

**ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

**August 9, 2021**

**Minutes are subject to change and approval**

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. Absent – none.

The board of commissioners said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Brief public comment session was open. Barb Isom advocated for a virtual option to attend board meetings. There was no further public comment; thus, public comment session was closed.

It was the consensus of the board to accept the agenda as presented.

Last month's minutes were disbursed for review and are to be voted on next week.

Jamie Nebel, Juvenile Officer will attend the regular board meeting to discuss the Child Care Fund Budget.

Commissioner Pullen moved and Commissioner Rondeau seconded to proceed with the airport building construction bid from Cleary for \$102,268 (with \$30,403 to come from the airport fund and \$71,765 to come from the ambulance fund). Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Laing, Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none.

It was the consensus of the board to purchase a new Tahoe and Charger for the Sheriff's Department with 55% grant funding.

Commissioner Pullen moved and Commissioner Rondeau seconded to authorize five attendees for the Michigan Association of Counties Conference September 26-28. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Laing, Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none.

Commissioner Laing moved and Commissioner Mattson seconded to authorize three attendees for the Municipal Employees Retirement System Conference October 7-8. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Laing, Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none.

Commissioner Pullen moved and Commissioner Laing seconded to authorize four attendees for the Public Records Industry Association Conference August 30 – September 2. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Laing, Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none.

Commissioner Pullen moved and Commissioner Laing seconded to postpone approving a COVID-19 Consulting Service from MAC CoPro+ until the regular board meeting on August 16. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Laing, Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none.

Commissioner Mattson moved and Commissioner Pullen seconded to authorize the clerk to hire a part-time person. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Laing, Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none.

There were no cost saving ideas / revenue sources.

There was no unfinished business.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize payment to LMAS for their quarterly appropriation for April – June 2021 in the amount of \$20,049 (101-601-969.000).

It was the consensus of the board to approve payment of all board bills as recommended by the audit committee.

It was the consensus of the board to approve all financial reports for all funds (trial balance report available).

It was the consensus of the board to amend revenues in reimbursements in the amount of \$18,111 (101-000-676.000).

It was the consensus of the board to amend expenditures in employee fringe benefits health insurance in the amount of \$18,111 (101-862-723.000).

There were no miscellaneous financial matters.

Commissioner Laing discussed forthcoming resolutions.

Committee reports were next. Commissioner Rondeau noted that 106 free passes to the fair were issued to veterans. Commissioner Doucette discussed legislative issues with Rep. Cambensy.

The Administrator's Report was next. Steve said the airport building have taken up the bulk of his time and that labor negotiations are coming soon with the sheriff's department already having requested to move forward.

Correspondence was read from State of Michigan Bureau of Elections and CleanUP906. These will be placed on file.

Board comments were next. Commissioner Laing: will attend a MI Recycling meeting at the end of this month; supports for virtual meetings; discussed county auditors attending a future board meeting. Commissioner Mattson said a special board meeting may be scheduled for the auditors and that there have been numerous labor and budget meetings as of late. Commissioner Pullen noted that a consulting firm will be a lifesaver regarding ARPA monies and she is happy the airport buildings are moving forward. Commissioner Rondeau spoke about supply chain issues. Commissioner Doucette wished Commissioner Jim Hill the best

Steve Webber explained that the Onota Tower is finished. Fencing will be built next year, and a building will be constructed later.

Brief public comment session was open. Munising Township Supervisor, Lisa Howard stated that the county cannot legally give anything away. Brice Burge explained the difficulties for Alger County businesses due to Cisco pulling out of the area. There was no further public comment; thus, public comment session was closed.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

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Jerry Doucette, Chairman

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Mary Ann Froberg, Alger County Clerk