

**SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BOARD /AUDIT FINANCE MEETING**

The Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners met on Thursday, September 25, 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  
                                  Beth A. Edwards, Schoolcraft County Clerk

Absent:                   Commissioner Sue Cameron (Excused)  
                                  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 Daniel LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter 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. Commissioner Daniel J. LaFoilie asked that the Sheriff's Department Employee Sick Time Request be added to the agenda and MI Works Rent be deleted from the agenda. Commissioner Allen Grimm also asked that the car/body camera's for Sheriff's Department be deleted from the agenda. **It was moved by** Commissioner Craig Reiter and seconded by Commissioner Daniel LaFoilie 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 Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Daniel LaFoilie to authorize signature on the Letter of Understanding with AFSCME union for a \$.30 increase in hourly wages and to opt out of mandated insurance pursuant to Public Act 152 and remain at the 15% copay for health insurance premiums by

employees. There was discussion. Commissioner LaFoilie stated that the 5.4% projected increase in health insurance would also be shared with all employees taking health insurance at 15% as that was the projected increase in premiums. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

“Old and Unfinished Business”: **It was moved by** Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Daniel LaFoilie to authorize signature on the Letter of Understanding with Schoolcraft County DSA/Affiliated with Police Officer Association of Michigan for a \$.30 increase in hourly wages and to opt out of mandated insurance pursuant to Public Act 152 and remain at the 15% copay for health insurance premiums by employees. There was discussion. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

“Old and Unfinished Business”: Sheriff John Norrington again went over his request to purchase from Michigan Taser Distributing, 5 – X26P Black Taser guns with Tactical Performance Magazines and Holsters, 1 – X2/X26P Data Port Download Kit, 10 – 25’ XPH Air Cartridges, and 38 - 15’ Air Cartridges. Sheriff Norrington explained the need to replace two of the guns that they currently have and the further need for the number of guns requested which would assist his department with some liability issues. **It was moved by** Commissioner Daniel LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to allow the purchase of the Taser Guns and equipment needed pursuant to the invoice from Michigan Taser Distributing in the amount of \$6,198.47 and not to be purchase prior to October 1, 2014. There was discussion. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

“New Business: 911 Bids for Fire Repeater’s and Tower / three bids were received, were opened and read as follows: Anderson Communications, Inc. in the amount of \$144,167.70; West Shore Services, Inc. in the amount of \$136,540.00; and ELCOM Systems in the amount of \$132,942.50. Commissioner Craig Reiter stated that the specification of each bid had been reviewed by the 911 Board and all three met those specifications as put in the bid sheet. Commissioner Craig Reiter also wanted the board to know that in addition to the tower bids there would be one time charges for licensing and a state fee. **It was moved by** Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Daniel LaFoilie to accept ELCOM Systems bid in the amount \$132,942.50 which included options for the lightning halo, ice bridge and fencing, and a rock and water clause which may be an additional charge with regard to installation of the tower. There was discussion. Commissioner Daniel LaFoilie stated that nothing should be started prior to October 1, 2014. Commissioner Allen Grimm inquired about the project completion prior to the end of the year and that was confirmed by Dan Smith, ELCOM consultant dependent upon weather. Commissioner Daniel LaFoilie wants some assurance that there is a high level of confidence that

these improvements will take care of the continued problems with communication between the county's fire departments. Bob Madden from the 911 Board addressed the communication issue and the one thing he likes about the ELCOM Systems bid is that there is a guarantee that if it doesn't fix our problems they will take the equipment back and refund our money. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

"New Business": 911 Bids for 800 MHZ Radios / three bids were received, were opened and read as follows: RELM Wireless Corporation in the amount of \$72,921.60 but this bid does not meet bid specifications; Anderson Communications, Inc. in the amount of \$2,352.00 (installation of radios in vehicles only); and ELCOM Systems in the amount of \$50,955.32. Bob Madden from the 911 Board stated that after review of the Bid Specification and the bids received the bid from RELM Wireless Corporation does not meet the specifications as the radios are not Motorola. Commissioner Craig Reiter further stated that the Anderson Communications bid was for installation of radios only there were no radios included in that bid and the ELCOM Systems bid did meet all specifications as required. **It was moved** by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Daniel LaFoille to accept ELCOM Systems bid in the amount of \$50,955.32 which met the specifications on the bid sheet from the 911 Board. There was discussion. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

"New Business": Commissioner Daniel LaFoille summarized a letter received from Sheriff's Department deputy requesting 8 hours of sick leave be loaned to him by another employee and then give it back when his time gets built back up. There was discussion. **It was moved by** Commissioner Daniel J. LaFoille and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to deny the request of Sheriff's Department deputy to borrow 8 hours of sick time from another deputy. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

"Committee and Department Reports":

Commissioner Daniel J. LaFoille Sr.: attended Michigan Association of Counties Conference on Mackinac Island. Attended the Hiawatha Behavioral Health Board Meeting; their budget has been reduced by approximately \$600,000 and that will result in a reduction to the Public Transit contract which is pending with an estimated loss in revenue for Public Transit in the amount of approximately \$30,000 which is a concern for everyone. Attended the Community Corrections board meeting today and their funding will remain the same. Commissioner LaFoille expressed his appreciation to the 911 Board and thanked them for the hard work they have put in on the lengthy process of getting the bids for the towers and radios.

Commissioner Craig Reiter: addressed the Airport small lawn mower has quit working. Also the Airport Hanger door still needs to be replaced, however, no bids have been received and stated that a new track may need to be added to get the door fixed.

Commissioner Al Grimm: attended Michigan Association of Counties Conference on Mackinac Island which reaffirmed that we are on our own up here in the U.P. and downstate doesn't do much for us and care about us. The county commissioners are doing the best they can recognizing that many workers are underpaid and a raise of \$.30 will be given again this year on October 1, 2014.

“Announcements and Notices”: Julie Roscioli, County Treasurer stated the Airport has a deficit in cash in the amount of \$5,844.87. **It was moved** by Commissioner Daniel LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to move \$5,844.87 from Airport Fuel to cover the deficit. There was discussion. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

“Public Comment”: Julie Roscioli, County Treasurer explained that no money would be requested from MMRMA grant for the Taser Guns for Sheriff's Department because the County is only allotted so much grant money through MMRMA grant and those funds are being requested for the Courthouse Security planned improvements.

Jill Maddox, Circuit Court Judicial Secretary, expresses Judge William W. Carmody's frustration with the raises for his staff. Commissioner Daniel LaFoilie stated that he has met with Judge Carmody and that this is a frustration for the board as well because of the other counties not authorizing the raise for these shared employees and their refusal to pay the seven and a half cent increase per hour per employee. There has to be something done to get the attention of the other three counties in the 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit.

Dan Smith who is a consultant with ELCOM Systems assured that the 911 tower system will work and that the radios will be received and programmed quickly. He will be running this job and assures supervision of the entire project including supervision of any subcontractor at all times while work is being done on site.

Julie Roscioli wanted everyone to know that the letter she submitted to the paper last week was her personally and not on behalf of the county. She wrote the letter to clarify a few things she felt was reported in error about the county budget from the meeting on September 16, 2014.

“Communications”:

Audit Finance Chairperson Daniel J. LaFoille called the Audit Finance Meeting to order at 8:04 P.M.

**Purchase Requisitions: It was moved by** Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Allen Grimm to approve a purchase requisition from Beth A. Edwards, County Clerk, in the amount of \$350.00 for Election Training in Lansing, MI after October 1, 2014. 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 Beth A. Edwards, County Clerk, in the amount up to \$450.00 for 4 new rubber stamps for certification of documents not to be ordered prior to October 1, 2014. 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 Jackie Parker, Deputy Friend of the Court, in the amount of \$374.99 for a fax machine and battery backup for the network not to be ordered prior to October 1, 2014. 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 Marnie Hoezee in the amount of \$415.28 for Probate Register's Training/Conference downstate not to be prior to October 1, 2014. 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 David Maddox in the amount of \$500.00 for St. Francis Script to be used for Drug Court Incentives not to be purchased prior to October 1, 2014. 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 Schoolcraft County Sheriff's Department/Jail in the amount of \$295.00 plus shipping for a USB Downloader for Pipe Touch Button Reader for the new computer not to be purchased prior to October 1, 2014. 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 Butch Wood, Airport Manager, in the amount of \$16,000

for 4000 gallons of AV Fuel not to purchase prior to October 1, 2014. 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 budget adjustments numbered 392-14 through 471-14, inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

**It was moved** by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Allen Grimm to approve the claims and vouchers numbered 10224 through 10335, inclusive and also include the three late vouchers submitted. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

**Vice-Chairperson LaFoilie** adjourned the Board Meeting at 8:20 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*

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