

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

November 9, 2020

Approved December 21, 2020

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 no public comment; thus, the public comment was closed.

It was the consensus of the board to amend the agenda to “discuss and approve transfer of equipment to other entities and GIS Data Sharing Agreement,” under unfinished business.

It was the consensus of the board to approve the MSU Extension Agreement for Extension Services. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

Dulcee Ranta explained that all millages are meeting State of Michigan requirements. It was the consensus of the board to approve the 2020 Apportionment Report. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to accept Anita J. Bouth’s resignation from the Alger County Library Board at the end of her term. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize placing an ad for a vacancy for the Alger County Library Board for a three-year term ending 12/31/2023. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to freeze all purchases for the county, any new purchases should be given to the Administrator to preauthorize by a member of the Budget Committee or Finance Committee. 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 approve District Court’s Drug Court Grant. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – Commissioner VanLandschoot.

Signage and a plow for the Building & Grounds truck was discussed. Purchases are frozen and this will be postponed.

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to amend consent agenda language for item 14 to include “Monies are to come from Cares Act grant funds.” 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 authorize Prosecuting Attorney for extra time of four hours per week and roll-overs for Crime Victim’s Advocate and Child Support Coordinator and supplies and materials in the total amount of \$11,996.68 – Monies are to come from Cares Act grant funds. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize Sheriff’s Department to purchase equipment in the amount of \$20,614.42 – Monies are to come from Cares Act grant funds. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to approve Cost of Living Adjustment payment to two retirees in the total amount of \$232.81. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

The Animal Shelter was briefly discussed.

There were no cost saving ideas or revenue sources.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to authorize transferring equipment to other entities. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes –

Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – Commissioner VanLandschoot.

There were no appropriations.

Invoices for the cost of caring for the Sheriff's Department K-9 was discussed. Monies from donations need to be used as this animal was agreed to be no cost to the county. 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 explained that the airport committee needs three members. Commissioner Pullen noted that the State of Michigan is not fully funding S.U.D. obligations. Commissioner Mattson said the Judicial Committee's statistics will be forwarded to the Budget Committee; Covid-19 cases are skyrocketing in prisons; and the Budget Committee will be starting over on 2021 budgets tomorrow. Commissioner Doucette has been in contact with Representative Sara Cambensy regarding HB4590 which will head into committee during the lame duck session.

Correspondence was briefly read.

Commissioner Doucette reminded everyone that World War I ended on 11/11 at the eleventh hour and reiterated that HB4590 is in the works. Commissioner Pullen noted the Covid-19 increase in prisons and has seen the K-9 riding in the meal truck. Commissioner Rondeau said to take item 11 seriously if the budget is in trouble. Commissioner Mattson said Commissioner VanLandschoot is getting better everyday and will try to return in December. Commissioner Doucette said Doug Miron was transferred to Bell hospital and is very weak. Commissioner Mattson would like a list from the Sheriff's Department of priority spending items.

Sheila Peters noted that Covid-19 cases are on the rise. Mary Ann Froberg explained that elections turned out good. Steve Webber thanked and congratulated everyone.

Public comment session was open. The animal shelter was briefly discussed. There was no further public comment from the floor; thus, the public comment session was closed.

The Chairman adjourned this meeting at 6:12 p.m.

Jerry Doucette, Chairman
Alger County Board of Commissioners

Mary Ann Froberg
Alger County Clerk