

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

May 11, 2020

Approved June 15, 2020

Pursuant to recess, the Alger County Board of Commissioners convened virtually via Gotomeeting at 1:42 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 regarding MSU Extension services. 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 moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner Pullen to approve Chuck Cardinal's payout of \$12,316.17 – Monies to come from the ambulance budget. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none.

It was moved by Commissioner Rondeau and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to authorize the sheriff to hire a full-time replacement for Chuck Cardinal's position. 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 approve amending MERS Health Care Savings Program Participation Agreement.

Commissioner Rondeau has spoken with forester Matt Watkeys regarding logging the airport land. It was the consensus of the board to authorize going out on bids for airport logging.

There was discussion regarding the purchase of a cellphone for the victim's advocate in the prosecutor's office.

Commissioner Pullen noted she now subscribes to an Internet Service Provider to participate in these virtual meetings.

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.

There were no miscellaneous financial matters.

There were no resolutions.

Commissioner Rondeau briefly updated news regarding the Fair; Commissioner Mattson noted that committee meetings have been scarce as of late; Commissioner Doucette has been working with UPCAP and is hopeful that legislation with assistance for municipalities will be completed soon.

There was no correspondence.

Commissioner Pullen said she appreciates the work that Commissioner Rondeau has put in towards the Airport and Veteran's Office. Commissioner VanLandschoot thanked everyone for attending and is hopeful this will end soon. Commissioner Rondeau likes paper board packets over .pdf. Commissioner Mattson noted drastic cuts will be coming and urged departments to stay in budget. Commissioner Doucette gave legislative updates and discussed budget cuts.

Sheriff Brock noted a stable inmate count in the jail. Road patrol has been scaled back to emergencies only. There has been an increase in nighttime ambulance runs. Sheriff Brock has been working closely with Steve Webber to reopen the courthouse.

Prosecuting Attorney Robert Steinhoff explained that jury trials may resume June 22 and noted that masks will be required in the courtroom.

Administrator Steve Webber noted that we all have our own views about this situation, but we must begin moving toward reopening; Risk Management introduced a plan to get things started.

Public comment session was open. It was commented that a cellphone seems necessary for the victim's advocate. There was no further public comment from the floor; thus, the public comment session was closed.

The Chairman adjourned this meeting at 3:25 p.m.

Jerry Doucette, Chairman
Alger County Board of Commissioners

Mary Ann Froberg
Alger County Clerk