

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

February 9, 2026

Approved March 23, 2026

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 Seaberg with the following commissioners present: Commissioners Hughes, Nettleton, Rondeau, and Seaberg. Absent – Commissioner Livermore.

The board of commissioners said the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

It was the consensus of the board to approve the agenda as presented.

The treasurer explained that Laurie Leppanen spoke with Michelle LaJoie, and a resolution is forthcoming for a CDBG Grant application.

It was moved by Commissioner Hughes and seconded by Commissioner Nettleton to bypass the bidding process for the purchase of a rescue airboat. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Hughes, Nettleton, Rondeau, and Seaberg. Nays – none. Absent – Commissioner Livermore.

It was moved by Commissioner Nettleton and seconded by Commissioner Hughes to authorize the purchase of a 1000 Island Airboat for \$291,000 (\$140,000 from Ambulance Fund / \$88,250 CDBG Funds / \$27,750 from 9-1-1 Fund / \$20,000 from Rescue 21 donations / \$15,000 from the sale of the hovercraft). Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes – Commissioners Hughes, Nettleton, Rondeau, and Seaberg. Nays – none. Absent – Commissioner Livermore.

It was the consensus of the board to approve the UP 911 Authority invoice for \$39,138.45.

It was the consensus of the board to approve the May 1, 2026, through April 30, 2029, Equalization Director contract with Dulcee Ranta.

It was the consensus of the board to approve payment to Schoolcraft County for Judicial FICA overpayment for FY2024.

It was the consensus of the board to approve 11TH Circuit Judicial District Administrative Order: Unscheduled Closings Due to Severe Weather.

It was the consensus of the board to approve the courthouse office reassignments as presented.

It was the consensus of the board to approve an RFP for multiple renovation options if feasible.

It was the consensus of the board to approve all board bills as recommended by the Audit Committee.

It was the consensus of the board to approve the financial reports for all funds (Trial Balance Report Available).

It was the consensus of the board to approve the January through March 2026 appropriation to Pathways for \$8,305.00.

It was the consensus of the board to authorize the treasurer to transfer revenue received in 2026 for expenses in 2025 (see sheet).

It was the consensus of the board to approve the following resolution:

APPOINTMENT OF JAMIE NEBEL

TO A MAGISTRATE OF THE 93RD DISTRICT COURT

WHEREAS, in accordance with MCL 600.8501; MSA 27A.8501 and MCL 600.8503; MSA 27A.8503, Chief Judge Beth A. Gibson hereby recommends that Jamie Nebel be appointed a non-attorney Magistrate for the 93rd District Court, subject to approval of the Alger County Board of Commissioners and the State Court Administrative Office.

WHEREAS, Jamie Nebel meets the necessary requirements to fulfill this appointment.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Alger County Board of Commissioners hereby resolves to approve the appointment of Jamie Nebel as a Magistrate of the 93rd District Court effective immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the 93rd District Court.

Commissioner Hughes will need an alternate commissioner for Pathways Committee meetings.

Commissioner Rondeau will not make the next board meeting.

Undersheriff Blank thanked the board for its support. Prosecuting Attorney Steinhoff noted that the judge is on a break.

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

The Chairman adjourned this meeting at 5:15 p.m.

Dean Seaberg, Chairman
Alger County Board of Commissioners

Joel VandeVelde
Alger County Clerk