

**ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING**

**July 19, 2021**

**Approved August 16, 2021**

Pursuant to recess, the Alger County Board of Commissioner 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 Laing, Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, and Doucette.

The board of commissioners said the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

On a motion by Commissioner Laing and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to amend the agenda inserting the Equalization Report from Dulcee Ranta as number 8. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Laing, Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none.

On a motion by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Laing to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- a. Affirm a motion by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Laing to amend motion made by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Mattson at the June 21, 2021, Board of Commissioner’s meeting to approve request for funding UPSET in the amount of \$10,000. Monies are amended to come from general fund UPSET (101-310-969.000) (originally was coming out of American Rescue Plan fund #282).
- b. Affirm a motion by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to amend a motion made by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Mattson at the June 21, 2021, Board of Commissioner’s meeting to amend the sheriff’s department budget in the amount of \$25,000 for wages (originally was going into road patrol fund #260).
- c. Authorize payment to the Alger County Fair Board in the amount of \$750. The monies are to come from the general fund fair board budget.
- d. Approve the Resolution for the U.P. Area Agency on Aging (UPAAA) 2022 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) for services to Upper Peninsula Older Adults as follows:

**RESOLUTION**

**U.P. AREA AGENCY ON AGING  
FY 2022 ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR SERVICES TO OLDER ADULTS**

**WHEREAS UPCAP, which serves as the U.P. Area Agency on Aging, is required to develop a 2022 Annual Implementation Plan that provides development and funding for programs to serve older adults in the Upper Peninsula; and**

**WHEREAS, during the 2022 Annual Implementation Plan development process, UPCAP conducted one public hearing and received input from service providers, older adults, county officials, human services organizations, and other interested parties; and**

**WHEREAS, each U.P. county is represented by a county official on the UPCAP Board of Directors; and**

**WHEREAS, the UPCAP Board of Directors has unanimously approved the proposed 2022 Annual Implementation Plan; and**

**WHEREAS, the AAA 2022 Annual Implementation Plan also requires review by individual county boards;**

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the \_\_\_\_\_ County Board of Commissioners has received and hereby supports the U.P. Area Agency on Aging 2022 Annual Implementation Plan.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be submitted to UPCAP and placed on file.**

**Authorized Signatory \_\_\_\_\_**

**(Name/Title of County Official)**

- e. Affirm a motion by Commissioner Rondeau and seconded by Commissioner Pullen to discontinue the Declaration of State of Emergency.
- f. Affirm a motion by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to authorize the treasurer to issue a Corrective Action Plan to the Department of Treasury regarding Alger County’s 2020 audit.
- g. Affirm a motion by Commissioner Laing and seconded by Commissioner Pullen to approve the Purdue Bankruptcy Reorganization Plan.
- h. Financial Matters:
  - a. Approve payment of all board bills as recommended by the audit committee.
  - b. Approve all financial reports for all funds (trial balance report available).
  - c. Authorize the treasurer to transfer \$122,970.30 from ARP fund #282 (282-000-995.000) to reimbursement to general fund (101-000-528.000) for pandemic related lost revenue.
  - d. Authorize the treasurer to amend revenues in general fund reimbursement (101-000-528.000) in the amount of \$114,000.
  - e. Authorize the clerk to amend the expenditures in UPSET (101-310-969.000) in the amount of \$10,000; Jail for wages in the amount of \$54,000; Sheriff’s Department for wages in the amount of \$25,000; and Debt Elimination (101-870-966.000) in the amount of \$25,000 for a total of \$114,000.
  - f. Authorize the treasurer to transfer the following to general fund as follows:

**JOURNAL ENTRY**

TV \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE 7/19/2021

TRANSFER TO GENERAL - PER BUDGET  
PER BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING 07-19-2021

	DR	CR
<b><u>DHS DEBT SERVICE</u></b>		
351-000001000		\$75,244.00
351-000995000	\$75,244.00	
<b><u>DTR</u></b>		
516-000001100		\$137,284.04
516-000999000	\$137,284.04	
<b><u>GENERAL</u></b>		
101-000442700 (DHS NON BOND)		\$75,244.00
101-000442000 (DTR)		\$137,284.04
101-000001000	\$212,528.04	\$212,528.04

- g. Authorize the treasurer to transfer from funds to general fund for cost allocation monies in the amount of \$214,674 as follows:

JOURNAL ENTRY

TV  
DATE 19-Jul-21

REMARKS: Transfer from funds to General fund  
Cost Allocation  
Per Board meeting July 21, 2021

	DR	CR
<b>MSU EXTENSION</b>		
208-000001000		\$1,761.00
208-000965000	\$1,761.00	
<b>COUNTY AGING</b>		
202-000001000		\$1,205.00
202-000965000	\$1,205.00	
<b>BUILDING DEPT</b>		
249-000001000		\$12,796.00
249-000965000	\$12,796.00	
<b>AMBULANCE</b>		
210-000001000		\$101,021.00
210-000965000	\$101,021.00	
<b>R.O.D.</b>		
256-000001000		\$2,075.00
256-000965000	\$2,075.00	
<b>CPL</b>		
267-000001000		\$948.00
267-000965000	\$948.00	
<b>WIRELESS 911</b>		
265-000001000		\$32,015.00
265-000965000	\$32,015.00	
<b>AIRPORT</b>		
295-000001000		\$12,972.00
295-000965000	\$12,972.00	
<b>FORECLOSURE</b>		
517-000001100		\$9,060.00
517-000965000	\$9,060.00	
<b>BROWNFIELD</b>		
795-000001000		\$270.00
795-000965000	\$270.00	
<b>LAND BANK AUTHORITY</b>		
792-000001000		\$0.00
792-000965000	\$0.00	
<b>VETERANS MILLAGE</b>		
293-000001000		\$9,385.00
293-000965000	\$9,385.00	
<b>VETERANS TRUST FUND</b>		
294--000001000		\$0.00
294-000965000	\$0.00	
<b>FRIEND OF THE COURT FUND</b>		
215-000001000		\$2,500.00
215-000965000	\$2,500.00	
<b>MIDC</b>		
270-000001000		\$28,666.00
270-000965000	\$28,666.00	
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		
101-000001000	\$214,674.00	
101-000448000		\$214,674.00

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

On a motion by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Laing to approve the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of June 14, 2021 with corrections adding in that there were no appropriations and also that there were no responses to the RFP that the clerk put out for the airport to pour a concrete pad 20 ft by 16 ft and to erect a premade building. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Laing, Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none.

On a motion by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to approve the Board of Commissioners meeting minutes of June 21, 2021. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Laing, Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none.

Next on the agenda was Dulcee Ranta, Equalization Director, to give a report. She was not available at this time.

Steve Webber explained the need to have a Lifepak 15 for the ambulance in Grand Marais. On a motion by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to authorize the purchase of a new Lifepak 15 for the ambulance in the amount of \$37,210.48. Monies to come from the ambulance fund. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Laing, Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none.

On a motion by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner Pullen to approve a Letter of Support for the former Munising Fire Hall as follows:

**ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Mary Ann Froberg, Clerk

101 COURT STREET, MUNISING, MI 49862

July 14, 2021

Abigail Hanson  
Brownfield Redevelopment Coordinator  
Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy  
Marquette District Office  
1504 West Washington Street  
Marquette, Michigan 49855

RE: Brownfield Redevelopment Grant Application  
Former Munising Fire Hall  
127 W. Munising Avenue, Munising, MI

Dear Ms. Hanson:

On behalf of Alger County, Michigan, we are pleased to provide our support for the EGLE Brownfield Redevelopment Grant application which is being submitted by the Alger County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for the above noted project. The property is the former Munising Fire Hall with petroleum contaminated soils and a deteriorating building that has become a threat to public health and safety. The project, converting the former Fire Hall into a restaurant/brewery, is an important downtown development that invests in the City of Munising, creating new jobs and amenities. W. Munising Avenue is a main thoroughfare within the City of Munising, and we welcome the revitalization of this area of downtown.

The proposed redevelopment is consistent with current zoning, designated as “Downtown” (D). Therefore, the County is confident that the planned redevelopment will be supported by the City of Munising and will comply with all local zoning and planning ordinances. The project supports the City of Munising’s placemaking efforts of creating downtown destinations for area residents that drive to the City for amenities.

We appreciate the support from the EGLE and the Alger County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority in helping to make the City of Munising and Alger County a better place for its residents and businesses. We look forward to a successful project. If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jerry Doucette  
Chairman, Alger County Board of Commissioners  
(906) 202-9151  
jdoucette@algercounty.gov

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

On a motion by Commissioner Rondeau and seconded by Commissioner Pullen to authorize the Alger County Veteran’s Affairs Board to increase from five to seven committee members. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Laing, Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none.

On a motion by Commissioner Laing and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to approve Mickey Rondeau, Dan LaCombe, Doug Miron, and Billie Nash to the Alger County Veteran's Affairs Board for four-year terms beginning September 1, 2021 and ending August 31, 2025. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Laing, Mattson, Pullen, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none. Abstaining – Commissioner Rondeau.

On a motion by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to approve the Alger County Veteran's FY 2021/2022 CVSF Grant in the total amount of \$56,687. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Laing, Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none.

Miscellaneous financial matters were next. On a motion by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to authorize payment to Pathways for their quarterly mental health 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.

There were no resolutions.

Committee reports were next. Commissioner Pullen reminded everyone about recycling. Commissioner Rondeau discussed his U.P. State Fair Board meeting. There were no other reports.

Correspondence was read from EGLE regarding an application for permit from Michael Jaberg and information on the MAC (Michigan Association of Counties) Conference September 26 – 28 at Mackinac Island. These will be placed on file.

The Administrator's Report was next. Steve said that he has been reaching out to other counties regarding the ARPA monies and to handle this cautiously. He also met with the airport committee regarding the airport building.

Board comments were next. Commissioner Doucette discussed the MAC Conference and to think about who would like to go. This will be on the agenda next month. He also discussed the MAC Summit July 26<sup>th</sup> in Escanaba. Commissioner Laing asked about the auditor and maybe have a special board meeting. Commissioner Rondeau questioned the Alger Community Foundation for the Veteran's Affairs and where that money came from. There were no other board comments.

Staff comments were next. Rob Steinhoff discussed a case about a person out on bond that committed the same crime and now has two cases to prosecute and how it was COVID related. Mary Ann Froberg discussed participating in Tabletop the Vote 2021 National Election Cyber Exercise. Steve Webber discussed the Houghton County Sheriff's situation.

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

On a motion by Commissioner Rondeau and seconded by Commissioner Laing to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Laing, Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none.

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Jerry Doucette, Chairman

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Mary Ann Froberg, Alger County Clerk