

**ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING**

September 21, 2020

Approved October 19, 2020

Pursuant to recess, the Alger County Board of Commissioners convened via GoToMeeting at 4:05 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. Erin Carter with a brief MSU Extension update. There was no further public comment; thus, the public comment was closed.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to amend the agenda moving item #12 Sheriff Grievance as item #8. 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 the consent agenda which includes the following items:

Authorize the MATCP Drug Court Online Conference in the amount of \$2,840 (\$2,535 to come from the Drug Court Grant);

Affirm authorizing a new computer for the Crime Victims Advocate in the amount of \$1,495.35 - monies are to come from the Prosecuting Attorney office to be reimbursed by the Crime Victims Grant;

Affirm approving the FY2021 County Veterans Service Fund Grant in the amount of \$51,268;

Affirm purchasing new car light battery for the elevator from OTIS in the amount of \$541.00;

Affirm authorizing transferring \$57,571.88 from the airport fund #295 to general fund airport – sale of timber in reimbursements 101-000-673.000 for monies spent on airport ownership;

Affirm approving the Veteran’s millage rate of .10 mil;

Affirm approving the 911 millage rate at .50 mil;

Approve LMAS District Health Department appropriation in the amount of \$20,049 (101-601-969.000);

Approve payment of all Board Bills;

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

Authorize the treasurer to set up new fund #282 CARES Act;

Authorize the clerk to amend general fund expenditures in the Probate Child Care budget in the amount of \$18,000;

Authorize the treasurer to amend general fund revenues in real estate transfer tax (101-000-615.000) in the amount of \$18,000;

Authorize the treasurer to transfer \$18,000 from the general fund Probate Child Care budget to Probate Child Care Fund #292;

Approve Resolution #2020-08 Reject Appointment of Victoria Enyart;

Approve Resolution #2020-09 To Create a Tourism Reinvestment Excise Tax;

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 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of August 10, 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 Pullen to approve the Board of Commissioners meeting minutes of August 17, 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 Rondeau to pass Sheriff Department grievance to the Labor Committee for a recommendation. Courtney Gabbara made a few suggestions for the motion. It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to revoke the previous motion. 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 the Labor Committee to continue meeting with the Sheriff's union for recommendation by October 6, 2020 to be voted on October 13, 2020. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none.

Barbara Trombley was present to explain local collection efforts to collect e-waste to be recycled. Ms. Trombley is requesting board support as a passthrough for 2% funding.

Dulcee Ranta explained the County Designated Assessor requirements and the county's Request for Proposal for a Designated Assessor. The Equalization Committee will review the RFP.

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to approve the L-4029 Equalization Report. 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 Lynne Maki to receive a signal booster at her home in the amount of \$582.99. 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 the treasurer to hire two part-time people – pay is to come from the DTR (only in favor of hiring two people if pay is from the DTR). 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 new tires for Building Department. 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 authorize payment to DTMB in the total amount of \$1,400 for services provided by Michigan Public Safety Communication System (emergency radios) – monies to come from 911. 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 authorize MAC (Michigan Association of Counties) dues payment in the amount of \$4,959.45 – monies to come from the board of commissioner's budget. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none.

There were no miscellaneous financial matters.

Commissioner Rondeau explained he does not support proposed Resolution #2020-10 Aid to Local Government Units in its current form. Commissioner Pullen agrees to withdraw and review the resolution.

Correspondence was briefly read.

Commissioner Rondeau is opposed to legislation addressing racism as a public health crisis. Commissioner Pullen received a letter from the Prosecuting Attorney regarding the animal shelter and the issue should be resolved soon. Commissioner Mattson questioned if bids for painting the jail cells were ever received, as well as a new washing machine for the jail. Sheriff Brock explained he is still reviewing what work is needed for the painting project, and the washer should be coming soon. Commissioner Doucette expressed the need to work together and that poor communication will lead to failure, also plans to open the building will be discussed next meeting. Commissioner Pullen noted that meeting with clients on the porch breaches confidentiality. Steve Webber said issues escalate from the original conversation.

Sheriff Brock explained the old jail was fixed. Steve Webber said that a lot of issues were brought up today that need to be managed. Everyone has the best intentions for Alger County, and we could be in trouble if attorneys dictate how the county operates. Pam Johnson thanked everyone for what they have done today. Mary Ann Froberg explained that a judge ruled that ballots postmarked by November 2 can be counted in the upcoming election. Sheila Peters noted that COVID-19 numbers are going up, schools are closing, and she is working on Cares Act grants.

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 VanLandschoot to adjourn this meeting at 5:30 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