

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

December 14, 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, and Doucette. Absent – Commissioner VanLandschoot.

The board of commissioners said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public comment session was open. There was brief discussion regarding county employee layoffs and the animal shelter. There was no further public comment; thus, the public comment was closed.

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

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to authorize a letter of support for the Alger County Conservation District for the Michigan Invasive Species Grant Program. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – Commissioner VanLandschoot.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner Pullen to reappoint Mickey Rondeau to the U.P. State Fair Authority for a two-year term. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – Commissioner VanLandschoot.

It was moved by Commissioner Rondeau and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to reappoint Jerry Doucette to the UPCAP Board of Directors for a two-year term. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – Commissioner VanLandschoot.

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

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner Pullen to rescind freeze on purchases for the county up to \$500. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – Commissioner VanLandschoot.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to authorize the purchase of a plow for the building & grounds truck in the approximate amount of \$4,900. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – Commissioner VanLandschoot.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner Pullen to authorize the prosecuting attorney, clerk/register, treasurer, sheriff, appointed (non-union), and non-appointed (non-union) to receive a 2% raise. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – Commissioner VanLandschoot.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to authorize the non-union employees' insurance buy-out to be \$9,119.66. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – Commissioner VanLandschoot.

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau 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. Motion carried by the

following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – Commissioner VanLandschoot.

It was the consensus of the board to accept Doug Miron’s resignation letter from the Veteran’s Affair Board. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

There were no cost saving ideas or revenue sources.

There was no unfinished business.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize payment to Northcare for their substance abuse appropriation in the amount of \$9,470.80 (101-631-969.000). This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize payment to LMAS for their quarterly appropriation in the amount of \$20,049 (101-601-969.000). This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to 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 amend revenues in general fund reimbursements (101-000-767.000) in the amount of \$10,800. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to amend general fund probate - child care (101-663-969.000) in the amount of \$4,500. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to amend general fund audit (101-105-811.000) in the amount of \$6,300. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the treasurer to transfer \$4,500 from general fund probate - child care to fund #292 probate court – child care. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

There were no miscellaneous financial matters.

There were no resolutions.

Commissioner Pullen explained that the trees blown down at the airport are dramatic, and she is busy with a Pathways grievance. Commissioner Rondeau added that the trees at the airport would be in rough shape if let go much longer. Commissioner Mattson noted that the 2021 county budget has been finalized after many unpleasant meetings. CARES Act funds will put some departments back in line. LMAS mentioned that hospitals are having staffing issues due to their inability to transfer between locations. Commissioner Doucette met with Representative Cambensy to discuss HB 4590 which received no traction during the lame duck session. The 15 county coalition priority is the expansion of rural broadband.

Correspondence were briefly read.

Commissioner Doucette said that 2020 was a difficult year and he expects 2021 to be equally hectic. Departments will need to be mindful of their budgets as the State of Michigan has already signaled that revenue reductions are coming soon. Commissioner Pullen asked for a swearing in date, Mary Ann Froberg said anytime. Commissioner Rondeau asked how Commissioner VanLandschoot was doing, which Commissioner Mattson updated for him. There was some discussion about recognizing Commissioner VanLandschoot for his service.

Public comment session was open. Barb Isom said thank you for the hard work. Road Commissioner John Hermann asked what the procedure to replace Doug Miron would be. Mary Ann Froberg explained that a replacement would need to be appointed for a year term until the next election where someone could run for a partial term. There was no further public comment from the floor; thus, the public comment session was closed.

The Chairman adjourned this meeting at 5:20 p.m.

Jerry Doucette, Chairman
Alger County Board of Commissioners

Mary Ann Froberg
Alger County Clerk