

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

August 10, 2020

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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.

It was the consensus of the board to accept the agenda as presented.

Erin Carter, MSU Extension District 2 Director, updated the board concerning program activities.

Jamie Nebel, Juvenile Officer, will attend the next budget meeting to explain the 2021 Child Care Budget.

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to authorize Drug Court staff to attend the MATCP Conference in March 2021. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none.

District Forester, Matt Watkeys, discussed concerns over damage to Highway M-94 by the temporary access road. It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to authorize Commissioner Pullen to sign the USDA Road Use Permit and the purchase of gravel regarding the airport property. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the treasurer to purchase a new computer out of the foreclosure fund in the approximate amount of \$1,200. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

Executive Order 2020-160 was briefly discussed. Prosecuting Attorney, Robert Steinhoff explained that additional jury trials will likely be cancelled due to recent increases in COVID-19 cases in Alger County.

There were no cost saving 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 the treasurer to transfer \$13,264.94 from the DTR into the 911 Fund for a new county server to be repaid next year.

There were no miscellaneous financial matters.

There were no resolutions.

Commissioner Doucette briefly updated the board regarding UPCAP and Michigan Works! Commissioner Rondeau will be meeting with the Veteran's Trust Fund board to work on new grants. Commissioner Pullen explained that the airport timber harvest is moving forward; Pathways CEO is retiring next May; foster homes still need to be tested for COVID-19.

Correspondence was briefly read.

Highway M28 at the AuTrain bridge was discussed. Commissioner Doucette noted Reindeer Run is having issues as well. Commissioner Pullen explained other roads throughout Alger County are dangerous or are in poor condition, especially Chapel Road. There was further discussion regarding the explosion in tourism and revenues not following suit. Sheriff Brock has

expressed that road patrol requires an increase in funding. HB4590 is still in the legislature. Commissioner Rondeau said things will straighten up after COVID-19.

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 5:40 p.m.

Jerry Doucette, Chairman
Alger County Board of Commissioners

Mary Ann Froberg
Alger County Clerk