

**ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

January 16, 2012

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Pursuant to recess, the Alger County Board of Commissioners convened in the conference room of the county building at 4:08 p.m. on the above date.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Doucette with the following Commissioners present: Commissioners Mattson, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Absent ó Commissioner Pullen.

The board of commissioners said the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Commissioner Pullen arrived at 4:12 p.m. Commissioner Doucette wanted to move the Central School Tour to as close to 5:00 p.m. as possible.

On a motion by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to approve the Regular Board of Commissioners' minutes of December 19, 2011; the Special Board of Commissioners' meeting of December 22, 2011; the Organizational meeting of January 3, 2012; and the Committee of the Whole minutes of January 9, 2012. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

On a motion by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to approve the Rural Development Grant/Loan for a new 2012 4x4 Chevy Tahoe in the amount of \$36,348 under the conditions that were discussed in the public hearing that no monies are to be spent out of the 2012 budget. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

Chuck Bouth was present and handed out a 2011 Semi-Annual EMD (Emergency Management Department) report. He said that there is significant data down in the EOC (Emergency Operations Center). They have done an assessment and there are a series of recommendations. He said that Steve Webber and Matt Waldron are working on their credentials. He said that it is a very, very complex operation. Chuck said that the Chair has been at their LEPC meetings and has seen a lot of those things that they are talking about. He said he looks forward to the board being around for the exercise on February 9th if they can make it. He talked about the activities on the 9th and discussing the lessons learned at a later time. Chuck commented that Steve and Matt are doing a great job and that he greatly appreciates the support of the sheriff and the county board chair. Commissioner Doucette said that he would like Chuck, Commissioner Mattson, Steve, and the Sheriff to sit down and decipher who key personnel would be if something were to happen. Chuck talked about a discussion with Bob Lindbeck and what if a disaster was to happen.

The Central School tour will be moved down the agenda to be as close to 5:00 p.m. as possible.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to approve the board policy with the changes in mileage to .55 ½ cents on page 15 and adding staff comments to the agenda on page 4. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

On a motion by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to approve the 2012 Committee List adding Commissioner Pullen to the Emergency Services. The motion was amended to add Pathways on the committee list with Ed Lindstrom on the committee. On an amended motion by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to approve the following 2012 Committee List:

2012 COMMITTEE LIST

AIRPORT

*Cathy Pullen, Mickey Rondeau

ALGER COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING

*Cathy Pullen, Mickey Rondeau

ALGER COUNTY FAIR BOARD

*Mickey Rondeau

Alternate: Joseph VanLandschoot

ALTRAN

*Cathy Pullen

Alternate: Mickey Rondeau

AMBULANCE, LAW ENFORCEMENT, EMERGENCY SERVICES/911/HAZ. WASTE, COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

*Jerry Doucette, Esley Mattson, Bob Hughes

Alternate: Cathy Pullen

AMCAB**

*Joseph VanLandschoot

AUDIT COMMITTEE

*Alternating, Mary Ann Froberg

BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

*Esley Mattson, Jerry Doucette, Pam Johnson, and Mary Ann Froberg

BUDGET

*Esley Mattson, Joseph VanLandschoot, Mary Ann Froberg, Pam Johnson

BUILDING & GROUNDS

*Esley Mattson, Jerry Doucette, Mary Ann Froberg (See Addendum 406 of the Board Policy)

BUILDING CODES

*Mickey Rondeau, Cathy Pullen

COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

*Jerry Doucette

COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION (HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES & PARKS)

*Mickey Rondeau

Alternate: Jerry Doucette

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES (DHS)

*Joseph VanLandschoot

EXTENSION, CONSERVATION, WATERSHED STEERING, RECREATION, RESOURCE & DEVELOPMENT

*Mickey Rondeau

EQUALIZATION

*Equalization Director, Cathy Pullen (Designated Commissioner who will meet twice a year to make sure state mandates are being met)

EXECUTIVE / FINANCE / TAXATION

Esley Mattson, Jerry Doucette, Mary Ann Froberg, Pam Johnson

HEALTH & WELFARE (LMAS)

*Joseph VanLandschoot, Esley Mattson

Alternate: Jerry Doucette

HUMAN RESOURCES / PUBLIC & LABOR RELATIONS

*Esley Mattson, Jerry Doucette, Mary Ann Froberg

INDUSTRIAL PARK COMMISSION/ SOLID WASTE LANDFILL/ MUNISING LANDFILL

*Joseph VanLandschoot

Alternate: Esley Mattson

JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

*Esley Mattson, Joseph VanLandschoot

LAND BANK

*Jerry Doucette, Pam Johnson

PATHWAYS

*Ed Lindstrom

PRISON LIAISON

*Jerry Doucette

Alternate: Esley Mattson

REGIONAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

*Esley Mattson, Jerry Doucette

RESOLUTIONS

*Cathy Pullen, Mickey Rondeau

RETIREE / ELECTED OFFICIALS / NON-REPRESENTED INSURANCE COMMITTEE

*Cathy Pullen, Mickey Rondeau

SIX COUNTY CONSORTIUM / CUPPAD

*Esley Mattson, Jerry Doucette

Alternate: Cathy Pullen

UPCAP/U.P. AREA AGING AGENCY ADVISORY BOARD**

*Jerry Doucette

U.P. FAIR BOARD

*Jerry Doucette

Alternate: Ed Lindstrom

**County can make recommendations ó not appointments to these boards.

Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to authorize the sheriff to go out and get bids to insulate the new portion of the ambulance garage with a bid price of \$8,975 and for the cost of a ceiling of \$1,800 for a total cost of \$10,775. Monies are to come from the ambulance fund in capital improvements.

Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

On a motion by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to authorize the sheriff to go out on bids to purchase a sign for the end portion of the ambulance garage. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

It was moved by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Pullen to approve a renewal of the EMD (Emergency Management Department) Consultant Contract with Chuck Bouth for 2012 up to an amount not to exceed \$5,000. Monies to come from the emergency management fund in the professional services account. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

On a motion by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to approve the ice rescue training with White Bear Rescue out of Pembine, WI. The cost is \$650 for the training, .60 per mile, a motel for the night, and their meals for a total cost of approximately \$1,510. The Munising Fire Department is going to donate class room space. There will be a class size of 30 at a cost of \$17 per student. Monies are to come from the ambulance fund in training. The sheriff will send out a bill to the fire departments for their share of the cost. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to authorize the sheriff to go out on bids for two dispatch work consoles for the control room. These are to be ergonomically correct for all users. There was much discussion on future expenditures for the 911 fund capital improvements. The monies are to come from the 911 fund. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

On a motion by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to reappoint Joann Carlson, Al Weymouth, and Hampton Waring to the Alger County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for three-year terms ending 12/31/2014. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

It was moved by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to reappoint Tom Moseley to the Alger County Landbank Authority for a three-year term ending 12/31/2014. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó Commissioner Rondeau. Absent ó none.

On a motion by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to reappoint Dan Malone to the ALTRAN Board of Directors for a three-year term effective January 1, 2012 and ending December 31, 2014. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to approve the Lakeshore Energy Contract for a one-year term. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

The board gathered to go over to look at the Central School property at 4:52 p.m.

The board returned at 5:52 p.m. Commissioner Doucette asked the board to put down their thoughts on paper, pros and cons. Commissioner VanLandschoot said that there are some possibilities. Commissioner Mattson said that he can see all kinds of possibilities there. He thought that the board could look at the information that was handed out and discuss it at a later date. Commissioner Rondeau said that he doesn't understand why the board is looking at the building when they are looking at cutting employees' benefits. He said that they can't do this to the employees. There was much discussion on this. Commissioner Mattson said that there would have to be commitments from other entities for income. Commissioner VanLandschoot said to look at it as a possible opportunity and turn it upside down and to look into it. It was discussed to put pluses and minuses on a piece of paper and to really look at it. This will be revisited at a later date.

Old business was next. There was none.

On a motion by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to approve the first quarter appropriation payment to LMAS in the amount of \$20,745 (101-601-969.000). Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner Pullen to authorize the treasurer to transfer the following 2011 general fund appropriations into individual funds:

Law Library	\$1,130.52
Snowmobile Fund	\$200.30

Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

On a motion by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to authorize the treasurer to transfer the following 2012 appropriations into individual funds:

Transfer all 2012 general fund appropriations into individual Funds:

Circuit Ct. Prob. Oversight -	\$ 2,000.00
Co. Law Library -	\$ 13,170.00
Emergency Management -	\$ 13,772.00
Probate Child Care -	\$ 60,000.00
Sheriff's Secondary Rd -	\$ 14,040.00
Snowmobile Law Enforc. -	\$ 2,700.00
Marine Safety Grant -	\$ 2,500.00
ORV Fund -	\$ 4,180.00
F.I.A. -	\$ 10,000.00
Capitol Improvement	\$ 10,000.00

Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to authorize payment to Burt Township for their ambulance appropriation being \$37,834.58 for operations and \$7,000 for ambulance replacement for a total of \$44,834.58. Monies are to come from the ambulance fund budget. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

On a motion by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to authorize an appropriation payment to Rock River First Responder in the amount of \$5,600. Monies are to come from the ambulance fund budget. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

It was moved by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to authorize an appropriation payment to Mathias First Responder in the amount of \$3,910. Monies are to come from the ambulance fund budget. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

On a motion by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to approve payment of all of the board bills as recommended by the Committee of the Whole. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to approve the financial reports for all funds. A full 30-page report is available upon request with the treasurer. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

On a motion by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Mattson to transfer the 2011 expenditures as follows:

- *\$1,186.31 from the Circuit Court budget into the Board of Commissioners budget
- *\$1,130.52 from the Circuit Court budget into the County Law Library budget
- *\$787.86 from the Circuit Court budget into the Probate Diversion Officer budget
- *\$200.30 from the Sheriffs budget into the Snowmobile Law Enforcement budget
- *\$13.57 from the Circuit Court budget into the Computers budget
- *\$675.92 from the Building and Grounds budget into the Animal Shelter budget
- *\$4,231.50 from the Treasurer budget into the Substance Abuse budget
- *\$573.25 from the Attorneys/Consultants budget into the Veterans Affairs budget

Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to authorize the treasurer to transfer \$3,000 back into Fund #216 Circuit Court Probation Oversight for 2011. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

On a motion by Commissioner Mattson and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to authorize the treasurer to send DHS (Department of Human Services) their 2012 appropriation in the amount of \$10,000. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

There were no miscellaneous financial matters.

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to approve the following #2012-1 Resolution:

RESOLUTION #2012-01

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Alger County Treasurer that in 2012 the Alger County Board of Commissioners authorized the County Treasurer to collect the Limestone Township summer tax collection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alger County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Treasurer to collect a 1% administration fee, as authorized by MCL a211.44.

Dated: January 16, 2012

Jerry Doucette, Chairman
Alger County Board of Commissioners

Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

Committee reports were next. Commissioner VanLandschoot talked about an AMCAB meeting he will attend and hopefully bring back information on housing. Commissioner Pullen said that she talked about a discussion she had with Todd Brock about a resolution.

New correspondence was read and will be placed in the file.

Board comments were next. Commissioner Mattson discussed a meeting he attended and talked with the Luce County commissioners about their jail situation. He said that over the weekend he had an opportunity to talk with a commissioner from Schoolcraft County. He said that they are very interested in talking again about a regional jail. He said that they have a situation down there and they need to do something. He said that as we pursue or even look into the possibility of using the Central School to keep in mind that there are two counties adjacent to us that both have problems with prisoners and if we can expand our prison and generate additional revenues that's a huge plus for Alger County and additional jobs for Alger County. Commissioner Mattson said that those are some of the things in the works. Commissioner Doucette said that he would like to thank everyone's patience at this meeting and for going over to Central School. He said that he thinks they should take a good look at it.

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

On a motion by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to adjourn the meeting at 6: 39 p.m. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Mattson, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó none.

Jerry Doucette, Chairman
Alger County Board of Commissioners

Mary Ann Froberg
Alger County Clerk