

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

December 10, 2012

Minutes are subject to corrections and approval

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, Pullen, Rondeau, VanLandschoot, and Doucette. Absent ó none.

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.

It was the consensus of the board to look at the minutes and make a motion at Monday's regular board meeting.

The agenda was amended to add paramedic training. There was board consensus of the amended agenda as presented.

Bob Lindbeck from the Alger County Road Commission gave a power point presentation to the board with an update on their accomplishments of the road commission's 2012 projects. He also handed the board the Alger County Road Commission 2013 Proposed Budget for Road and Bridge Projects.

Joe Cilc was present to discuss his budget. He asked the board to delay his 2012 payment of \$6,747.28 to the DTR for loans that were taken in April 2011 and March 2012. He was supposed to make a final payment of \$2,747.28 in 2013. Joe asked to split the total of \$9,494.56 that is owed into the next two years. His payments would then be \$4,747.28 in 2013 and \$4,747.28 in 2014. He asked about next year's budget and wondered where it was going. He said that his truck will need repairs in the future. Commissioner Mattson said that the budgets will be looked at tomorrow, December 11, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Mattson asked Joe about a bill to Angry PC. Joe said that he called Compudyne and they did not have the resources he needed, so he contacted Angry PC.

Matt Waldron and Undersheriff Brock were present to discuss a paramedic training program. Matt said that the class cost is \$5,000 and must have certain qualifications. The county will be responsible for \$3,000 after the student pays the first \$2,000 up front. The \$2,000 will be repaid to the student upon successful passage of NREMT testing and obtaining state licensure. The individuals are to carpool and mileage will be paid for one vehicle to Newberry. See the following:

**Paramedic Training Program
Begins: Dec. 20, 2012
Luce County EMS**

This may be one of the last classes that may be available in Upper Peninsula for quite some time because of the new State requirement of COAEMSP Accreditation.
www.coaemsp.org

Alger County Ambulance has a long-standing tradition of providing our own training programs. However we cannot teach our own Paramedic Program because all Paramedic classes must be sponsored by a Hospital or College training facility. Also all classes after Jan. 1, 2013 will require COAEMSP Accreditation. This accreditation no longer allows NREMT as the testing agent. It also requires the program director to have BA.

Luce County Ambulance and Helen Newberry Joy Hospital is doing a class to beat the Jan. 1st 2013 deadline. The Cost is \$5000 for tuition. We currently have at least two interested EMT's currently on the Alger County EMS roster.

Must have following qualifications:

- Active in EMS with Alger County Sheriff's Office greater than 2 years
- Signs up for on call shifts on a regular basis during that two year period of time
- Anticipation of remaining in the Alger County area.
- Must have reliable transportation. (Mileage for personal vehicle)
- Must car pool in a personal vehicle to class and clinical. (1 vehicle per class)
- Healthy and able to lift and carry patients as needed.
- Currently on the roster for Alger EMS with proven reliability
- Person must commit to serve with Alger EMS for four years upon completion of the program or repayment of fees will be required. (\$1000 per year of un-served time)

- **Agree to do as much of the clinical aspects of the course locally as possible to minimize mileage**
- **Must agree to pay 40 percent of the tuition from self-pay. (\$2000). This will be repaid to the student upon successful passage of NREMT testing and obtaining State Licensure**
- **Attendance at class and clinical time is not scheduled. Applicants will have to do this on their own time.**
- **Funding for the program will be paid on a quarterly basis as allowed by the Course Coordinator.**
- **Quarterly Student Progress reports will be provided to the Sheriff and if students are not meeting the standards set by the Course Coordinator Alger County funding will be withheld and the student will be responsible for self-funding of the program.**

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the cost of the paramedic class. The monies are to come from the ambulance fund budget. Undersheriff Brock updated the board and discussed the two jury trials that are coming up in January. He said that the Department of Corrections will provide two officers to help provide security. This will also help cut the costs for the trials. There is to be a law enforcement meeting to discuss the issues.

It was the consensus of the board to reappoint Sarah Williams to the ALTRAN Board of Directors for a three-year term effective 1/1/2013 and ending 12/31/2015.

It was the consensus of the board to reappoint John Sherman-Jones to the Commission on Aging Board for a three-year term.

It was the consensus of the board to reappoint Lisa Peters to the Commission on Aging Board for a three-year term.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the clerk to advertise for a vacancy on the DHS (Department of Human Services) Board for a three-year term. A resume is to be turned into the clerk's office no later than December 28, 2012.

It was discussed that Lynne Maki does not want to get the health insurance but that she would like to receive the dental insurance and the insurance opt-out. It was the consensus of the board to authorize Lynne Maki to purchase dental insurance in the amount of \$1,042.44 through payroll deduction with the board re-evaluating after one year. This will be split into 26 pay periods for a total of \$40.19 for one pay period and \$40.09 for 25 pay periods. Lynne would then receive the insurance opt-out at the current rate.

Old business was next. There was none.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize payment to Pathways for their fourth quarterly mental health appropriation ending December 31, 2012 in the amount of \$8,305 (101-649-969.000).

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

It was the consensus of the board to approve the financial reports for all funds. A full 30-page report is available upon request with the treasurer.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the treasurer to transfer \$3,500 out of Transfer in Friend of the Court to Friend of the Court Fund #215. This is for monies that were removed twice from the Friend of the Court Fund.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the treasurer to transfer \$511.81 from the general fund law library budget into the Law Library Fund #269.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the clerk to transfer the following expenditures:

- *\$723.29 from the Treasurer's budget into the Circuit Court budget
- *\$463.65 from the Treasurer's budget into the Attorneys/Consultants budget
- *\$511.81 from the Treasurer's budget into the County Law Library budget
- *\$1,151.48 from the Treasurer's budget into the Postage budget
- *\$1,500 from the Treasurer's budget into the Veterans Burials budget
- *\$649.77 from the Treasurer's budget into the Employee Fringe Benefits budget
- *5,012.27 from the Medical Examiner's budget into the Employee Fringe Benefits budget

There were no miscellaneous financial matters.

There were no resolutions.

Committee reports were next. Commissioner Pullen discussed the insurance committee and discussion about a letter that went out to four individuals regarding Nebco. She said that one of the employees said that their husband would not sign up for Nebco and that he was not signing up for Medicare Part B. She also said that the board made a decision with the insurance and that those people should go to Nebco. She said that in her opinion, based on the board's decision, whatever the excess cost is for the Nebco premium that would be paid, this employee will have to have it come out of their paycheck. She said that if they choose not to sign up for Part B, they pay the extra premiums that the county will pay. She said that this board made a decision and that they need to stand by that decision because they are setting themselves up for future Nebco enrollees. She said if they don't hold them now, they will be in trouble later. She said that any extra cost to the county over and above the basic insurance premium that was part of the plan is to be paid by the employee, retiree, whoever, whenever. Commissioner Doucette said that they are hopefully looking at some dates for negotiations. He also discussed where the budget is headed and possibly having the commissioners have quarterly meetings to discuss budgets.

Correspondence was read, discussed, and will be filed.

Board comments were next. Commissioner Rondeau discussed the gas station in Chatham and that they are putting up a building. He said that he met with John Basse of Pathways. He said that Pathways is putting in for grants and wants to rent part of the Central School. He discussed the Pathways Board and the appointment to the board. He also discussed retirement and going from defined benefits to defined contributions. There was discussion of PILT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) and what was going on in regards to the funding. Commissioner VanLandschoot said that AMCAB is closing their monies for the housing and weatherization for this year and that the funds look like they will be decreased for next year. He also discussed the LMAS board.

There were no staff comments.

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

This meeting is now adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Jerry Doucette, Chairman
Alger County Board of Commissioners

Mary Ann Froberg
Alger County Clerk