

COUNTY OF ALGER

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ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING AGENDA

January 5, 2026, 8:00 a.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Election of Vice-Chairman ([ACT 156 of 1851 Sec. 46.3](#))
5. Board Policy
 - a. Meeting Schedule
 - b. Mileage
 - c. Road Commission Salaries
 - January 15, 2024, Maintain current annual salaries at:

Chair	\$4,100.00
Vice-chair	\$3,895
Commissioner	\$3,280
 - d. Per Diems
 - January 3, 2025 \$40 increased to \$45
 - January 4, 2019 \$35 increased to \$40
 - January 5, 2009 \$30 increased to \$35
6. 2026 Committee List
7. Brief Public Comment
8. Adjournment

106 – MEETING SCHEDULE:

The Alger County Board of Commissioners shall meet for the Committee of the Whole meetings on the second Monday of each month at 4:00 p.m.

The Alger County Board of Commissioners shall meet for the regular meeting as follows: The third Monday of each month at 4:00 p.m.

The Alger County Board of Commissioners may, by majority vote, recess a meeting and set a date for completion of such regular meeting.

Further, special meetings may be called by any board member, with the consent of one-third of the board. (M.C.L.A. 46.10) The request for a special meeting shall be in writing, shall be addressed to the County Clerk, and shall specify the time, date, place and purpose of the meeting. Upon the reception of a request, the clerk shall give notice to each of the commissioners in the manner required by the bylaws or rules of the county board of commissioners or, if the bylaws or rules do not specify the manner for giving notice to each of the commissioners, by causing notice to be delivered electronically, or to the commissioners personally, or by leaving the notice at the residence of the commissioner.

ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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2026 Committee of the Whole meeting dates will be held at 4:00 p.m. in the Alger County Building Conference Room on the following dates:

January 12	July 13
February 9	August 10
March 9	September 14
April 13	October 12
May 11	November 9
June 8	December 14

2026 Board of Commissioners meeting dates will be held at 4:00 p.m. in the Alger County Building Conference Room on the following dates:

January 19	July 20
February 16	August 17
March 16	September 21
April 20	October 19
May 18	November 16
June 15	December 21



IRS sets 2026 business standard mileage rate at 72.5 cents per mile, up 2.5 cents

IR-2025-128, Dec. 29, 2025

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service today announced that the optional standard mileage rate for business use of automobiles will increase by 2.5 cents in 2026, while the mileage rate for vehicles used for medical purposes will decrease by half a cent, reflecting updated cost data and annual inflation adjustments.

Optional standard mileage rates are used to calculate the deductible costs of operating vehicles for business, charitable, and medical purposes. Additionally, the optional standard mileage rate may be used to calculate the deductible costs of operating vehicles for moving purposes for certain active-duty members of the Armed Forces, and now, under the One, Big, Beautiful Bill, certain members of the intelligence community.

Beginning Jan. 1, 2026, the standard mileage rates for the use of a car, van, pickup or panel truck will be:

- 72.5 cents per mile [driven for business use](#), up 2.5 cents from 2025.
- 20.5 cents per mile driven for medical purposes, down a half cent from 2025.
- 20.5 cents per mile driven for moving purposes for certain active-duty members of the Armed Forces (and now certain members of the intelligence community), reduced by a half cent from last year.
- 14 cents per mile driven in service of charitable organizations, equal to the rate in 2025.

The rates apply to fully-electric and hybrid automobiles, as well as gasoline and diesel-powered vehicles.

While the mileage rate for charitable use is set by statute, the mileage rate for business use is based on an annual study of the fixed and variable costs of operating an automobile. The rate for medical and moving purposes, meanwhile, is based on only the variable costs from the annual study.

Under the law, taxpayers cannot claim a miscellaneous itemized deduction for unreimbursed employee travel expenses, except for certain educator expenses. However, deductions for expenses that are deductible in determining adjusted gross income remain allowable, such as for certain members of a reserve component of the Armed Forces, certain state and local government officials, certain performing artists, and eligible educators. Alternatively, eligible educators may claim an itemized deduction for certain unreimbursed employee travel


expenses. In addition, only taxpayers who are members of the military on active duty or certain members of the intelligence community may claim a deduction for moving expenses incurred while relocating under orders to a permanent change of station.

Use of the standard mileage rates is optional. Taxpayers may instead choose to calculate the actual costs of using their vehicle.

Taxpayers using the standard mileage rate for a vehicle they own and use for business must choose to use the rate in the first year the automobile is available for business use. Then, in later years, they can choose to use the standard mileage rate or actual expenses.

For a leased vehicle, taxpayers using the standard mileage rate must employ that method for the entire lease period, including renewals.

[Notice-2026-10](#) [PDF](#) contains the optional 2026 standard mileage rates, as well as the maximum automobile cost used to calculate mileage reimbursement allowances under a fixed-and variable rate plan. The notice also provides the maximum fair market value of employer-provided automobiles first made available to employees for personal use in 2026 for which employers may calculate mileage allowances using a cents-per-mile valuation rule or the fleet-average-valuation rule.

 *News items may not be updated after their release. Please verify the date before relying on the language.*

2026 ALGER COUNTY STANDING COMMITTEES

***** Meet First Tuesday of Each Month *****

8:00 a.m.

FACILITIES (Kelly Livermore & Mike Nettleton)

Airport

*Airport Advisory (Richard Bowerman, Roger Bentlage, Brian Rochon)

Animal Shelter (+Animal Shelter Manager)

Audit (May, October)

Building & Grounds (+Maintenance Supervisor)

Hazardous Waste

Housing

Munising Landfill

Recreation

Recycling

Resource and Development

Solid Waste

Watershed Steering

9:00 a.m.

HUMAN RESOURCES (Robert Hughes & Kelly Livermore)

Audit (January, June, November)

Elected Officials

Insurance

Labor Relations

Non-Represented Employees

Public Relations

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10:00 a.m.

FINANCE (Robert Hughes & Mickey Rondeau)

Audit (February, July, December)

Budget

County Mortgages (+CAAM Executive Director)

Grants

Taxation

11:00 a.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE (Mickey Rondeau & Dean Seaberg)

Audit (March, August)

Building Codes

Courthouse Security

Equalization (+Equalization Director)

Resolutions

Policies

Public Safety

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*EMS

*Law Enforcement

Website

12:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE (Mike Nettleton & Dean Seaberg)

Audit (April, September)

Contracts and Negotiations

OTHER ENTITY COMMITTEES

***** Schedule Determined by Each Entity *****

ALGER COUNTY FAIR BOARD

Mickey Rondeau
Alternate: Kelly Livermore

BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Kelly Livermore, Dean Seaberg, Pam Johnson

CAAM**

Dean Seaberg

COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Mickey Rondeau
Alternate: Mike Nettleton

CUPPAD

Kelly Livermore, Dean Seaberg
Alternate: Robert Hughes

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (DHHS)

Kelly Livermore

ALGER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Mickey Rondeau

HEALTH & WELFARE (LMAS)

Dean Seaberg, Mickey Rondeau

INDUSTRIAL PARK COMMISSION

Robert Hughes, Mike Nettleton

LAND BANK

Kelly Livermore, Pam Johnson

MARQUETTE COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD

Kelly Livermore

MICHIGAN WORKS - THE UPWARD TALENT COUNCIL (UTC) (15 COUNTIES)

Mike Nettleton
Alternate: Dean Seaberg

MSU EXTENSION

Kelly Livermore, Joel VandeVelde

PATHWAYS / SUD BOARD

Robert Hughes

PRISON LIAISON

Kelly Livermore, Dean Seaberg

REGIONAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

All commissioners may attend

SNOWBELT TRANSIT COMMISSION

Mickey Rondeau

U.P. 911 AUTHORITY

Mike Nettleton, Alex Grahovac, Todd Brock

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

Mike Nettleton

U.P. FAIR BOARD

Mickey Rondeau
Alternate: Kelly Livermore

VETERAN AFFAIRS

Mickey Rondeau
Alternate: Kelly Livermore

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