

**ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING AGENDA**

February 16, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

1. Call to order
2. Roll call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Brief public comment
5. Agenda
6. Consent Agenda
 - a. Affirm approving purchasing 1000 Island Rescue Air Boat
 - b. Approve UP911 Authority invoice (\$39,138.45)
 - c. Approve Dulcee Ranta, Equalization Director, contract May 1, 2026 – April 30, 2029
 - d. Approve reimbursement to Schoolcraft County for Judicial FICA overpayment (\$3,172.87)
 - e. Approve 11th Circuit Administrative Order re: Unscheduled Closings Due to Severe Weather
 - f. Approve Courthouse Office Reassignments
 - g. Approve RFP for courthouse renovations
 - h. Approve payment of all board bills
 - i. Approve Financial Reports for all funds
 - j. Appropriation to Pathways Jan-Mar 2026 [\$8,305.00] (101-631-969.000)
 - k. Authorize the treasurer to transfer revenue received in 2026 for expenses in 2025
 - l. Approve Resolution to Appoint Jamie Nebel to a Magistrate of the 93rd District Court
7. Minutes
 - a. Organizational Board Meeting (January 5, 2026)
 - b. Committee of the Whole meeting (January 12, 2026)
 - c. Board of Commissioners meeting (January 20, 2026)
8. Authorize selling the hovercraft and set a minimum bid
9. Kelly Livermore, Letter of Resignation
10. Notice of Vacancy for Board of Commissioners District 4
11. Discuss the Prosecuting Attorney's letter and Renovation RFP details
12. Schedule Public Hearing for CDBG Grant for March 9, 2026, and advertise notice in Munising Beacon
13. Unfinished Business
14. Resolutions
15. Committee Reports
16. Correspondence
17. Board Comments
18. Staff Comments
19. Brief Public Comment
20. Adjourn

**(PUBLIC COMMENT IS LIMITED TO TWO (2) MINUTES PER PERSON PER BOARD POLICY)
(PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME)**

Joel A. VandeVelde

From: Kelly Livermore
Sent: Monday, February 9, 2026 7:27 PM
To: Joel A. VandeVelde
Subject: Formal Resignation – County Commissioner

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Dear Dean Seaberg and Members of the Board,

This email serves as my formal resignation from my position as County Commissioner, effective immediately following the conclusion of the board meeting on Monday, March 9, 2026.

Due to ongoing medical issues and the necessity of securing outside employment, I am no longer able to dedicate the time, availability, and capacity this role requires. After careful consideration, I have determined that continuing in this position is not feasible.

I want to be clear that this decision is final. While I previously agreed to remain in this role after discussion with The Board, my circumstances have changed and I am no longer able to continue. I will not be reconsidering or extending my service beyond this date.

I appreciate the opportunity to have served the residents of the county and wish The Board success moving forward. Please advise regarding any required transition steps prior to or following my final meeting.

Sincerely,
Kelly Livermore
County Commissioner

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VACANT SEAT ON THE ALGER COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Alger County Board of Commissioners is seeking letters of interest to serve as County Commissioner for District 4 (Onota and Grand Island Townships, and the qualifying portions of Au Train Township and the City of Munising). This appointment will expire on December 31, 2026. The remainder of the term will be elected in the next general election on November 3, 2026, as a partial term ending on December 31, 2028. If you are interested in this appointment, please submit your letter of interest to the Alger County Clerk, 101 Court Street, Munising, Michigan 49862, no later than 2:00 p.m. on February 27, 2026.



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ALGER COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

Alger County Courthouse
101 Court Street | Munising, MI 49862

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KATHLEEN LINDQUIST
Office Manager

KORI WOJCIEHOWSKI
Crime Victim Advocate

February 13, 2026

RE: Office Move

Dear Commissioners:

The purpose of this communication is to lay out our position as it relates to the upcoming office move. As I've stated to you previously, we are looking forward to the move with a few caveats that are explained below.

In the spirit of getting everything done correctly the first time, there are several things that a prosecutor's office requires under law, some of which we are not currently in compliance with.

First, a large part of our duties are enshrined in the Crime Victim's Rights Act. MCL 780.817 requires a designated waiting area for victims. Most prosecutors have these waiting areas in their offices. We use our entrance lobby, which does not exist currently in the Friend of the Court office. Our current situation is not ideal as it members of the public, attorneys, or building staff often walk in on meetings in progress. We've been forced to put out a sign when we're meeting with victims, which effectively turns away anyone else who wants access to the Prosecutor's Office. Further, many of our cases have multiple victims or witnesses; some require separation. For the safety of staff, this waiting area should be closed off from the rest of the office. Further, because this is a law office, it is not ideal for individuals from the public to be walking through the working areas of the office due to confidentiality and work stoppage concerns. We need a separate door into the victim waiting area from our office and from the entrance vestibule.

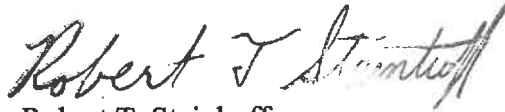
In a similar vein, we currently have no trial preparation room. I often commander the jury room or rent a space offsite so that my staff and I can lay out all of our materials prior to a jury trial. Trials require strategy; we need the facilities to enact this strategy, which is what we would like to utilize the existing vault for, along with a waiting area for law enforcement, file storage, and/or if we need to separate sets of victims for different cases or other reasons.

Next, it is imperative that both the elected prosecutor and the crime victim advocate have closing doors. The existing enclosed office in the Friend of the Court is much smaller than our current offices. We'd like to extend that space so that, if necessary, the victim advocate can meet with individuals in their office. The elected should have a door that closes due to the myriad of duties

associated with the position, including case preparation, personnel matters, and meetings with law enforcement.

There was some discussion of our offices moving to the office currently occupied by the Conservation District. After review, it appears that this would require approximately the same amount of build-out as the Friend of the Court. Further, the primary negative concern with this move overall is the proximity that crime victims will be required to be in relation to criminal defendants. We must meet with victims and witnesses, and it is best that we are able to do this in our office. That means, we are going to be requiring these people to potentially come into close contact with defendants visiting the public defender's office or probation/parole across the hall. By moving to the Friend of the Court, at least they can enter the first door, rather than walk past the other two. No matter which way you view this aspect of the situation, this is not an ideal space for these offices due to the proximity of the prosecutor to public defender and probation/parole. But, with appropriate build-out, we can make it work.

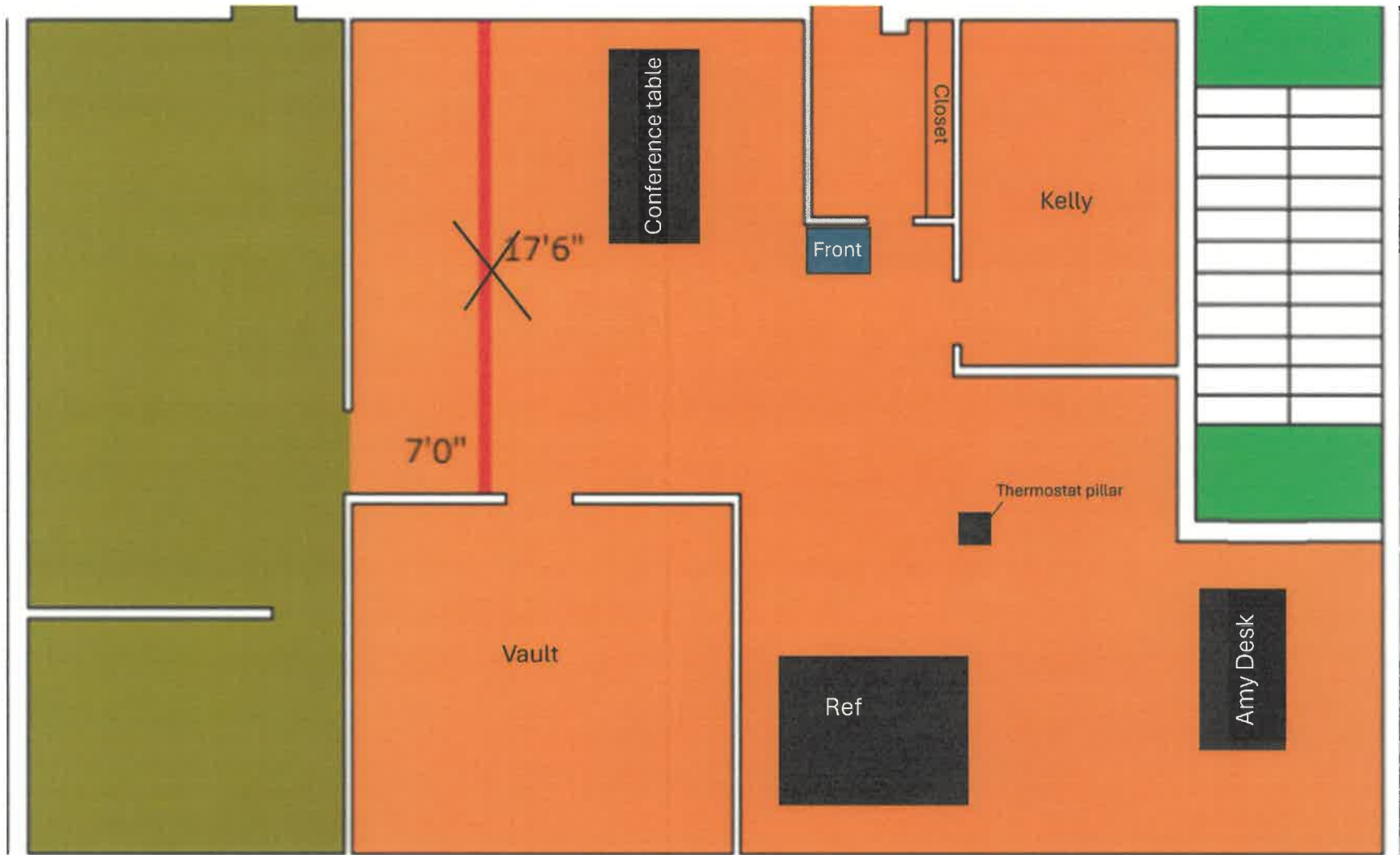
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert T. Steinhoff". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Robert T. Steinhoff

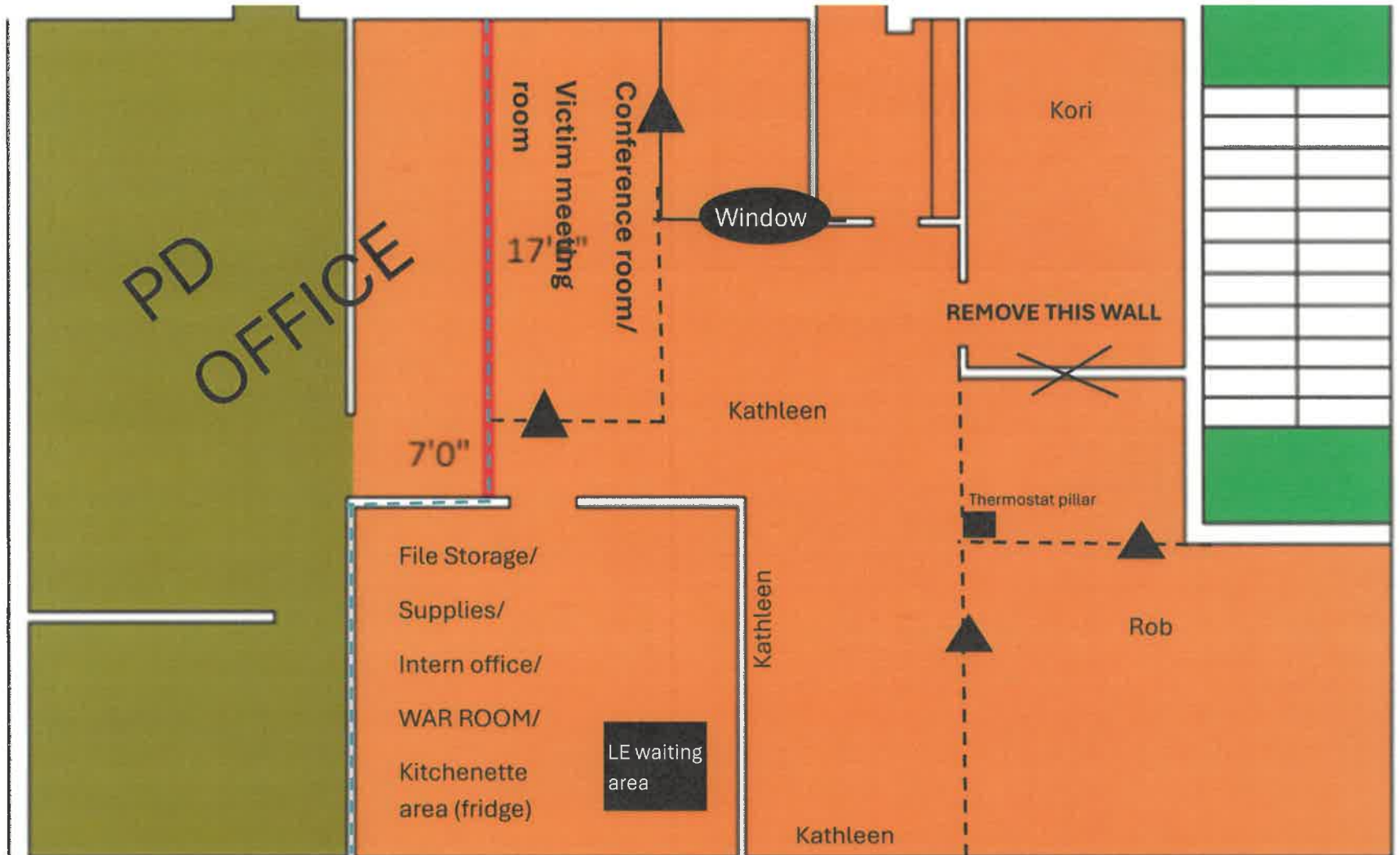
Alger County Prosecuting Attorney

Current Layout



Proposed Layout

This wall in the lobby actually comes out a little farther, probably about here



▲ Door - - - - Proposed wall - - - - Soundproofing needed

WILLIAM VAN REGENMORTER CRIME VICTIM'S RIGHTS ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 87 of 1985

780.817 Separate waiting area for victim; safeguards.

Sec. 67.

The court shall provide a waiting area for the victim separate from the defendant, defendant's relatives, and defense witnesses if such an area is available and the use of the area is practical. If a separate waiting area is not available or practical, the court shall provide other safeguards to minimize the victim's contact with defendant, defendant's relatives, and defense witnesses during court proceedings.

History: Add. 1988, Act 21, Eff. June 1, 1988

**ALGER COUNTY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
FOR MICHIGAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
FUNDING FOR (MI NEIGHBORHOOD ALGER HOMEOWNER REHABILITATION
PROGRAM)**

Alger County will conduct a public hearing on March 9, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. at Alger County Courthouse for the purpose of affording citizens an opportunity to examine and submit comments on the proposed application for a CDBG grant.

Alger County proposes to use CDBG grant funds in the amount of \$472,000 for rehabilitation activities that address health, safety, accessibility, and energy efficiency concerns, including but not limited to: Installation of handrails and grab bars; Universal design modifications to kitchens, bathrooms, and entryways; Repairs or replacements of chimneys, septic systems, wells, and roofs; Energy-efficiency upgrades such as HVAC improvements, appliance repair/replacement, exterior and storm door replacement, and installation of outdoor security lighting.

All activities, upon completion, will benefit low-to moderate income households. No person will be displaced because of the proposed activities.

Further information, including a copy of Alger County's community development plan and CDBG application is available for review. To inspect the documents, please contact: Pam Johnson, Alger County Treasurer, or review them at the Alger County Clerk's office. Comments may be submitted in writing through March 9, 2026 or made in person at the public hearing.

Citizen views and comments on the proposed application are welcome.

Alger County
Pam Johnson, Alger County Treasurer
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