

## SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS BOARD MEETING

The Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, November 18, 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 Craig Reiter  
                      Schoolcraft County Clerk Beth A. Edwards

Absent:            Commissioner Sue Cameron (excused)  
                      Commissioner Gerald L. Zellar (excused)

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 October 21, 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. Commissioner Daniel LaFoilie asked that the Schoolcraft County Patrol Car Grant be added to the agenda. **It was moved by** Commissioner Daniel LaFoilie and seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to adopt the amended agenda. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

“Public Hearings”: **None.**

“Brief Public Comment”: **None**

“Old and Unfinished Business”: **It was moved by** Commissioner Daniel LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to index the following seventeen items from the Audit Finance Meeting of November 13, 2014. 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 Sue Cameron to approve a purchase requisition from John Norrington, 911 Director, in the amount of \$48,075.32 for 24 - 800 MHZ Radios and Accessories as approved in the September 25, 2014 Meeting. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.
- 2) **It was moved** by Commissioner Sue Cameron and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to approve a purchase requisition from Julie Roscioli, Treasurer, in the amount of \$3,500 for partial work completed on the camera system at the jail by Manistique Computers as approved in prior meeting from the Designated Fund for Courthouse Security. 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 Tim Noble, Prosecutor, in the amount of \$250 for Thompson Vet Clinic Professional Services. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.
- 4) **It was moved** by Commissioner Sue Cameron and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to approve a purchase requisition from Julie Roscioli, Treasurer, in the amount of \$409.99 for a new computer for the front to replace the public lookup computer and the one that is currently there would go to the Building and Grounds Department. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.
- 5) **It was moved** by Commissioner Sue Cameron and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to approve a purchase requisition from John Norrington, Sheriff, in the amount of \$395.17 for repair on the Steering Column to 2009 Crown Vic Patrol Car and wrecker bill. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.
- 6) **It was moved** by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Allen Grimm to approve a purchase requisition from Eric Perrollaz, Public Transit, in the amount of \$235.30 for parts and supplies from Napa. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.
- 7) **It was moved** by Commissioner Allen Grimm and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter approve a purchase requisition from John Norrington, Sheriff, in the amount of \$466.50 for 20 - Simulation Cartridge's for Taser Gun Training for all officers. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.
- 8) **It was moved** by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Allen Grimm to approve the claims and vouchers numbered 10672 through 10775 inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.
- 9) **It was moved** by Commissioner Sue Cameron and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to approve an actuarial to be done by MERS for the C-1 Old Retirement to get an actual cost for

the 2% Cost of Living Adjustment. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

- 10) **It was moved** by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Sue Cameron to deny Jackie Parker the \$1,000 stipend for extra duties assigned as previously approved. There was discussion. The motion **failed** by a lack of majority aye vote of the Board members present, with the voting as follows; Commissioner Craig Reiter- yes Commissioner Sue Cameron- no, Commissioner All Grimm-no, and Commissioner Daniel LaFolle- no.
- 11) **It was moved** by Commissioner Sue Cameron and was seconded by Commissioner Allen Grimm to roll over 21 hours of vacation time for Marilyn Benish to be used within 60 days of her anniversary date. 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 accept the 2014-2015 ORV Law Enforcement Program Grant in the amount of \$4,455. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.
- 13) **It was moved** by Commissioner Allen Grimm and was seconded by Commissioner Sue Cameron to allow the upgrade to the AS400 and to commit to pay Schoolcraft County's share of the expense in the amount of \$1,154.50. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.
- 14) **It was moved** by Commissioner Allen Grimm and was seconded by Commissioner Sue Cameron to accept Graphos Year Round bid for \$80 per push for the Courthouse/jail grounds and \$42 per push for the Public Transit Building, pursuant to contract these should be billed separately. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.
- 15) **It was moved** by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Sue Cameron to allow Chairperson Allen Grimm, Clerk Beth Edwards, and Treasurer Julie Roscioli to sign a Letter of Understanding between Schoolcraft County and the Schoolcraft County DHS Christmas Program allocating the 2% funds from Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians to be passed through the County and to the Schoolcraft County DHS Christmas Program. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.
- 16) **It was moved** by Commissioner Allen Grimm and was seconded by Commissioner Sue Cameron to pay for the floor scrubber and the airport lawnmower/snow blower out of the Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.
- 17) **It was moved** by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Sue Cameron to allow Allen Grimm, Chairperson so sign the County Incentive Plan to be sent to the State of Michigan. There was discussion. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

Further under “Old and Unfinished Business”: Commissioner Craig Reiter reported that he had talked to John Stapleton from Public Transit and there are still some issues with the contract language with HBH. Commissioner Reiter asked to have the Public Transit and HBH Contract moved to November 26, 2014 agenda. No action taken.

Under “New Business”: Paul Wood addressed the sale of US2 property, the sale, and the listing of said property with a realtor and maybe the board would rethink their action at a prior board meeting regarding the sale. There was discussion. **It was moved by** Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Daniel LaFoilie to authorize Chairperson Allen Grimm to send letters to the three adjoining property owners of the County owned US2/Lake Michigan Land just west of town offering them the property for \$25,000. The offer would give those individuals two weeks to act and if no action was taken the property would be listed with Grover Real Estate at that time which Chairperson Allen Grimm also has the authority to sign. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

“New Business”: **It was moved by** Commissioner Daniel LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to authorize the Chairperson Allen Grimm to sign the feedback form approving of the Mitigation Plan update. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

“New Business”: Charles C. Nebel, Probate/Family Court Judge, addressed the board regarding his health insurance, he has written a letter and would like the issue of wages for his employees and budget adjustments addressed at a future meeting once the information that he has provided is reviewed. He wants to work in a cooperative relationship with the board but he does want some attention to Probate Court in a reasonable timeframe. There was discussion and set for further discussion on December 11, 2014 at 4 p.m.

“New Business”: **It was moved by** Commissioner Daniel LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to approve Schoolcraft County healthcare coverage for Charles C. Nebel, Probate Judge, and Schoolcraft County’s responsibility would be 50 percent of the 85 percent paid by Schoolcraft County for employees. Commissioner Daniel LaFoilie addressed that this Board is not speaking for Alger County and if they don’t pay the other 50 percent then it would be up to Judge Nebel to do so. There was further discussion. 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 accept the 2014-2015 Child Care Fund Annual Plan and Budget in the amount of \$419,070.73 with the State of Michigan grant reimbursement of \$209,535.37 which is 50 percent of the budget amount. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

“New Business”: Commissioner Daniel LaFoilie commented that there was a Windmill Ordinance Update and that the attorney at Foster Swift has advised the County to impose a moratorium on the issuance of permits, licenses or approvals for wind energy systems for one year or until the ordinance is revised. There was discussion. **It was moved** by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Daniel LaFoilie to follow the attorney’s advice and approve a Resolution To Adopt An Ordinance To Impose A Moratorium On The Issuance of Permits, Licenses, or Approvals For Wind Energy Systems, Resolution No. 2014-3. There was discussion. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

**It was moved** by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Daniel LaFoilie to approve the Ordinance To Impose A Moratorium On The Issuance of Permits, Licenses, or Approvals For Wind Energy Systems, Ordinance No. 2014-3. There was discussion. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

**It was moved** by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Daniel LaFoilie to approve the Notice of the Ordinance Adoption Language to be published in the local paper. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

“New Business”: **It was moved** by Commissioner Daniel LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to approve an increase in salary for Tim Noble, Prosecutor, in the amount of \$5,000 for this fiscal year 2014-2015 and the new board consider the same increase for next fiscal year. There was discussion. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

“New Business”: **It was moved** by Commissioner Daniel LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to approve an increase in salary for Darrell Dixon, Undersheriff, in the amount of \$5,000 for this fiscal year 2014-2015 and the new board consider the same increase for next fiscal year. There was discussion regarding the increase making Mr. Dixon eligible for medical insurance or cash in lieu and possible retirement if the months are worked per Act 88. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

“New Business”: Chairperson Allen Grimm stated that storage space is necessary for Search and Rescue trailers and equipment so they can be moved from the back parking lot. Darrell Dixson, Undersheriff, has been trying to get ahold of Nick Derousha to see about LMAS trailers that are also in the back parking lot but he is hunting and was not available but will continue to try and contact him. Chairperson Allen Grimm asked to table this until November 26, 2014 meeting. No action taken.

“New Business”: **It was moved** by Commissioner Daniel LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to accept the 2014-2015 Snowmobile Law Enforcement Program Grant Agreement. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of Board members present.

“New Business”: Donald Wood, Airport Manager, informed the board that he had a meeting in Lansing for the Fuel Farm and terminal update. The Fuel Farm bids will go out by December 15, 2014 and will return by January 15, 2015. The Board will need to set a date to open and accept a bid and get the information back to Lansing by February 15 and the funding will be given in March. He expects the County’s contribution to be 5%. The terminal bids will go out in mid-January and return 30 days from that date. The Board will need to open and accept a bid and return it to Lansing by early to mid-April and the funding will be given in June. He expects the County’s contribution to also be approximately 5% for that grant. Homeland Security is still an issue with the fence around the airport and funding is still unknown and we will have three years to work that out. Hanger doors were hung and secured last Thursday and we are waiting for the hardware for the doors so they can be locked but they are hung and secure at this time. The pavement repair where the fuel spill was is taken care of and all cleaned up. No action taken.

“New Business”: Julie Roscioli advised that now that the approval of the pre-application for the new patrol car has been accepted by Rural Development, the application is the next step and that she has prepared that for signature and submission. **It was moved** by Commissioner Daniel LaFoilie and was seconded by Craig Reiter to authorize the Chairperson, Allen Grimm, and the Clerk, Beth Edwards, to sign the application for the patrol car grant in the amount of \$13,000 from the USDA, Rural Development. The motion carried with unanimous aye vote by the Board members present.

“New Business”: Julie Roscioli, Treasurer, also needs to submit a letter to Rural Development stating that the funds for Schoolcraft County’s share of the patrol car are in a restricted account for the patrol car. The restricted cash that is set up for the patrol car is \$1,092 short, however,

there is money in a restricted account for the courthouse truck that can be moved. **It was moved** by Commissioner Daniel LaFoille and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to move \$1,092 from courthouse truck restricted cash to patrol car restricted cash. The motion carried with unanimous aye vote by the Board members present.

“Committee and Department Reports”:

Commissioner Daniel J. LaFoille Sr.: stated that the EDC Board needs to meet as there are issues that need to be addressed.

Commissioner Craig Reiter: None

Commissioner Al Grimm: None

“Announcements and Notices”: None

“Public Comment”: Tim Noble, Prosecutor, thanked the Board for their consideration with regards to his salary. However, the rest of the courthouse should not be forgotten.

“Communications”: Beth A. Edwards, Clerk, stated that there needs to be a Public Hearing on the Patrol Car Grant and would set that for December 11, 2014 at 4 p.m. during the Audit Meeting.

Tim Noble asked how the \$5,000 increase would be paid if it was for the 2014-2015 fiscal year? Commissioner Daniel LaFoille stated that the \$5,000 would be divided by the remaining pay periods in this fiscal year and then the pay period amount would be re-adjusted for next fiscal year.

Darrell Dixson, Undersheriff, addressed possibly trading in the green truck as well as the Expedition on the new patrol car and would talk with the Sheriff and Curran’s.

**Chairperson Allen Grimm** adjourned the meeting of the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners at 8:04 P.M.

*Allen Grimm*

Allen Grimm, Chairperson County Board

*Beth A. Edwards*

Beth A. Edwards, County Clerk