to be rescheduled.

Commissioner Doucette announced that he has been nominated to the R.A.C. Steering Committee. Commissioner Doucette has met with U.S. House Representative Jack Bergman, Michigan State Senator Ed McBroom, and Michigan House Representative Sara Cambensy to express concerns on the local level, recent P.I.L.T. cuts, and HB4590. Commissioner Rondeau noted that law enforcement needs the proper resources to support the community and that safety comes with a cost.

Correspondence was briefly read from Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians regarding 2% Funding Request; Department of Health and Human Services regarding support for the Caro Center; Michigan Department of Natural Resources regarding Public Open House and Compartment Review.

Sheriff Brock said the Sheriff's Department passed the recent state compliance inspection "with flying colors." Sheriff Brock noted that Wilma Hill's event went well; MSP is waiting for DTMB; school protections are moving along nicely.

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 VanLandschoot to adjourn this meeting at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – Commissioner Pullen.

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Jerry Doucette, Chairman  
Alger County Board of Commissioners

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Mary Ann Froberg  
Alger County Clerk