

**ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING**

**December 21, 2020**

**Approved January 19, 2021**

Pursuant to recess, the Alger County Board of Commissioners convened via GoToMeeting 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. It was discussed that this was Commissioner VanLandschoot's last meeting. There was no further public comment; thus, the public comment was closed.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner Pullen to accept the agenda as presented. 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 amend the agenda to add item #9 Authorize replacing zone valve in the courthouse in the approximate amount of \$2,600, monies are to come from building & grounds. 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 Rondeau to approve the consent agenda which includes the following items:

Affirm to authorize a letter of support for the Alger County Conservation District for the Michigan Invasive Species Grant Program;

Affirm reappointment of Mickey Rondeau to the U.P. State Fair Authority for a two-year term;

Affirm reappointment of Jerry Doucette to the UPCAP Board of Directors for a two-year term;

Affirm to authorize Excel Fire Protection Company to fix the water system connections in the amount of \$7,290 as required by the City of Munising;

Affirm to rescind freeze on purchases for the county up to \$500;

Affirm to authorize the purchase of a plow for the building & grounds truck in the approximate amount of \$4,900.

Affirm to authorize the prosecuting attorney, clerk/register, treasurer, sheriff, appointed (non-union), and non-appointed (non-union) to receive a 2% raise;

Affirm to authorize the non-union employees' insurance buy-out to be \$9,119.66;

Affirm to authorize the Chair to sign Interlocal Agreement for Alger County to Approve Designated Assessor for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2026;

Accept Doug Miron's resignation letter from the Veteran's Affairs Board.

Authorize payment to Northcare for their substance abuse appropriation in the amount of \$9,470.80 (101-631-969.000);

Authorize payment to LMAS for their quarterly appropriation in the amount of \$20,049 (101-601-969.000);

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

Amend revenues in general fund reimbursements (101-000-767.000) in the amount of \$10,800;

Amend general fund probate - child care (101-663-969.000) in the amount of \$4,500;

Amend general fund audit (101-105-811.000) in the amount of \$6,300;

Authorize the treasurer to transfer \$4,500 from general fund probate - child care to fund #292 probate court – child care;

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 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of November 9, 2020 with correction. 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 Rondeau to approve the Board of Commissioners meeting minutes of November 16, 2020. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none.

Forester Matt Watkeys explained revisions requested by logger Jeff Zellar to the existing logging contract for the airport timber harvest. Mr. Watkeys suggested changing from lump sum to scale sale for the two rows that need to be harvested. It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to approve amending the airport timber harvest contract as presented. 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 replacing zone valve in the courthouse in the approximate amount of \$2,600, monies are to come from building & grounds. 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 allow the clerk, treasurer, and administrator to decide which GIS Information-Sharing Agreement to use that makes the most money and states that data is not for resale. 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 2021 general fund budgets. 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 2021 fund budgets. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none.

It was moved by Commissioner Rondeau and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to authorize advertising for the vacant position on the Veteran's Affairs Board for the unexpired term ending August 2021 – to include the Grand Marais Pilot. 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 Rondeau to authorize advertising for the vacant position on the County Road Commission – to include the Grand Marais Pilot. 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 renewal of WatchGuard Live Security Service with Compudyne in the amount of \$1,235. 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 Rondeau to approve all board bills as recommended by the Audit Committee. 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 Rondeau to amend revenues in reimbursements in the amount of \$47,022. 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 amend expenditures in the county commissioners budget in the amount of \$10,296.07 (CARES Act). 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 Rondeau to amend expenditures in the county clerk's budget in the amount of \$455.38 (CARES Act). 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 Rondeau to amend expenditures in the jail budget in the amount of \$27,818.23 (CARES Act). 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 amend expenditures in the building & grounds budget in the amount of \$8,452.32 (CARES Act). Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none.

There were no resolutions.

Correspondence was briefly read.

Commissioner Pullen said there were statements made in a correspondence letter regarding the animal shelter meeting and she would like to speak with someone that was at that meeting. Commissioner Rondeau congratulated Mary Ann Froberg for her recognition by the Secretary of State for election administration and would like to recognize Doug Miron and Commissioner VanLandschoot. Commissioner VanLandschoot thanked everyone and said this has been an outstanding board to go out on. Commissioner Mattson thanked Commissioner VanLandschoot for his service, congratulated Mary Ann Froberg, and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Commissioner Doucette: congratulated Mary Ann Froberg as well; reminded everyone of the organizational meeting on January 5<sup>th</sup> and not to forget to get sworn in; thanked the staff.

Mary Ann Froberg said thank you for the support, that 2020 was rough and 2021 may be too. Steve Blank thanked the board, is glad 2020 is over and is hoping 2021 is better all around. Sheriff Brock wished Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and is glad to see a vaccine is coming out. Steve Webber said: he is happier than anyone that 2020 is over; thanked department heads for working with staff; calm demeanor and respect will get us through this; wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year; noted we are not through this yet. Commissioner Doucette welcomed incoming Commissioner Laing. Commissioner Rondeau promoted Christmas in the Village.

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.

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Jerry Doucette, Chairman  
Alger County Board of Commissioners

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Mary Ann Froberg  
Alger County Clerk