

**ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING**

March 15, 2021

Approved April 19, 2021

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 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 Mattson and seconded by Commissioner Laing to approve the consent agenda which includes the following items:

Authorize payment to Colligo GIS for services in the amount of \$4,000 – Monies to be split from the R.O.D, Foreclosure, Equalization, and CWPP funds;

Authorize the clerk to go out on bids for all copy machines;

Affirm the jail to purchase a camera pc in the approximate amount of \$3,662 - \$1,000 to come from CARES Act funds and the rest from the commissary fund;

Affirm Steve Webber to purchase a 4-wheeler from the ORV Grant up to \$10,000;

Affirm signing the Stonegarden Grant and expenditures for equipment for FY2020;

Reaffirm payment to the Mathias Township First Responders in the amount of \$6,500;

Reaffirm payment to the Rock River Township First Responders in the amount of \$6,500.

Approve payment of all Board Bills;

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

Authorize the clerk to transfer \$6,070.31 from the Sheriff's Department budget (101-301) to the Sheriff's Secondary Road Patrol budget (101-333);

Authorize the treasurer to transfer \$6,070.31 from the Sheriff's Secondary Road Patrol budget (101-333) to the Sheriff's Secondary Road Patrol Fund (#260);

Authorize the treasurer to transfer \$256.08 from the Sheriff's Department budget (101-301) to the Michigan Justice Training Fund (#285);

Authorize the treasurer to transfer revenue received in 2021 to year of expense in 2020 in the amount of \$42,244.04 (see sheet);

Authorize the treasurer to transfer grant/reimbursement revenue received in 2021 to year of expense in 2020 in the amount of \$172,541.38 (see sheet);

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 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of February 8, 2021. 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 Mattson to approve the Board of Commissioners meeting minutes of February 16, 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 Rondeau to approve Resolution Authorizing Issuance and Sale of Michigan Transportation Fund Refunding Bonds, Series

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 Laing to approve Compudyne for VPN MFA services with initial setup costs of \$1,200 then \$40 plus \$5 per user, per month. 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 Laing to appoint Jack Hubbard to the Alger County Road Commission Board. 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 Rondeau to authorize the clerk to purchase a desk for Circuit Court Judge Rahilly up to \$1,200. 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 authorize payment to U.P. Insurance Agency for the airport insurance in the amount of \$2,780. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Laing, Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none.

There were no miscellaneous financial matters.

There were no resolutions.

Commissioner Pullen will work towards more education for the airport committee. Commissioner Rondeau is working on a couple grants.

Correspondence was briefly read.

Commissioner Pullen is hoping this is all over soon. Commissioner Doucette noted that returning to in-person meetings at least 12 spaces would be required and is looking to continue video conferencing even after returning to in-person meetings. Commissioner Mattson referenced regulations and procedures regarding returning to in-person meetings. Commissioner Rondeau mentioned that the U.P. State Fair is expected to resume this year and would like to see the courthouse fully opened. Commissioner Doucette noted that the current COVID-19 policy needs to be reviewed and updated.

Prosecuting Attorney Robert Steinhoff said that there are four trials scheduled over the next four weeks, with the first trial starting next week. Sheriff Brock met with the prosecutor and thanked him for the open line of communication. Clerk Mary Ann Froberg reminded the board that a staff member died of COVID-19.

Public comment session was open. James Yates updated the board regarding veteran food insecurity issues and SNAP benefits. Commissioner Rondeau would like Mr. Yates to contact Veterans Affairs officer Rebecca Johns concerning this issue. There was no further public comment; thus, the public comment was closed.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to adjourn this meeting at 5:05 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