

## SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners / Audit Finance Committee met on Tuesday, December 23, 2014 in the District Courtroom of the Schoolcraft County Building, City of Manistique, Michigan, commencing at 7:00 p.m. Chairperson Allen Grimm called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The roll was called with the following members present and/or absent:

Present:           Chairperson Allen Grimm  
                      Vice-Chairperson Daniel J. LaFoilie  
                      Commissioner Craig Reiter  
                      Commissioner Sue Cameron  
                      Schoolcraft County Clerk Beth A. Edwards  
Absent:            Commissioner Gerald L. Zellar

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 Sue Cameron to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2014 meeting of the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the 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 to add the Veteran's Counselor Letter/Request. **It was moved** by Commissioner Daniel LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to approve the amended agenda. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

"Public Hearings": None.

"Brief Public Comment":

"Old and Unfinished Business": Beth A. Edwards, County Clerk, distributed email communications from MERS explaining the Gen 01 Split and the expected cost associated with the split between union and non-union employees. Commissioner LaFoilie suggested a meeting with MERS and table this matter until the new board members are brought up to speed. No Board action taken.

**Under “New Business”:** It was moved by Commissioner Daniel LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Sue Cameron to accept the Emergency Manger Contract as it is right now with no changes being made and extend that for one more year. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

**Further under “New Business”:** Beth A. Edwards stated that the IRS Mileage Rate is increasing as of January 1, 2015 to \$.575. Commissioner Daniel LaFoilie stated in the past the board has always accepted and follow the IRS Mileage Rate. No Board action was taken, however, it was agreed that was the practice of the County is to follow the IRS Mileage Rate.

**Further under “New Business”:** It was moved by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Daniel LaFoilie to approve the Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital Board’s appointment nominations of Dick Hueter, Ernie Krueger, and Georganne Verigan, PhD, L.Ac to the three available Board positions all being a six year terms. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

**Further under “New Business”:** It was moved by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Daniel LaFoilie to appoint John Barker as the 911 Board Alternate Technical Advisor. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

**Further under “New Business”:** Commissioner Daniel LaFoilie stated that this amount has been delinquent for some time and the Auditors have advised that if the amount owed is uncollectable it should be written off instead of carrying it as a potential receivable. It was moved by Commissioner Daniel LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Sue Cameron to deem that the \$6,507 owed to the County by the Housing Commission for cost allocation of payroll services is uncollectable and will be written off. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

**Further under “New Business”:** Beth A. Edwards, Clerk stated that the Secretary of State Lease is up in August 2015 and the current proposal from the State is for no increase for five years and 3% increase for two consecutive five year terms. Commissioner Daniel LaFoilie stated that with the electric rate potential increase and who knows what else will increase in a fifteen year lease. This matter was tabled until the new Board is in place in January. No Board action taken.

**Further under “New Business”:** Julie Roscioli presented the Board with a MERS Health Care Savings Program that the employees could participate tax free for healthcare expenses. January MERS had time available to come for an educational session. Commissioner Daniel LaFoille suggested that they meet with the insurance committee in January. No Board action taken.

**Further under “New Business”:** Commissioner Craig Reiter addressed a letter received from Josh Brewster requesting that he work only two days a week instead of three which he is currently working. According to the letter submitted the Veteran’s Board approved the temporary reduction in hours, however, the salary is still to be decided. **It was moved by** Commissioner Daniel LaFoille and was seconded by Craig Reiter that we voice our displeasure with this process and that we have a meeting with the Chairperson of the Veterans Board at the very least so we get a better feel for what their expectations are. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

**Under Committee and Department Reports, the following matters were heard:**

**Commissioner Allen Grimm:** Attended the UPCAP meeting.

**Commissioner Sue Cameron:** None.

**Commissioner Daniel J. LaFoille:** Electric rates are still an issue. Attended two meetings last week and there has been no further resolution. February 21, 2015 he will be traveling to Washington DC with MAC to plead our case and the impact this increase will have on the U.P.

**Commissioner Craig Reiter:** Attended the Taskforce meeting. All money is going toward the road commission.

**Announcements and Notices:** None

**Public Comment:** On behalf of the SPARE Group the County Board is thanked for all they accomplished this year and also thanked

**Communications:** Commissioner Daniel LaFoille thanked Al Grimm, Sue Cameron, and Jerry Zellar for their time and effort that has been given to this community. A Certificate of Appreciation was given to Al Grimm and Sue Cameron. Jerry Zellar will be presented with one as well.

John Norrington, Sheriff, advised that there is schools for correction officer at NMU and LSSU. LSSU is double the price as NMU but he will bring this formally before the board in January. He also thanked Al Grimm and Sue Cameron for their efforts in the last two years.

Julie Roscioli, Treasurer, enjoyed the working relationship that she has had with Al Grimm and Sue Cameron and they will be missed.

Audit Finance Chairperson Daniel J. LaFoilie called the Audit Finance Meeting to order at 7:39 P.M.

**Purchase Requisitions: It was moved by** Commissioner Allen Grimm and was seconded by Commissioner Sue Cameron to approve a purchase requisition from Tim Noble, Prosecutor, in the amount of \$142.00 for a 19" computer monitor. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

**It was moved by** Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Sue Cameron to approve a purchase requisition from Julie Roscioli, Treasurer, in the amount of \$ 363.00 plus shipping for a HP Laser Jet Pro Printer. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

**It was moved by** Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Allen Grimm to approve a purchase requisition from Beth A. Edwards, Clerk, in the amount of \$180.57 for training from Northern Michigan Public Service Academy Program in Marquette on Open Meetings Act and FOIA and mileage. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

**It was moved by** Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Sue Cameron to approve a purchase requisition from Eric Perrollaz, Public Transit, in the amount of \$1,139.85 for Repairs to Bus 6 from Schultz Equipment and Parts Company. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

**It was moved by** Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Sue Cameron to approve a purchase requisition from Timothy Noble, Prosecutor, in the amount of \$309.00 for stamps. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

**It was moved by** Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Sue Cameron to approve a purchase requisition from Steve Videtich, Building and Grounds, in the amount of \$2,150.00 for gate closures in the Circuit Courtroom. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

**It was moved** by Commissioner Allen Grimm and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to approve a purchase requisition from Don Wood, Airport Manager, in the amount of \$1,000.00 for hanging the hanger door and fix track. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

**It was moved** by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Allen Grimm to approve the claims and vouchers numbered 142 through 325, inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Chairperson Daniel LaFoilie addressed two vouchers presented by the Veteran's Department regarding the work being done in 2014 and charged in 2015 and feel that these vouchers need to clarified. The work has been done and should be paid but there is clarification needed.

**It was moved** by Commissioner Allen Grimm and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to approve budget adjustments numbered JR-120-14 through JR-148-14, inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

**Chairperson Allen Grimm** adjourned the Board Meeting at 7:55 P.M.

*Allen Grimm*

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Chairperson County Board

*Daniel J. LaFoilie, Sr.*

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Audit Finance Chairperson County Board

*Beth A. Edwards*

Beth A. Edwards, County Clerk