

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

October 13, 2020

Approved November 16, 2020

Pursuant to recess, the Alger County Board of Commissioners convened via GoToMeeting at 4:06 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 accept the agenda as presented.

Rod DesJardins was present to discuss criminal justice and the SOAR Learning Community Report.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize a one-time payment of \$410.31 to set up departmental accounting software on the postage machine. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the prosecuting attorney's office to purchase 4 new computers and printers in the amount of \$4,895.88 plus \$1,000 for setup – monies to come from their Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Grant. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the clerk to purchase equipment up to \$5,000 for elections – monies to come from the Center for Tech and Civic Life Grant in the elections budget. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the administrator to purchase a generator in the amount of \$5,000 for Mathias Township – monies to come from the EMD budget. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize payment of \$500 to Jim Seppanen for each tower project in the total amount of \$1,000 - monies to come from EMD budget. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to opt-out of PA 152. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

The board will discuss employee cost-sharing for group insurance percentages next week. There were no cost saving ideas or revenue sources.

Dulcee Ranta will update the board next week concerning equalization status.

It was the consensus of the board to approve Pathways quarterly mental health appropriation in the amount of \$8,305 (101-631-969.000). 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 treasurer to amend revenues in donations in the amount of \$5,000. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the clerk to amend expenditures in elections in the amount of \$5,000. This item will be added to the consent agenda.

There were no miscellaneous financial matters.

There were no resolutions.

Commissioner Pullen noted that the animal shelter will need to be discussed for next year. Committee meetings for the animal shelter, Pathways and the airport will be set. Commissioner Rondeau explained that logging has ceased at Hanley Airfield until spring, the

American Legion is closed, and Veterans Affairs meetings are cancelled. Commissioner Mattson commented that the 2020 is in good shape. There was no LMAS meeting last week, also, there are COVID-19 outbreaks in the prisons.

Correspondence was briefly read.

Commissioner Doucette noted that tomorrow's Michigan Association of Counties meeting is open to the public. Commissioner Doucette will contact Senator McBroom's office regarding Alger County residents affected by water shutoffs. Commissioner Pullen asked if MAC has sent an alert for SB 1108.

Steve Webber explained that an executive meeting has been set for tomorrow to discuss potential courthouse closure.

Public comment session was open. Brice Byrne said there was overwhelming support from residents for the support from Emergency Management and law enforcement during the power outage last Thanksgiving. Due to Alger County and Schoolcraft County sharing the 93rd District Court, Brice recommended contacted the animal shelter in Manistique. There was no further public comment from the floor; thus, the public comment session was closed.

The Chairman adjourned this meeting at 5:43 p.m.

Jerry Doucette, Chairman
Alger County Board of Commissioners

Mary Ann Froberg
Alger County Clerk