

**ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING**

February 18, 2020

Approved April 27, 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. Line 5 and the proposed jail sink purchase were discussed. There was no further public comment; thus, the public comment was closed.

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to approve 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 Rondeau to approve the consent agenda which includes the following items:

Affirm authorizing sheriff's department to purchase equipment in the amount of \$2,620.40 – Grant to cover \$2,039 - \$581.40 to come from the jail equipment line item;

Affirm approving the new ambulance pay;

Approve the sheriff purchasing new stainless-steel sink in the amount of \$908.65 – Monies to come from commissary fund #595;

Affirm approving payout to Laurie Pine in the amount of \$14,638.72 – to come from the Friend of the Court budget;

Affirm reappointing Todd Brock to the UP 9-1-1 Authority board;

Affirm approving support payment of For The Record in the amount of \$1,398 (to be split with Probate for one and Circuit/District Courts for one);

Affirm authorizing the chair to sign the MIDC Grant;

Authorize the Sheriff to upgrade the Hotspot WiFi with DH Wireless Solutions for the ambulances in the amount of \$3,881.02;

Authorize the sheriff to upgrade the modems in the lifepaks for the ambulances with Stryker in the amount of \$2,639.25;

Approve payment of all Board Bills;

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

Authorize the treasurer to transfer revenue received in 2020 for the expenses in 2019:

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| ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE | | |
| 101-000040000 | \$276,056.75 | |
| 101-000403000 Current Tax | | \$13,569.84 |
| 101-000403010 Current Tax Interest | | \$602.74 |
| 101-000403050 County Property Tax Adm | | \$580.14 |
| 101-000426000 Swamp Tax | | \$197,757.17 |
| 101-000477000 Dog License | | \$5.00 |
| 101-000502000 Friend of the Court | | \$0.00 |
| 101-000503000 P.A. ADC | | \$0.00 |
| 101-000504000 P.A. Crime Victim Rights | | \$0.00 |
| 101-000544000 P.A. Atty Fees - State Inmate | | \$0.00 |
| 101-000567000 Diverted Felons | | \$4,921.70 |
| 101-000571000 Convention Facility Tax | | \$0.00 |
| 101-000573000 Court Equity Fund Distrib | | \$0.00 |
| 101-000576000 Diversion Officer | | \$0.00 |
| 101-000577000 County Juv. Officer | | \$0.00 |
| 101-000616000 Sheriff | | \$0.00 |
| 101-000612000 Treasurer | | \$60.00 |
| 101-000614000 ROD | | \$987.00 |
| 101-000615000 Real Estate Transfer Tax | | \$33,825.00 |
| 101-000628000 Remonumentation Adm. Fee | | \$30.42 |
| 101-000645000 County Inmate Room & Board | | \$4,860.00 |
| 101-000664000 Interest on Investments | | \$0.00 |
| 101-000668000 Rent | | \$0.00 |
| 101-000676000 Reimbursement | | \$18,857.74 |

Authorize the treasurer to transfer grant revenue back from 2020 to 2019:

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| 276-000040000 | \$10,638.99 | |
| 276-000400010 (Michigan Drug Court) (July thru Dec 2019) Received July - Sept 1/9/2020 | | \$10,638.99 |
| 260-000040000 | \$3,805.90 | |
| 260-000405000 Sheriffs Secondary Rd) Received 1/28/2020 | | \$3,805.90 |
| 262-000040000 | \$38,321.27 | |
| 262-357400000 (Stonegarden Grant) Received 1/29/2020 | | \$38,321.27 |

Authorize the clerk to transfer between 2019 budgets:

- *\$637.61 from Board of Commissioners budget into the Advertising budget
- *\$406.06 from Board of Commissioners budget into the District Court budget
- *\$7,689.41 from Capital Improvement budget into the Probate Court budget
- *\$2,337.50 from Board of Commissioners budget into the Administrator budget
- *\$56.66 from the Board of Commissioners budget into the Prosecuting Attorney budget
- *\$3,730.36 from the Circuit Court budget into the Building & Grounds budget
- *\$24,000 from the Sheriff's Dept budget into the Jail budget
- *\$24,118.60 from the Capital Improvement budget into the Jail budget
- *\$10,375 from the Capital Improvement budget into the Medical Examiner budget
- *\$600 from the Equalization Dept budget into the Veterans Burials budget

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 Organizational meeting minutes of January 7, 2020. 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 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of January 13, 2020. 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 Rondeau to approve the Board of Commissioners meeting minutes of January 21, 2019. 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 close out for the Alger County UP Forest Products Rail Study. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none.

Carlee Wasik with MSU Extension was present to discuss MSUE programming in Trenary this quarter. Carlee is managing 3-year grant for Falls Prevention.

Alger County lacks a Recreation Plan and therefore is ineligible to facilitate Munising Trail Network's requested grant facilitation

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner Pullen to approve the Blue Cross Blue Shield contract for the jail inmates. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none.

Alger County Veterans Affairs Committee Bylaws will be reviewed further.

It was moved by Commissioner Rondeau and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to approve the Veteran's FY2020 County Veterans Service Fund Grant Application in the amount of \$55,085. 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 five attendees and travel to the MAC Legislative Conference April 15-17, 2020. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none.

There were no miscellaneous financial matters.

There was no unfinished business.

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to approve **Resolution #2020-04 Resolution in Support of Line 5:**

WHEREAS, Enbridge's Line 5 has been operating safely and reliably in Michigan for more than 65 years; and

WHEREAS, Enbridge's Line 5, a light crude and natural gas liquids pipeline, helps to safely meet Michigan's energy needs by fulfilling more than half of the propane needs of the state; and

WHEREAS, the products delivered to regional refineries provide jobs and ultimately fuel our lives; and

WHEREAS, multiple and extensive inspections and safety tests over the last several years have confirmed the integrity of Line 5 at the Straits of Mackinac as fit for service; and

WHEREAS, Enbridge has proposed to invest \$500 million to make a safe pipeline safer by placing a tunnel with one-foot-thick concrete walls 100 feet underground and make the chances of a leak into the Straits virtually zero; and

WHEREAS, consequences to energy supply, local producers, regional airports and refineries, jobs, local economies and the pocketbook of Michiganders across the U.P. and the state are too great for Line 5 to be shut down before the tunnel replacement can be completed;

WHEREAS, Enbridge has demonstrated a willingness to work with the state to both protect the Great Lakes and ensure the continued safe delivery of energy we all rely on.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alger County Board of Commissioners extends its support for Enbridge's proposed tunnel replacement project and urges the State of Michigan to work with Enbridge to complete the tunnel project as quickly as possible and not disrupt Line 5 service before the tunnel can be completed.

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

Committee Reports. Commissioner VanLandschoot attended LMAS and Judicial. Commissioner Rondeau updating concerning Alger Conservation District meeting and Forestry regarding management plan. Commissioner Pullen updated the board concerning logging the airport property

Correspondence were briefly read.

Commissioner Rondeau handed out a photo of parking on his road by the Ice Caves and would like the board to keep public comment to their respective sections. Commissioner Pullen believes the resolution that was passed tonight is important. Commissioner Rondeau would like to see some funding towards UPSET. Commissioner Doucette discussed flooding along the AuTrain River.

Steve Webber commented that control and permits regarding the flow of water through AuTrain River rests at the township level. The County and Emergency Management have little, if any action it can take. Commissioner Doucette further commented on the AuTrain Dam and spillway.

Sheriff Brock explained Lt. Pernaski will be attending the next regional government meeting to discuss funding for UPSET. The Ambulance Millage seems to have strong support. Undersheriff Blank is working on the Sheriff Department year-end report and would like to trade the backup rescue snowmobile. Sheriff Brock commented that the advanced life support capabilities of the rescue service have made all the difference in lives saved. Prosecuting Attorney, Robert Steinhoff noted that the ice caves events went without major incident. Mr. Steinhoff also noted that sections of the Michigan Sex Offender Registry may be deemed unconstitutional. Joel VandeVelde commented that the BCBS inmate medical plan may be used when needed, but no such plan exists for individuals.

Public comment session was open. David Kronk from Grand Island Township expressed opposition to passing Resolution #2020-04 before studies have completed. There was further discussion regarding the Line 5 resolution and Enbridge. Renewable and sustainable energy alternatives were encouraged. Emergency Medical and Rescue equipment was discussed. There was some discussion regarding the importance and support for a tunnel for Line 5. Benefits from expanding the county airport were questioned. Further research into sustainable energy were again encouraged. Establishing a voluntary sustainability advisory board was suggested. There was no further public comment; thus, the public comment was closed.

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to adjourn this meeting at 5:37 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