

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

February 10, 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. There was no public comment; thus, the public comment was closed.

It was the consensus of the board to amend the agenda to include item 10a Ambulance Pay.

Rhonda Lasilla, President of the Munising Trail Network is requesting Alger County to facilitate a Land Acquisition Trust Fund Grant. The land involved in the land acquisition lays in Au Train Township as well as Munising Township. This land acquisition would create an easement for the North Country Trail. A County Recreation Plan would need to be created.

Yvonne from Blue Cross Blue Shield is postponed.

Alger County Road Commission Manager, Robert Lindbeck was present to give a Road Commission update.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner Pullen to authorize the sheriff's department to purchase equipment in the amount of \$2,620.40 – Grant to cover \$2,039 with the remaining monies to come from Sheriff Department equipment. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none.

Sheriff Brock explained that personnel using their own vehicles to tow rescue equipment to an accident scene will be compensated a flat \$25.00. It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to approve the Ambulance pay update adding \$20.00 for addition waiting hours. 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 jail to purchase a new stainless-steel sink in the amount of \$908.65 – Monies to come from commissary fund #595. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was moved by Commissioner Rondeau and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to approve payout to Laurie Pine in the amount of \$14,638.72 – to come from the Friend of the Court budget. 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 reappoint Todd Brock the UP 911 Authority Board. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none.

Sheriff Brock explained that in order to see an increase in U.P.S.E.T. services, a monetary donation is needed to the organization. There was discussion regarding the drug epidemic as well as drug forfeitures that could be used to support U.P.S.E.T.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the sheriff to upgrade the Hotspot Wi-Fi with DH Wireless Solutions for the ambulance in the amount of \$3,881.02. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the sheriff to upgrade the modems in the lifepaks for the ambulances with Stryker in the amount of \$2,639.25. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

Yvonne from Blue Cross Blue Shield was present to explain the inmate medical services program provided by Blue Cross Blue Shield. The program is only used as needed and must be renewed annually. There was some discussion regarding mental health services.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to approve support payment of For The Record in the amount of \$1,398 (to be split with Probate Court for one and Circuit and District Courts for the other. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none.

Becky Johns was present to discuss the proposed Alger County Veterans Affairs Committee Bylaws. Commissioner Rondeau noted that the Veterans Committee is drafting these Bylaws from scratch, but the process is coming along. Commissioner Pullen discussed potential revisions and corrections.

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

Commissioner Pullen has set up a meeting with Matt Watkeys to review various issues concerning the harvest of timber on the airport land. There was further discussion regarding the establishment of an authority and the potential for the airport to generate enough revenue to be revenue neutral. The airport committee will discuss these issues further at their next meeting.

There was some discussion regarding reducing the use of paper and increasing the use of technology such as chrome books.

There was no unfinished business.

There were no appropriations.

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 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 authorize the treasurer to transfer revenue received in 2020 for the expenses in 2019 (see sheet). This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the treasurer to transfer grant revenue back from 2020 to 2019 (see sheet). This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the clerk to transfer between 2019 budgets (see sheet). This item will be added to the consent agenda.

There were no miscellaneous financial matters.

There were no resolutions.

Commissioner VanLandschoot attended LMAS and Judicial meetings. CAAM and DHHS meetings are forthcoming. Commissioner Mattson explained LMAS updates, MIDC, and is looking forward to closing out 2019 expenses. Commissioner Rondeau noted progress regarding a \$50,000 veterans affairs grant, and briefly updated the board concerning the Alger County Fair Board.

Correspondence was briefly read.

Commissioner Pullen commented on the board packet. Commissioner Rondeau noted that Senator Broom is concerned with the Governor's lack of interest in the rural communities. Commissioner VanLandschoot has mixed feelings about the airport. Commissioner Doucette gave brief legislative updates.

Prosecuting Attorney Robert Steinhoff explained a recent court matter concerning a defendant violating bond who had brought a five-month old baby to court.

Public comment session was open. Inmate medical costs and utilization of airport land for solar energy generation were discussed. Various topics of concern were discussed: residents in tough financial situations, many working multiple jobs; keeping young people in the area; noise from increased airport traffic. There was no further public comment from the floor; thus, the public comment session was closed.

The Chairman adjourned this meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Jerry Doucette, Chairman
Alger County Board of Commissioners

Mary Ann Froberg
Alger County Clerk