

SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, October 21, 2014 in District Court room of the Schoolcraft County Building, City of Manistique, Michigan, commencing at 7:00 P.M. Chairperson Allen Grimm called the meeting to order. The roll was called with the following members present and/or absent:

Present: Chairperson Allen Grimm
 Commissioner Daniel J. LaFoilie
 Commissioner Sue Cameron
 Commissioner Craig Reiter
 Schoolcraft County Clerk Beth A. Edwards

Absent: Commissioner Gerald L. Zellar (excused)
Also present: Schoolcraft County Treasurer Julie Roscioli.

Chairperson Allen Grimm led the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners and the members of the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

It was moved by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Daniel LaFoilie to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2014 Board Meeting of the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners as printed. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all Board Members present. [Copies of minutes are available at the Office of the Schoolcraft County Clerk.]

Chairperson Allen Grimm asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections to the printed agenda. **It was moved by** Commissioner Daniel LaFoilie and seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to adopt the agenda as printed. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

“Public Hearings”: **None.**

“Brief Public Comment”: Jim Murphy of Cooper Office Equipment, Inc. addressed the board giving his company’s background and history in this community and how they could better serve the county’s needs. He briefly commented on the Copier and Maintenance Contract Quote given by his company for the copier needed in the main copier room of the Courthouse.

Julie Roscioli, County Treasurer, stated that the new copier between the clerk and treasurer’s office is from Cooper Office Equipment and that she is very happy with their service.

“Old and Unfinished Business”: **It was moved** by Commissioner Daniel LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to index the following twenty items from the Audit Finance Meeting of October 9, 2014, with one correction to the Purchase Requisition for \$280.00 from Julie Roscioli, Treasurer, as the purchase was for 250 dog tags and 50 kennel tags, not 300 kennel tags. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

1) **It was moved** by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Allen Grimm to approve a purchase requisition from Don Wood, Airport Manager, in the amount of \$120.00 for mower repairs. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

2) **It was moved** by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner All Grimm to approve a purchase requisition from Sheriff John Norrington, 911 Administrator, in the amount of \$1521.75 for a mobile 800 mhz radio and charger for Paul Wood to assist EMS workers with directions. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

3) **It was moved** by Commissioner Allen Grimm and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to approve a purchase requisition from Sheriff John Norrington, 911 Administrator, in the amount of \$6787.50 for radio equipment for Rapid One Response’s third ambulance. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

4) **It was moved** by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Gerald Zellar to approve a purchase requisition from Eric Perroliaz, Public Transit, in the amount of \$20,961.00 for a 2015 Dodge Grand Caravan from Snethkamp Chrysler Dodge Jeep (paid 100% with grant monies). The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

5) **It was moved** by Commissioner Gerald Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Allen Grimm to approve a purchase requisition from Eric Perroliaz, Public Transit, in the amount of \$248.38 for brake pads, blower motor, locking plier set, and assorted clamps. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

6) **It was moved** by Commissioner Allen Grimm and was seconded by Commissioner Gerald Zellar to approve a purchase requisition from Eric Perroliaz, Public Transit, in the amount of \$3090.00 for Dispatch system annual software agreement. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

7) **It was moved** by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Allen Grimm to approve a purchase requisition from Julie Roscioli, Treasurer, in the amount of \$280.00 for 2015 Kennel tags 1-300. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

8) **It was moved** by Commissioner Gerald Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to approve a purchase requisition from Mary Monroe, District Court, in the amount of \$401.00 for schedule book, wall calendar, post-its, white file folders, staples, large envelopes, cash

receipts, 14-day Misd. Notices. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

9) **It was moved** by Commissioner Allen Grimm and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to approve the claims and vouchers numbered 10336 through 10514 inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

10) **It was moved** by Commissioner Allen Grimm and was seconded by Commissioner Gerald Zellar to approve the request of the Department of Human Services for Schoolcraft County to accept the current fund balance and manage future appropriation of funds for payment of per diems to the three member board for Schoolcraft County Department of Human Services. There was discussion. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

11) **It was moved** by Commissioner Allen Grimm and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to change the medical insurance second submit from Kushner and Company to Employee Benefits at the same rate that is currently being charged by Kushner and Company. There was discussion. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

12) **It was moved** by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Allen Grimm to lower the Health Care utilization percentage from 30% to 25% for budgeting purposes which is closer to the average utilization for the past several years. There was discussion. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

13) **It was moved** by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Allen Grimm to opt out of State mandated insurance (80/20 or hard cap) pursuant to Public Act 152. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

14) **It was moved** by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Allen Grimm to accept the final figure of \$129,554.50 for the 911 tower that is being placed at the Northeast corner of the Sheriff's Department Building and make payment pursuant to contract. There was discussion regarding the rock and water clause still being left open if needed for the foundation. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

15) **It was moved** by Commissioner Allen Grimm and was seconded by Commissioner Gerald Zellar to accept the resignation of Ashley Hoholik from the Community Corrections Board and wait for a recommendation from the Community Corrections Board for a replacement. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

16) **It was moved** by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Allen Grimm to accept the resignation of Reverend Ingmar Levin from the Community Action Board and thank him for his many years of service. There was discussion. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

17) **It was moved** by Commissioner Gerald Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to transfer the duties and the \$1,000 yearly stipend from the 215 Fund from Beth Edwards to Jackie Parker for the FOC budget and CRP billing administration pursuant to the request of

Honorable William W. Carmody effective October 1, 2014. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

18) **It was moved** by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Allen Grimm to approve a wage increase for the 11th Circuit Court employees Jill Maddox and Lori Erickson of \$.60 per hour and Jodi Tiglas of \$.30 per hour effective October 1, 2014 and billing the other three counties for the cost of doing business. There was discussion. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

19) **It was moved** by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Allen Grimm to approve a wage increase for nonunion employees effective October 1, 2014 consistent with the union employee raise and approved budgets as follows: \$.30 per hour for Mary Monroe, Amanda Ingraham, Marilyn Oas, and Jackie Parker. Department Head and Salary employees as follows: \$750 to David L. Maddox, Beth A. Edwards, Marcy M. Spriks, Paul D. Wood, Timothy R. Noble, Julie Roscioli, Steven M. Videtich, Wilbur J. Norrington, Jr., Jacob J. Rivard; \$375 to Darrell L. Dixson and Karen Gurski; and \$450 to Joshua P. Brewster. There was discussion. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

20) **It was moved** by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Allen Grimm to give Julie Roscioli the authority to pursue other grants for security items at the Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Daniel LaFoille suggested that Undersheriff Darrell Dixson be involved with the grant process. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

“Old and Unfinished Business”: **It was moved** by Commissioner Daniel LaFoille and was seconded by Commissioner Sue Cameron to approve the purchase of a Husqvarna lawn mower with 44” snow blower and accessories from Lund’s Service in the amount of \$5,274 for the Airport. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

“New Business: **It was moved** by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Daniel LaFoille to list for sale the Lake Michigan access property owned by the County on US-2 just west of town in the amount of \$20,000 offering the adjacent land owners first right of refusal and list with Grover Real Estate excluding those adjacent land owners from the listing agreement. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

“New Business”: **It was moved** by Commissioner Daniel LaFoille and was seconded by Commissioner Sue Cameron to purchase a TNT 9002885 17” Speed Scrubber in the amount of \$3,646.87 for Building and Grounds. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

“New Business”: **It was moved by** Commissioner Daniel LaFoille and was seconded by Commissioner Sue Cameron to approve the Advertisement for Snowplowing for the courthouse and public transit for the winter of 2015 to be placed in the Pioneer Tribune. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

“New Business”: **It was moved by** Commissioner Daniel LaFoille and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to approve the L-4029 Tax Rate Request for 2014 presented by Paul Wood, Tax Equalization Department. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

“New Business”: **It was moved by** Commissioner Sue Cameron and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to grant the employees of the Schoolcraft County Courthouse Friday, December 26, 2014 off as a holiday. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

“New Business”: Chairperson Allen Grimm addressed the UP Energy issue with regard to the proposed increase in electric bills of 30 % for residential customers of Cloverland Electric Coop and unknown increase for business and governmental entities. There was discussion. **It was moved by** Commissioner Daniel LaFoille and was seconded by Commissioner Sue Cameron to approve the Resolution in Opposition of Rate Increases Caused by Proposed Subsidies to Operate Presque Isle Power Plant and send it to all of our State and Federal Legislatures. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

“New Business”: **It was moved by** Commissioner Daniel LaFoille and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to deny the 2% cost of living increase for C-1 Retirees. There was discussion. Commissioner Daniel LaFoille withdrew his motion to allow time to determine who is in this group and the estimated cost. Commissioner Craig Reiter also withdrew his support. No action taken by the board at this time but put on the agenda for October 30, 2014.

“New Business”: Mary Hook from the Schoolcraft County Public Library stated the millage language is a renewal of what currently is in place at this time. There was discussion. **It was moved by** Commissioner Daniel LaFoille and was seconded by Commissioner Sue Cameron to approve the language for millage renewal for the May election. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

“New Business”: **It was moved by** Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Sue Cameron to allow John Stapleton, Public Transit Direct, to advertise for the

sale one Public Transit Bus. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

“New Business”: **It was moved by** Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Sue Cameron to allow Public Transit to advertise for 2 temporary part-time employees. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

“New Business”: John Stapleton, Public Transit Director, advised that the HBH Contract still is being revised and HBH does not meet until October 30, 2014 to review the requested changes, some clerical and some substantive. There was discussion. No board action taken.

“New Business”: **It was moved by** Commissioner Daniel LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to approve the 2015 Salary Schedule effective October 1, 2014. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

“New Business”: **It was moved by** Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Daniel LaFoilie to move the November 27, 2014 Board/Audit Meeting to November 26, 2017 at 7 p.m. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

“New Business”: **It was moved by** Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Daniel LaFoilie to move the December 25, 2014 Board/Audit Meeting to December 23, 2017 at 7 p.m. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

“Committee and Department Reports”:

Commissioner Sue Cameron: None

Commissioner Daniel J. LaFoilie Sr.: attended the UP Board of Commissioners meeting October 16, 2014 and October 17, 2014.

Commissioner Craig Reiter: Sorting of mail in Iron Mountain is now going to be done in Green Bay, Wisconsin therefore, next day mail service will no longer be available out of Manistique.

Commissioner Al Grimm: attended the UP Board of Commissioners meeting October 16, 2014 and October 17, 2014.

“Announcements and Notices”: None

“Public Comment”: Chris Rantanen commented on the 2% Cost of Living Adjustment for C-1 Retirees, Public Transit being asked to cut services after they had just received a millage to increase services, and asked if the electric increase had been figured into the adopted budget.

John Stapleton commented on the electric issue and the mines that had left Wisconsin Electric.

Ashley Hoholik commented on the formula to calculate the potential increase to an electric bill.

Gary Demers inquired about the upcoming MERS Meeting being open to the public.

“Communications”: Julie Roscioli, County Treasurer, spoke about applications that had been submitted for emergency management grants. **It was moved** by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Daniel LaFoilie to allow Julie Roscioli, County Treasurer, to move forward with the next step for the Patrol Car Grant. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Commissioner Allen Grimm advised the prospective commissioners that there was a workshop for New County Commissioner in Escanaba at Bay de Noc Community College on December 3, 2014 and he would encourage them to attend if successful in the election.

It was moved by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Daniel LaFoilie to allow Chairperson Allen Grimm to sign the C2ae Bill for the Airport. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Chairperson Allen Grimm adjourned the meeting of the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners at 8:45 P.M.

Allen Grimm

Allen Grimm, Chairperson County Board

Beth A. Edwards
Beth A. Edwards, County Clerk