

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

**January 13, 2020**

**Approved February 18, 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. Vicki Ballas updated the board concerning 2019 activities for Commission on Aging, Parks & Recreation, school programming, substance abuse programs/education, MARESA, MSU Extension and Alger County Community Collaborative. There was no further public comment; thus, the public comment was closed.

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

It was the consensus of the board to authorize pay raises for non-union and elected officials of 2.5%. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board authorize increase of insurance payout in the amount of \$8,619.66. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize Security Suite with Compudyne in the amount of \$1,235.00. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board authorize the Register and Chief Deputy to attend PRIA Winter Symposium in Austin, TX. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the sheriff purchasing wands for the jail in the amount of \$1,404.89 – MTCF Fund #595 Commissary. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

County Audit bids for FY2019, FY2020 and FY2021 were opened. Bids will be reviewed for the next regular board meeting.

County snowplowing bids for FY2019, FY2020 and FY2021 were opened. It was the consensus of the board to approve the bid from Gerou Excavating. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to approve purchasing accounts payable checks in the amount of \$650. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize additional fees of \$2,500 for Uniform Assumption Reporting Information for PA202 to Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Co. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize purchasing five computers from Compudyne in the amount of \$3,919.65. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to approve CUPPAD dues in the amount of \$4,500.00. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

Board Policy was discussed.

It was the consensus of the board to approve the 2020 Committee List. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

The Animal Shelter was briefly discussed.

Sheriff Brock noted that there will be additional 2019 revenue collected for inmate housing and discussed savings by switching inmate medical to a Blue Cross Blue Shield group plan.

There was no unfinished business.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize payment to Pathways for their quarterly appropriation ending March 31, 2020 in the amount of \$8,305. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize appropriation to Mathias Township First Responders in the amount of \$5,600. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize appropriation to Rock River First Responders in the amount of \$5,600. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

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 clerk to transfer between the 2019 budgets:

\*\$5,650 from Circuit Court budget into the Building & Ground's budget

\*\$1.50 from Circuit Court budget into the Computers budget

\*\$300 from Circuit Court budget into the Veterans Burials budget

\*\$14,820.62 from Probate Court budget into the Bond Payment budget

This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the treasurer to transfer \$940.17 from 2019 building & grounds budget to the liability account Due to Employee. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the treasurer to create Fund #295 Airport. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to Authorize the treasurer to transfer from 2020 general fund appropriations to individual funds (see sheet). This item will be added to the consent agenda.

There were no miscellaneous financial matters.

It was the consensus of the board to approve **Resolution #2020-01 Limestone Township Summer Tax Collection:**

**WHEREAS**, it has come to the attention of the Alger County Treasurer that in 2020 the Alger County Board of Commissioners authorized the County Treasurer to collect the Limestone Township summer tax collection.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alger County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Treasurer to collect 1% administration fee, as authorized by MCL a211.44.

This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to approve **Resolution #2020-02 Grand Island Township Summer/Winter Tax Collection:**

**WHEREAS**, it has come to the attention of the Alger County Treasurer that in 2020 the Alger County Board of Commissioners authorized the County Treasurer to collect the Grand Island Township summer/winter tax collection.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alger County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Treasurer to collect a 1% administration fee, as authorized by MCL a211.44.

This item will be added to the consent agenda.

Commissioner Rondeau explained that there is a grant for up to \$50,000 for Veterans Affairs that Becky Johns is working on. Commissioner Pullen will speak with surrounding counties regarding airport matters and begin work on a five-year plan. Commissioner Rondeau noted that forester Matt Watkeys has begun to examine timber harvest at the airport. Commissioner Mattson commented that there are revenues that will still need to be backed in to 2019, and 2019 expenditures are at approximately 96%. Commissioner VanLandschoot noted that the Industrial Park Committee is on track. Commissioner Doucette added that Bob Lindbeck will be present with a year-end report at the February Committee of the Whole.

Correspondence was briefly read.

Commissioner Pullen commented that 2019 line-items are looking good. Commissioner Rondeau commented that the airport has a tough road ahead. Commissioner Pullen added that airport plans get complicated. Commissioner Doucette Commented that there are a lot of ideas, but the problem is money.

Sheriff Brock said snowmobile accidents are picking up; the ambulance millage is coming up in two months and will need a big push; and the Burt Township Ambulance merger conversion is going well.

Prosecuting Attorney, Robert Steinhoff explained that the murder trial is progressing, and he has been appointed to an attempted murder case in Sault Ste. Marie.

Steve Webber noted that some problems are county issues and cannot be put onto the townships. An Emergency Management exercise is planned for Munising Bay September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of this year which will involve multiple local, state and federal agencies.

Public comment session was open. The animal shelter was discussed as well as blowing snow causing drifts becoming a problem after clear-cutting forested airport land. There was no further public comment from the floor; thus, the public comment session was closed.

The Chairman adjourned this meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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Jerry Doucette, Chairman  
Alger County Board of Commissioners

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Mary Ann Froberg  
Alger County Clerk