

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

September 13, 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 Mattson, Rondeau, and Doucette. Absent – Commissioners Laing & Pullen.

The board of commissioners said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public comment session was open. Barb Isom supports virtual meetings. There was no further public comment; thus, the public comment was closed.

It was the consensus of the board to reappoint Richard Hale to the Board of Canvassers for a four-year term.

It was the consensus of the board to reappoint Kay Powers to the Board of Canvassers for a four-year term.

It was the consensus of the board to reappoint Rita Hale to the Board of Canvassers for a term ending November 1, 2023.

It was the consensus of the board to reappoint Dan Herman to the Board of Canvassers for a term ending November 1, 2023.

It was the consensus of the board to reappoint Catherine Pullen and Mary Ann Froberg to the Commission on Aging Board for a one-year term.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to authorize up to five to attend the UPACC Conference October 7 & 8. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Rondeau, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – Commissioners Laing & Pullen.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to approve the MOU between Michigan Department of Corrections and the Alger County Sheriff's Department. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Rondeau, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – Commissioners Laing & Pullen.

It was moved by Commissioner Rondeau and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to approve the NorthCare Network FY22 Liquor Tax Funds request in the amount of \$7,000 for Botvin's Life Skills program. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Rondeau, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – Commissioners Laing & Pullen.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to approve the GAD Service Agreements for the courthouse and the animal shelter. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Rondeau, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – Commissioners Laing & Pullen.

Approval of MERS service credit purchase was postponed for review.

It was moved by Commissioner Rondeau and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to authorize Probate Court to purchase a new computer. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Mattson, Rondeau, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – Commissioners Laing & Pullen.

Security in the courthouse building was discussed.

Covid prevention procedures within the courthouse building were discussed.

There were no cost saving ideas or revenue sources.

There was no unfinished business.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize payment to LMAS for their July – September quarterly appropriation in the amount of \$20,049.00 (101-601-969.000).

The audit of board bills was delayed until tomorrow.

It was the consensus of the board to approve Financial Reports for all funds (Trial Balance Report Available).

It was the consensus of the board to amend revenues in cost allocation in the amount of \$7,000.

It was the consensus of the board to amend expenditures in the clerk's budget in the amount of \$7,000.

It was the consensus of the board to amend expenditures in debt elimination subtracting \$25,000.

It was the consensus of the board to amend revenues in other federal grants in the amount of \$8,970.30.

It was the consensus of the board to 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.

There were no miscellaneous financial matters.

There were no resolutions.

Committee Reports were next. Commissioner Rondeau gave a U.P. State Fair update. Commissioner Doucette updated the Board concerning LMAS and UPCAP. Also, Brownfield and Land Bank Authorities are looking at building for development.

Correspondence was briefly read and will be placed on file.

Board comments were next. Commissioner Rondeau explained that the Veterans Affairs office is putting together a Saturday Night fishing group next year and is working on purchasing a van to transport veterans. Commissioner Rondeau also spoke about rising food pricing and personal liberties.

Staff comments were next. Sheriff Brock thanked the board for recently supporting U.P.S.E.T. with funding which has led to an increase in police presence; the Sheriff's Department is very busy, has had violent inmates and staffing issues.

Prosecuting Attorney, Robert Steinhoff: stated that staffing will become an issue for him; drug crimes are becoming unpopular due to increased policing; thanked investigating officers involved with recent cases; apologized for missing past meetings; and was elected president of Families Against Narcotics.

Darlene Dishong spoke about CDBG and Revolving Rehab upcoming contract renewals with CAAM.

Public comment session was open. There was further discussion courthouse security and public health safety measures. There was no further public comment from the floor; thus, the public comment session was closed.

The Chairman adjourned this meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Jerry Doucette, Chairman
Alger County Board of Commissioners

Mary Ann Froberg
Alger County Clerk