

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

July 8, 2019

Approved August 19, 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, 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 approve the agenda as presented.

The Board of Commissioners reviewed the Veteran's Report.

Dulcee Ranta explained the progress of the Equalization Department. Ms. Ranta will begin reviewing properties this year. There was some discussion regarding services and the fee schedule for parcel information.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to approve Dulcee Ranta's Contract for Services. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize up to five employees to attend the MERS Conference October 3-4 at Grand Traverse Resort. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to amend the MERS Adoption Agreements for Elected and Non-Union employees to increase employee contributions from 4% to 5%. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to amend MERS Health Care Savings Program Participation Agreement for division #301165 for a mandatory salary reduction of \$10.00 per pay period. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to approve payment of Michigan Association of Counties dues in the amount of \$4,459.45. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to approve renewing Guardian Pest Solutions maintenance for one year in the amount of \$1,245.45. 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 authorize payment to Pathways for their quarterly appropriation in the amount of \$8,305.00. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to approve payment of all 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 clerk to amend the jail budget deducting \$7,815.28 for Sheila Peters' health insurance. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the clerk to amend the general fund EMD budget adding \$7,815.28 for Sheila Peters' health insurance. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the treasurer to transfer \$7,815.28 from the general fund EMD budget into the EMD Fund health insurance line item (258-000-723.000). This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the treasurer to transfer the cost allocations from funds to general fund in the amount of \$170,193 (see sheet). This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the treasurer to transfer from funds into general fund in the amount of \$144,570.92 (see sheet). This item will be added to the consent agenda.

There were no miscellaneous financial matters.

It was the consensus of the board to approve Resolution #2019-17 U.P. Area Agency on Aging 2020-2022 Multi-Year Plan for Services to the Elderly. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

Commissioner Pullen updated the board regarding her attendance at a Munising Township board meeting. Commissioner Rondeau updated the board regarding Veteran's Affairs. Commissioner Mattson explained recent Labor Committee meetings will have ongoing issues. Commissioner Doucette will be speaking at a NACo meeting regarding Veteran's Affairs.

There was no correspondence.

Commissioner Rondeau mentioned there is a superbug cockroach in the Southern United States.

Steve Webber explained that changes in staffing and offices have been discussed in recent labor committee meetings. The Michigan Indigent Defense Commission grant for FY2020 was approved by the State of Michigan. The Prosecuting Attorney's office has filled both Child Support Coordinator and Crime Victim Advocate positions. There was some further discussion regarding a potential excise tax and OPEBs.

Public comment session was open. There was some discussion regarding excessive traffic through Alger County. There was no further public comment from the floor; thus, the public comment session was closed.

The Chairman adjourned this meeting at 5:25 p.m.

Jerry Doucette, Chairman
Alger County Board of Commissioners

Mary Ann Froberg
Alger County Clerk