

**ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING**

June 21, 2021

Approved July 19, 2021

Pursuant to recess, the Alger County Board of Commissioners 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. 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 Mattson to approve the agenda as presented. 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 consent agenda which includes the following items:

Affirm Mike Perron's payout of \$18,635.96;

Approve new EndPoint Detection and Response change in an additional amount of \$208.32 per month from Compudyne;

Approve payment of MAC dues in the amount of \$4,959.45;

Approve request for funding from UPSET in the amount of \$10,000 – monies to come from American Rescue Plan fund #282;

Affirm payment of the Siemens bill in the amount of \$4,016;

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

Approve Payment of Board Bills;

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

It was moved by Commissioner Laing and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to approve the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of May 10, 2021. 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 Rondeau to approve the Board of Commissioners meeting minutes of May 17, 2021. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Laing, Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none.

It was moved by Commissioner Laing and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to approve payment to Easy Tech Surveillance for jail camera software system in the amount of \$8,900. 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 Rondeau to approve copier bid from Cooper Office Equipment, Inc. 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 license and labor with Compudyne for Prosecutor's server in the amount of \$3,816. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Laing, Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none.

It was moved by Commissioner Rondeau and seconded by Commissioner Pullen to authorize combination of airport terminal and rescue building. 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 amend road patrol fund #260 in the amount of \$25,000 from ARP fund #282. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Laing, Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none.

It was moved by Commissioner Laing and seconded by Commissioner Pullen to approve Resolution #2021-14 Opposing Michigan Secretary of State “By Appointment Only.” Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Laing, Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none.

It was moved by Commissioner Rondeau and seconded by Commissioner Pullen to approve Proclamation Deeming September 20, 2021 to September 26, 2021 National Rail Safety Week:

WHEREAS, 1,889 rail grade crossing collisions resulted in 678 personal injuries and were responsible for 201 fatalities in the United States during 2020; and

WHEREAS, 1,088 trespassing incidents have occurred in the United States resulting in 532 pedestrians being killed and another 556 injured while trespassing on railroad property rights of way during 2020; and

WHEREAS, educating and informing the public about rail safety, reminding the public that railroad right of ways are private property, enhancing public awareness of the dangers associated with highway rail grade crossings, ensuring pedestrians and motorists are looking and listening while near railways, and obeying established traffic laws will reduce the number of fatalities and injuries; and

WHEREAS, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, National Operation Lifesaver, United States Department of Transportation, and all local, state, county, and railroad law enforcement officers, first responders, and railroad corporations commit to partnering together in an effort to educate at a national level all aspects of railroad safety, to enforce applicable laws in support of National Rail Safety Week;

THEREFORE, I, Jerry Doucette, Chairman, do hereby attest my full support proclaiming September 20th to 26th, 2021, National Rail Safety Week and I encourage all citizens to recognize the importance of rail safety education.

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

Committee Reports were next. Commissioner Pullen noted that recycling pickup efforts have begun at the old state police post.

Correspondence was read and will be placed on file.

Commissioner comments were next. There was some discussion regarding attendance for the Michigan Association of Counties Regional Conference.

Staff comments were next. Prosecuting Attorney Robert Steinhoff noted correspondence from Defending Attorney Jana Mathieu encouraging the return to virtual meetings, and that jury trials are coming soon. Undersheriff Steve Blank elaborated on recent Superior Shield exercises. Lt. Sheila Peters thanked everyone for their participation in Superior Shield and explained that an after-action report is forthcoming. Commissioner Doucette would like to see pictures of the exercise and a letter sent to Michigan Association of Counties and National Association of Counties summarizing the exercise. Administrator Steve Webber and Clerk Mary Ann Froberg further commented on the exercise.

Public comment session was open. Brice Burge discussed community and media efforts during the Lake Superior exercise. There was no further public comment; thus, the public comment was closed.

It was moved by Commissioner Rondeau and seconded by Commissioner Laing to adjourn this meeting at 5:00 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