

**ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING**

January 19, 2021

Approved February 16, 2021

Pursuant to recess, the Alger County Board of Commissioners 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 Laing, Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, 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 moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to amend the agenda to include item #12 Discuss opening courthouse and county and approve as amended. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Laing, Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner Pullen to approve the consent agenda which includes the following items:

Reappoint Char Dugas for a three-year term to the Alger County Library Board;

Authorize fixing the 2016 RAM truck in the amount of \$891.81 - monies to come from the building and grounds budget;

Reappoint JoAnn Carlson, Kathy Reynolds, and Andy Reichert to the Alger County Brownfield Authority for a three-year term ending 12/31/2023;

Affirm reappointing Sheila Peters to the Land Bank Authority for three-year term ending 12/31/2023;

Affirm the Board of Commissioners 2021 Committee List as amended;

Authorize the treasurer to transfer general fund appropriations to individual funds (see sheet);

Approve payment of all Board Bills;

Approve Financial Reports for all funds (Trial Balance Report available);

Authorize the clerk to transfer between general fund budgets (see sheet);

Approve Resolution #2021-01 Limestone Township Summer Tax Collection;

Approve Resolution #2021-02 Grand Island Summer/Winter Tax Collection.

Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Laing, Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner Pullen to approve the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of December 14, 2020 with corrections. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Laing, Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner Pullen to approve the Board of Commissioners meeting minutes of December 21, 2020 with corrections. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Laing, Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none.

Veterans Counselor Rebecca Johns gave the Veterans Affairs year-end report.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner Pullen to authorize the clerk to pay \$197,000 into the Retiree Health Funding Vehicle. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Laing, Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none.

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to authorize the leasing of a new ambulance from Emergency Vehicle Plus in the amount of \$249,985. Motion

carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Laing, Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none.

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to approve the MOU with NorthCare Network for the FY 21 Liquor Tax funds for District Court for MADCP Conference in the amount of \$3,000. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Laing, Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none.

Reopening the Courthouse was discussed.

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to authorize payment to Pathways for their community mental health quarterly appropriation in the amount of \$8,305 (101-649-969.000). Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Laing, Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none.

Correspondence was briefly read.

Commissioner Pullen briefly updated the board regarding the state of county recycling efforts and potential grants. Commissioner Doucette has signed a Declaration of Local State of Emergency for an indefinite amount of time.

Commissioner Pullen is hoping everyone is enjoying the snow but is looking forward to spring and is glad vaccines are being distributed. Commissioner Mattson delivered a plaque to Commissioner VanLandschoot and thanked everyone.

Sheriff Brock said the Law Enforcement meeting was great and welcomed Commissioner Laing. Prosecutor Steinhoff is anxious to return to work. Mr. Steinhoff noted that the clinic waiting room was full of county employees waiting for COVID-19 vaccinations. There is a special board meeting scheduled for January 28, 2021 to discuss salaried employees pay. The prosecutor would like to have a letter he submitted regarding the issue placed on file as correspondence for this meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Rondeau and seconded by Commissioner Pullen to include the Prosecuting Attorney's letter in correspondence. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Laing, Pullen, and Rondeau, and Doucette. Nays – Commissioners Mattson and Doucette. Absent – none.

Sgt. Peters updated the board. There have been 71 total cases of COVID-19 in Alger County since January 1, 2021

Public comment session was open. There was no public comment; thus, the public comment was closed.

It was moved by Commissioner Rondeau and seconded by Commissioner Pullen to adjourn this meeting at 5:30 p.m. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Laing, Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none.

Jerry Doucette, Chairman
Alger County Board of Commissioners

Mary Ann Froberg
Alger County Clerk