

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

**January 9, 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 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, public comment 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 presented.

It was the consensus of the board to approve board policy with the changes in mileage to .55 ½ cents on page 15 and adding staff comments to the agenda on page 4.

There was discussion on the commissioner's committee list. There were a couple of changes. It was the consensus of the board to approve the 2012 committee list.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the sheriff 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.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the sheriff to go out on bids to purchase a sign for the end portion of the ambulance garage.

It was the consensus of the board 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 professional services account.

It was the consensus of the board to approve 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. 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.

It was the consensus of the board to reappoint Joann Carlson, Al Weymouth, and Hampton Waring to the Brownfield Authority for three year terms expiring 12/31/2014.

It was the consensus of the board to reappoint Tom Moseley to the Landbank Authority for a three year term expiring 12/31/2014.

Old business was next. There was none.

It was the consensus of the board to approve the first quarter appropriation payment to LMAS in the amount of \$20,745 (101-601-969.000).

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the treasurer to transfer the following 2011 general fund appropriations into individual funds:

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

It was the consensus of the board 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

It was the consensus of the board 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 \$44,834.85. Monies are to come from the ambulance fund budget.

It was the consensus of the board 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.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize an appropriation payment to Mathias First Responder in the amount of \$3,910. Monies are to come from the ambulance fund budget.

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 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

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the treasurer to transfer \$3,000 back into Fund #216 Circuit Court Probation Oversight for 2011. There was discussion that this was for cost allocation.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the treasurer to send DHS (Department of Human Services) their 2012 appropriation in the amount of \$10,000.

There were no miscellaneous financial matters.

It was the consensus of the board to approve the following resolution #2011-1:

**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

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Jerry Doucette, Chairman  
Alger County Board of Commissioners

Committee reports were next. Commissioner Pullen discussed that Cheryl Hill was to be getting her information about taking care of time sensitive issues at the Committee of the Whole meetings and that she has not done that. Jerry Corkin from the Marquette Board is to get the information to her. Commissioner Mattson discussed the law enforcement meeting and said that there is a possibility of picking up two 6.2 liter diesel Humvees from the military with 50 to 60 miles on them. The catch is if the military needs them back for a war, we would have to give them back. There were also 35 kilowatt generators. There was talk on a new fully equipped vehicle for the sheriff's department. It is a combination of MI-Deal and USDA grant. The sheriff also talked about a site visit from PSC Alliance for a Next Generation 911 grant. He said that now they have a grant for answering a 911 call in whatever form it comes in (text, picture, etc.) The preliminary cost is 80% / 20% with Alger County paying the 20%. He said that we will have to sit down and look at this really hard because of the cost. He said that the maintenance cost is what is really expensive at approximately \$38,000 to \$48,000. Commissioner Mattson also said that he told the Luce County Commissioners that the jail is in compliance and that we have room in our jail for their inmates. Commissioner Doucette discussed a meeting that he and others attended looking at the Central School. He said that the cost is at a very realistic price. He said that there was a lot of discussion on utilizing the space both here at the county building and at the school. He asked if some of the commissioners would go

over and look at the school on Wednesday at noon. He said that we need to take a good, hard look at it and to keep an open mind, and if there is a possibility of using it.

Correspondence was read and will be filed.

Board comments were next. There were none.

Staff comments were next. There were none.

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

This meeting is now adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

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Jerry Doucette, Chairman  
Alger County Board of Commissioners

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Mary Ann Froberg  
Alger County Clerk