

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

March 19, 2012

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Pursuant to recess, the Alger County Board of Commissioners convened in the conference room of the county building at 4:00 p.m. on the above date.

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

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.

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

It was moved by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner VanLandschoot to approve the Committee of the Whole minutes of February 13, 2012 and the Regular Board of Commissionerø minutes of February 20, 2012. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó Commissioner Mattson.

Barbara Trombley was present with the Alger County 4-H Youth Conservation Council for a presentation on environmental issues. The group handed out a report that they presented, òUsing Environmentally Safe Cleaners.ö The report was regarding green commercial cleaners and what the word green really means in these cleaners and in the bottles. The council is promoting the use of vinegar-based, environmentally safe cleaners through education and practical action in the form of a cleaner trade-in. Free bottles of these safe cleaners will be provided in exchange for a bottle of commercial chemical cleaner. The old commercial cleaners will be disposed of safely. The exchange dates are March 31, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. ó 1:00 p.m. at the Munising Home Sports and Craft Show and tentatively on April 21, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. ó 10:00 a.m. at the MSU State Extension farm in Chatham. The council asked if the resolution committee could prepare a resolution supporting their change for adoption at a future meeting. Commissioner Pullen asked about white vinegar and any reactions to some plastics. The council said that their bottles have a warning on it that it is not safe for marble or grout. Commissioner Doucette said that they could pass a resolution at another meeting. Barbara is to give the clerk the address to mail the resolution when it is done.

Teri Grout with the Alger Conservation District was present and thanked the board for their support in the form of office space. She said that it means a lot to them in the form of a local match for grant proposals. She said that she should find out within the next three weeks if any of the grant proposals are accepted. If it is, she will be back asking the board for a letter of support citing the office space. She also talked about partnering with a number of groups on a prescription drug turn-in program that will be happening at the Senior Center at 208 Superior Street on April 20th and 21st. She discussed how the prescription drugs can get into the water tables and have significant effects on health and aquatic life. She said that she will have a brochure that she will leave in the commissionerø boxes. Teri said that they have a 2011 Five-Year Long-Range Implementation Plan completed and handed the plan to the commissioners. She discussed the plan and told the board that if they had any questions feel free to ask. She asked the board about having a small plaque regarding the small wildflower garden out by the flagpole in front of the courthouse. She said they are looking at planting some more native flowers in there this spring. She also wanted to put a brochure by the front door describing the native plants. The board decided it was best to run it by Murray and that they had no problem with it. Commissioner VanLandschoot asked Teri about the work on Grand Island and if there was going to be any more work done there. She discussed that it is Forest Service property and any work will proceed with the Forest Service. He asked about the spotted knapweed that is out at the airport. Teri said they are looking at it for future control. He also asked about the purple boxes for the emerald ash borer. She said that the USDA will not give out any of those boxes in the areas that are infested. She discussed talking with USDA and getting non-stinging wasps, a bio-control that is being used downstate. She said that they feel our site up here would be right for that.

Joe Cilc discussed his computer program. He said that there was one minor glitch that will be fixed tomorrow. He said that Computer Associates was supposed to have Microsoft Office 2007 installed on the new computer, but that they put on Microsoft Office 2010. He handed out an email explaining why there were extra costs. He is asking the board to pay for the extra costs and then he will reimburse the county for the cost. The original estimate was \$4,736 plus any related expenses. It was discussed that the work has already been done and that the county is on the hook. On a motion by Commissioner Pullen and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to authorize payment to Delaney Software Services in the amount of \$5,494.56. Monies are to come from the DTR fund. These are to be repaid with two years. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó Commissioner Mattson.

On a motion by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Pullen to authorize the sheriff to purchase the lower bid for the ORV from Marquette Powersports with the trailer in the amount of \$14,341. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó Commissioner Mattson.

Old business was next. There was none.

On a motion by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Pullen to approve the LMAS quarterly appropriation for April through June 2012 in the amount of \$20,745 (101-601-969.000). Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó Commissioner Mattson.

It was moved by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Pullen to approve payment of all of the board bills as recommended by the Committee of the Whole with the exception of the bill to Bay Care. The sheriff did not get a response yet on that bill. This bill is to be held until the sheriff receives an answer. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó Commissioner Mattson.

On a motion by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Pullen 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 Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó Commissioner Mattson.

On a motion by Commissioner VanLandschoot and seconded by Commissioner Rondeau to transfer the 2011 expenditures as follows:

*\$3.67 from the Elections budget into the Board of Commissioners budget

*\$42.67 from the Elections budget into the Building and Grounds budget

*\$3.62 from the Elections budget into the Veterans Affairs budget

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

There were no miscellaneous financial matters.

Committee reports were next. Commissioner Rondeau received and handed out a policy from the road commission with respect to designated snow trails. Commissioner VanLandschoot discussed a presentation with the judicial committee. He also talked about the ARRA funding with AMCAB but expects there to be a decline in the funds. Commissioner Doucette said he put information about UPCAP in everyone's box. He also talked about the NACo drug discount card and that more folks are getting the card and starting to use it. Commissioner Rondeau said that he went to a meeting and that everyone received the AuTrain Park very well. Commissioner Doucette discussed the Knotty Pine parcel information.

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

Board comments were next. Commissioner Pullen discussed the cost allocation plan and the special board meeting that was on March 14th. She said that her husband has worked for a heavy equipment company and that he pointed out that working with heavy equipment is not so much the age but the hours of use. She said that we need to be aware of the information that is received. Commissioner Rondeau wanted to know if we have been following the Honeywell project and wondered if it was going as well as they said it would. The response was yes. Commissioner VanLandschoot asked to discuss the motion he made at the special board meeting regarding the cost allocation plan. There was much discussion on what should be put in the letter to the Department of Treasury. It was agreed that it should include all of the funds as the motion had read.

There were no staff comments.

Public comment session was open. Some of the students commented what was discussed and the difference between county government and the schools. Joe Cilc said that he will not be here next week because he will be attending classes. He said that he has also received mold complaints. There was no other 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 5:30 p.m. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes ó Commissioners Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Nays ó none. Absent ó Commissioner Mattson.

Jerry Doucette, Chairman
Alger County Board of Commissioners

Mary Ann Froberg
Alger County Clerk