

**ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

**January 28, 2021**

**Approved February 16, 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. Commissioner Pullen read a letter to the board. There was no further public comment; thus, the public comment was closed.

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to amend the agenda to include item #12 “V.A. Committee Appointment,” and approve as amended. 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 the 27 pay periods with the reduced amount in each paycheck to accommodate the extra pay period and add to Board Policy with a letter as an example to use anytime there are 27 pay periods and this would happen. I don’t want to approve any raise over and above the 2%. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Laing, Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none.

The Road Commission vacancy was discussed. Commissioners Laing and Rondeau were appointed to a temporary Interview Committee, along with the Administrator and Clerk to interview applicants for a recommendation to appoint at the February 8, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Rondeau and seconded by Commissioner Laing to approve the following resolution for wording on the May 4, 2021 election: **Resolution for the Senior Citizen and MSU Extension Millage Proposals:**

WHEREAS, the County Commission of the County of Alger, Michigan (the “County”), determines that it is necessary for the health, safety and welfare of the County and its residents to submit (1) a senior citizen services millage proposal, a portion of which constitutes a renewal of authority to levy mills which expire with the 2021 levy, and a portion of which would provide authority for the County to levy new additional millage to restore a portion of the millage reduced by application of the Headlee Amendment, and (2) a MSU Extension services millage proposal, a portion of which constitutes a renewal of authority to levy mills which expires with the 2021 levy, and a portion of which would provide authority for the County to levy new additional millage to restore a portion of the millage reduced by application of the Headlee Amendment (together, the “Millage Proposals”) to the qualified electors of the County at the election to be held on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 (the “May Election Date”).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Millage Proposals attached hereto at Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the County on the May Election Date.
2. The County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to (a) post and publish notice of last day of registration and notice of election for the May Election Date as required by the Michigan Election Law; and (b) have prepared and printed, as provided by the Michigan Election Law, ballots for submitting the Millage Proposals at the May Election Date, which ballots shall contain the Millage Proposals appearing herein, or the proposition shall be stated as proposals on the voting machines, which ballots may include other matters presented to the electorate on the same date.
3. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution are hereby rescinded.

## **SENIOR SERVICES MILLAGE RENEWAL AND RESTORATION PROPOSAL**

*This proposal will authorize the County of Alger to levy 0.50 mill for the purpose of funding activities and services for persons 60 years of age and older. Of the 0.50 mill, 0.4993 represents a renewal of the 0.50 mill authorization approved by the electors in 2016, which will expire with the 2021 tax levy and 0.0007 mill represents a restoration of that portion of the same authority which was reduced by application of the Headlee Amendment.*

For the purpose of providing funding for activities and services for older persons in Alger County, shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the County of Alger, Michigan, be increased by 0.50 mill (\$0.50 per thousand dollars of taxable value) for a period of five (5) years, 2022 to 2026, inclusive, as a renewal of the 0.4993 mill previously authorized by the electors which expires with the 2021 levy plus new additional millage in the amount of 0.0007 mill? It is estimated that 0.50 mill would raise approximately \$202,200 when first levied in 2022.

## **MSU EXTENSION MILLAGE RENEWAL AND RESTORATION PROPOSAL**

*This proposal will authorize the County of Alger to levy 0.25 mill for the purpose of funding MSU Extension services. Of the 0.25 mill, 0.2496 represents a renewal of the 0.25 mill authorization approved by the electors in 2016, which will expire with the 2021 tax levy and 0.0004 mill represents a restoration of that portion of the same authority which was reduced by application of the Headlee Amendment.*

For the purpose of providing funding for MSU Extension services, shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the County of Alger, Michigan, be increased by 0.25 mill (\$0.25 per thousand dollars of taxable value) for a period of five (5) years, 2022 to 2026, inclusive, as a renewal of the 0.2496 mill previously authorized by the electors which expires with the 2021 levy plus new additional millage in the amount of 0.0004 mill? It is estimated that 0.25 mill would raise approximately \$101,100 when first levied in 2022.

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 following resolution for wording on the May 4, 2021 election: **Resolution for submitting 911 Emergency Telephone Dispatch System Millage:**

WHEREAS, the County Commission of the County of Alger, Michigan (the “County”), determines that it is necessary for the health, safety and welfare of the County and its residents to submit a millage proposal to the qualified electors of the County at the election to be held on Tuesday, May 4, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the electors of the County previously authorized the levy of 0.50 mill in August 2018 to provide funds for 911 Emergency Telephone Dispatch System operations in the County, which authorization expires with the 2023 levy; and

WHEREAS, this authorization has not been reduced by operation of the Headlee Amendment; and

WHEREAS, the County Commission determines that it is in the best interest of its residents to submit a proposal to replace the previous authorization into one new increased authorization for 911 Emergency Telephone Dispatch System operations in the County; and

WHEREAS, this County Commission wishes to submit the millage proposal to the vote of the qualified electors of the County at the election to be held in the County on Tuesday, May 4, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The following proposal shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the County at the election to be held on TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2021 (the "May Election Date"):

**911 MILLAGE PROPOSAL TO REPEAL AND REPLACE EXISTING MILLAGE**

*This proposal will permit the County of Alger to fund all 911 emergency telephone dispatch system operations provided by the County by authorizing a single new increased millage of 1.00 mill by repealing and replacing the existing millage authorization of 0.50 mill previously approved by the electors which expires with the 2023 levy.*

To repeal and replace the previous millage authorization of 0.50 mill approved in 2018 for 911 emergency telephone dispatch system operations, shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the County of Alger, Michigan, be increased by 1.00 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of six (6) years, 2021 to 2026, inclusive, as new additional millage, for the purpose of providing funds for 911 emergency telephone dispatch system operations provided by the County of Alger? It is estimated that 1.00 mill would raise approximately \$404,400 when first levied in 2021.

2. The Alger County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to (a) post and publish notice of last day of registration and notice of election for the May Election Date as required by the Michigan Election Law; and (b) have prepared and printed, as provided by the Michigan Election Law, ballots for submitting the proposal at the May Election Date, which ballots shall contain the proposal appearing herein, or the proposition shall be stated as a proposal on the voting machines, which ballots may include other matters presented to the electorate on the same date.

3. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution are hereby rescinded.

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 Laing to approve the following wording for the **ALTRAN Millage Renewal Proposal** on the May 4, 2021 election:

Shall the public transportation authority, Alger Transit Authority a/k/a ALTRAN, for continued service, as provided by Public Act 196 of 1986, as amended, for the purpose of operating a public transportation system, continue to levy a tax at the same rate previously approved by the voters of up to 0.75 mill, (that being \$0.75 per \$1,000.00 of Taxable Valuation) of real and personal property located within Alger County for the years 2022 through 2026 inclusive, which is a period of (5) years?

If this millage is approved and levied in the 2022 calendar year, it would generate approximately \$304,000 in 2022.

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 authorize the sheriff’s department to hire part-time employees for their 3<sup>rd</sup> shift, to be revisited quarterly. 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 appoint Daniel LaCombe to the V.A. Committee for the remainder of Doug Miron’s term. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Laing, Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none.

Commissioner Laing updated the board regarding dissolution of Alger County recycling and future funding and committee efforts. Commissioner Pullen announced Pathways CEO will be retiring and they have many great applicants. Commissioner Rondeau thanked the board for appointing Daniel LaCombe and explained possible revenue sources by utilizing fairground property for RV parking in lieu of the county fair. Commissioner Doucette is now the Vice-Chair of CUPPAD.

Sheriff Brock said the sheriff’s department is extremely busy with vehicle and snowmobile crashes. Undersheriff Blank echoed the Sheriff’s remarks.

Public comment session was open. There was no public comment; thus, the public comment was closed.

It was moved by Commissioner Rondeau and seconded by Commissioner Laing to adjourn this meeting at 5:16 p.m. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Laing, Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, and Doucette. Nays – none. Absent – none.

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Jerry Doucette, Chairman  
Alger County Board of Commissioners

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Mary Ann Froberg  
Alger County Clerk