

**ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING**

September 20, 2021

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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, and Doucette. Absent – Commissioner Rondeau.

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 Mattson and seconded by Commissioner Pullen to remove item 14b and approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Laing, Mattson, Pullen, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – Rondeau.

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

Reappoint Richard Hale to the Board of Canvassers for a four-year term;

Reappoint Kay Powers to the Board of Canvassers for a four-year term;

Reappoint Rita Hale to the Board of Canvassers for a term ending November 1, 2023;

Reappoint Dan Herman to the Board of Canvassers for a term ending November 1, 2023;

Reappoint Catherine Pullen and Mary Ann Froberg to the Commission on Aging Board for a one-year term;

Affirm authorizing up to five in attendance at the UPACC Conference October 7 & 8;

Affirm approving the MOU between Michigan Department of Corrections and the Alger County Sheriff's Department;

Affirm approving the NorthCare Network FY22 Liquor Tax Funds request in the amount of \$7,000 for Botvin's Life Skills program;

Affirm approving the GAD Service Agreements for the courthouse and the animal shelter;

Affirm authorizing Probate Court to purchase a new computer;

Authorize payment to LMAS for their July – September quarterly appropriation in the amount of \$20,049.00 (101-601-969.000);

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

Amend revenues in cost allocation in the amount of \$7,000;

Amend expenditures in the clerk's budget in the amount of \$7,000;

Amend expenditures in debt elimination subtracting \$25,000;

Amend revenues in other federal grants in the amount of \$8,970.30;

Amend expenditures in Board of Commissioners in the amount of \$33,970.30;

It was the consensus of the board to transfer \$496.25 from the Board of Commissioners budget into the jury commission budget;

It was the consensus of the board to transfer \$385.05 from the Board of Commissioners budget into the duplicating account budget.

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

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner Pullen to approve the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of August 9, 2021. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Laing, Mattson, Pullen, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – Commissioner Rondeau.

It was moved by Commissioner Laing and seconded by Commissioner Pullen to approve the Board of Commissioners meeting minutes of August 16, 2021. Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes – Commissioners Laing, Mattson, Pullen, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – Commissioner Rondeau.

Mike Greutz with Anderson, Tackman and Company, PLC was present to discuss the 2020 audit of county financials.

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to authorize the sheriff to purchase a backup server for 911 with Nelson Systems in the amount of \$13,088.92. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Laing, Mattson, Pullen, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – Commissioner Rondeau.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner Pullen to authorize the sheriff to renew Procure Services proposal for EMS equipment for five years in the total amount of \$38,276. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Laing, Mattson, Pullen, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – Commissioner Rondeau.

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Laing to authorize the Veterans Millage rate of .10. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Laing, Mattson, Pullen, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – Commissioner Rondeau.

It was moved by Commissioner Laing and seconded by Commissioner Mattson that anyone entering this building is required to wear a face mask at all times regardless of vaccination status per the CDC and LMAS District Health Department, except when working in your office alone or in your office within 6 ft of social distancing. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Laing, Mattson, Pullen, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – Commissioner Rondeau.

It was moved by Commissioner Laing and seconded by Commissioner Pullen to authorize reinstating Emergency Declaration with virtual meeting access effective immediately. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Laing, Mattson, Pullen, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – Commissioner Rondeau.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner Pullen to tear board room wall out, repair and paint to make board room bigger. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Laing, Mattson, Pullen, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – Commissioner Rondeau.

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to approve payment of all board bills as recommended by the Audit Committee. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Laing, Mattson, Pullen, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – Commissioner Rondeau.

It was moved by Commissioner Laing and seconded by Commissioner Pullen to approve **Resolution Supporting the Michigan Association of Land Bank's, Michigan Community Investment Program:**

WHEREAS, The Alger County Treasurer acquires properties through foreclosure processes; and

WHEREAS, there needed to be a means to dispose of said properties and to assist our local jurisdictions in development, redevelopment and removal of blight; and

WHEREAS, the Alger County Board of Commissioners created the Alger County Land Bank Authority on August 15, 2011 as a separate legal entity and as a public body corporate under Public Act 258 of 2003; and

WHEREAS, an American Rescue Act Plan (ARPA) request was sent to Governor Whitmer by the Michigan Association of Land Banks; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to create new housing opportunities, improve the health and safety of neighborhoods, support local businesses and more productively use vacant land, MALB is asking for support of a statewide program, in the amount of \$100 million; and

WHEREAS, every existing land bank in Michigan would be eligible and could opt-in for an initial flat amount of funding, and each land bank could also competitively apply for significant additional funds out of the \$100 million program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alger County Board of Commissioners supports the efforts of the Michigan Association of Land Banks to procure the eligibility for Alger County to receive funding from the Michigan Association of Land Bank's, Michigan Community Investment Program.

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

Committee Reports were next. Commissioner Pullen spoke with Matt Watkeys regarding trees at the airport appear to have died and that they may resprout next year. Commissioner Pullen briefly explained SUD Conference moving to a rotating schedule due to funding shortfall. Commissioner Laing noted that there is a vacancy on the CAAM board for an Alger County resident.

Correspondence was read and will be placed on file.

County Administrator, Steve Webber briefly updated American Rescue Plan Act progress.

County Treasurer, Pamela Johnson explained that Alger County will owe approximately \$37,000 due to Grand Island Township losing their tax suit against the City of Munising.

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 Laing to adjourn this meeting at 6:15 p.m. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Laing, Mattson, Pullen, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – Commissioner Rondeau.

Jerry Doucette, Chairman
Alger County Board of Commissioners

Mary Ann Froberg
Alger County Clerk