

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

**June 10, 2019**

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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.

The agenda was presented.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize a 3-year contract with Excel Fire Protection Co., Inc. for the courthouse and separately for the jail. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize two new MERS plans for non-union employees and elected officials. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize payout of \$15,496.35 to Leota Paquette. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

Steve Webber briefly explained information that was valuable from last year's conference. It was the consensus of the board to authorize the register, chief deputy register, and treasurer to attend PRIA conference in Colorado Springs in August 2019. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

The Marijuana Policy from Cohl, Stoker & Toskey, P.C. will be reviewed for the next meeting.

It was the consensus of the board to reappoint Anita Bouth and Debra Beeuwsaert to the Library Board. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the Land Bank to pay back DTR in approximately three years for the LMAS building. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize repairs for the Building Codes vehicle in the approximate amount of \$555.00 (249-000-801.050). This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize Commissioner Doucette, Commissioner Pullen, Mary Ann Froberg, and Steve Webber to attend the MAC Annual Conference August 18-20, 2019. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize Prosecuting Attorney Robert Steinhoff to attend the PAAM Annual Conference August 22-25, 2019. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the purchase of title insurance for approximately \$3,200 for the airport land exchange. 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 board bills as recommended by the Audit Committee. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board 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 amending revenues in Transfer-In DTR (101-000-442.000) in the approximate amount of \$100,000 for the LMAS purchase. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize amending expenditures in the Capital Improvement budget (101-728-969.000) in the approximate amount of \$100,000 for the LMAS purchase. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the clerk to transfer \$500 from the audit budget into the advertising budget. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

There were no miscellaneous financial matters.

There were no resolutions.

Committee reports were next. Commissioner Rondeau reported that a contract is needed for the Veterans Affairs Service Officer. Commissioner Rondeau also updated the board concerning the H-58 trail. Commissioner Pullen attended the UPPAC Conference. Commissioner Doucette remarked on the privatization of mental health services. Commissioner Doucette also explained HB 4590. Commissioner Doucette also briefly spoke about Line 5, Raise the Age and the Septic Bill.

Correspondence was briefly read from Delta County Board of Commissioners, Maner Costerisan, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, United States Department of Agriculture, and U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow

Board comments were next. Commissioner Doucette noted that meals from Commission on Aging have dropped. Commissioner Rondeau spoke about Veterans Affairs and the U.S. Congress discussing raising their wage.

Staff comments were next. Robert Steinhoff explained that charges were brought in a homicide investigation. Pending approval by the Circuit Court Judge, Robert Steinhoff has appointed the Marquette County Prosecuting Attorney and deputies. Mr. Steinhoff also explained that his office is billing for drunk-driving prosecutions, and also intends to pursue abuse & neglect cases. Sgt. Peters explained recently purchased radios need to be encrypted. Steve Webber explained the need for encryption and the process. Mr. Webber discussed today's meeting concerning HB 4590.

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 5:15 p.m.

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Jerry Doucette, Chairman  
Alger County Board of Commissioners

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Mary Ann Froberg  
Alger County Clerk