

**ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING**

July 20, 2020

Approved August 17, 2020

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. There was no public comment; thus, the public comment was closed.

The agenda was amended to add item #9 award the bid for timber sale. It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to approve the agenda as amended. 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 Mattson to approve the consent agenda which includes the following items:

Authorize the sheriff to purchase 7 new pagers for the ambulance service through ELCOM in the total amount of \$2,682.75 – monies to come from the ambulance fund;

Authorize wiring for air compressor, heater, and 2 receptacles with steel covers, etc. (see sheet) in the ambulance garage with Milloy Electric in the total amount of \$1,337.50 – monies to come from the ambulance fund;

Authorize purchasing remote speaker mics and cases from ELCOM in the amount of \$1,722 – monies to come from the 911 fund;

Authorize Joe Cilc hiring an attorney regarding a soil erosion problem – monies to come from the building department fund;

Approve the clerk to preserve three vital record books with Kofile in the approximate amount of \$8,000 – monies to come from the clerk's budget;

Approve getting additional amplifiers in the courthouse for better wi-fi boost;

Authorize mental health quarterly appropriation to Pathways in the amount of \$8,305 (101-649-969.000);

Authorize LMAS quarterly appropriation in the amount of \$20,049 (101-601-696.000);

Approve payment of all Board Bills;

Approve Financial Reports for all funds (Trial Balance Report available)

Authorize the treasurer to transfer cost allocation from funds to general fund (see sheet);

Authorize the treasurer to transfer amounts from funds to general fund per budgets (see sheet);

Authorize the treasurer to create fund #538 for remonumentation;

Authorize the treasurer to transfer remaining revenue from remonumentation fund #701-000-230.010 to fund #538 remonumentation;

Authorize the treasurer to transfer \$60,000 from the general fund capital improvement to fund #404 capital improvement fund;

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 VanLandschoot to approve the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of June 8, 2020. 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 VanLandschoot to approve the Public Hearing meeting minutes of June 15, 2020. 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 Mattson to approve the Board of Commissioners meeting minutes of June 15, 2020. 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 VanLandschoot to approve the Special Board meeting minutes of June 30, 2020. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays – none.
Absent – none.

There was discussion regarding opening the courthouse. The Upper Peninsula COVID-19 risk has been elevated to medium-high.

It was moved by Commissioner Rondeau to open the courthouse per Sgt. Peters' recommendation. Commissioner Pullen would like to see a timeframe or trial period included. There was some discussion concerning the details of opening the courthouse. The motion was amended to include 'from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.'

It was moved by Commissioner Rondeau and seconded by Commissioner Pullen to open the courthouse from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Pullen, Rondeau, and VanLandschoot. Nays – Commissioner Mattson and Doucette. Absent – none.

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to award Timber Sale at Hanley Airfield to Bear Creek Logging for the competitive bid of \$275,400. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none.

The Timber Sale Contract was discussed. The seller description will be changed from Alger County Airport Committee to Alger County.

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign the Timber Sale Contract with Alger County as the seller. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none.

Sheriff Brock is waiting for further details concerning total cost for painting of jail cells.

It was moved by Commissioner Rondeau and seconded by Commissioner Pullen to postpone authorizing painting the old part of the jail ceiling and walls with exterior paint until next month. 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 authorize the sheriff to purchase six body cameras and four new tasers in the total amount of \$14,186.02 – see sheet for monies. 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 postpone authorizing purchase of a new washing machine for the jail until next month so the law enforcement committee can gather necessary information. 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 up to five attendees for the virtual M.A.C. Conference. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none.

There were no miscellaneous financial matters.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner Pullen to approve **Resolution #2020-07 Support the United States Postal Service:**

Expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States Postal Service should remain a strong and universal services for the people of the United States and should receive an appropriation to offset revenues lost due to the COVID-19 emergency.

Whereas the United States Postal Service is, by law, "a basic and fundamental service provided to the people by the Government of the United States, authorized by the Constitution, created by Act of Congress, and supported by the people";

Whereas the United States Postal Service is obligated under the law to "provide prompt, reliable, and efficient services to patrons in all areas" and "render services to all communities", in such a way so that "the costs of the Postal Service shall not be apportioned to impair the overall value of such service to the people";

Whereas the United States Postal Service maintains a universal network that, connects all rural, suburban, and urban communities in the United States;

Whereas the United States Postal Service carries necessary correspondence and goods to each community, including prescriptions and critical medications;

Whereas the United States Postal Service uniquely serves "the last mile", delivering to every business and residential customer not fewer than 6 days per week;

Whereas the United States Postal Service helps small businesses stay connected with their customers no matter where they live;

Whereas more than 630,000 employees work for the United States Postal Service, including more than 97,000 military veterans, to carry out this mission; and

Whereas the United States Postal Service is at the center of the mailing industry, which generates \$1,600,000,000,000 annually and employs approximately 7,300,000 individuals in the United States: Now, therefore be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Senate—

(1) that the United States Postal Service—

(A) should not close post offices or facilities, especially in areas that would otherwise lack access to the services these facilities provide;

(B) should not reduce its standards of service, or prevent individuals and businesses in every community from receiving their mail expediently and predictably;

(C) should not unduly or excessively raise the prices of its products or services in such a way as to jeopardize the affordability and accessibility of such products and services in each community across the nation; and

(D) should maintain prompt, reliable, and efficient services to all patrons affordably, as required under the law and by the people of the United States; and

(2) that Congress should appropriate funds to offset lost revenues of the United States Postal Service during the COVID-19 emergency and should take all appropriate measures to ensure the United States Postal Service maintains its services and remains an accessible, independent establishment of the Federal Government.

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 postpone the Stepping up Initiative resolution. 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 ignore the remaining resolutions. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none.

Correspondence were briefly read.

Sgt. Peters thanked everyone. Prosecuting Attorney Robert Steinhoff would like a communication to staff explaining the board's decision to open the courthouse. Steve Webber will work with Bryan Hill to prepare hand sanitizers, signage, cleaning supplies and other supplies necessary to open.

Public comment session was open. Frank Egeler from Senator McBroom's office updated the board concerning federal covid-19 funds legislation. Commissioner Pullen asked about Adult Foster Care Facility testing. Mr. Egeler will check with their office's in Lansing. There was no further public comment; thus, the public comment was closed.

It was moved by Commissioner Rondeau and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to adjourn this meeting at 6:15 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