

SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners / Audit Finance Committee met on Thursday, April 24, 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
Commissioner Gerald L. Zellar
Schoolcraft County Clerk Daniel R. McKinney

Absent: None.

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 Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner LaFoilie to approve the minutes of the April 15, 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. **It was moved** by Commissioner LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to approve the agenda as printed. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

“Public Hearings”: None.

“Brief Public Comment”: Paul Wood asked about addressing the Board regarding the Garage Sale Ordinance. Chairperson Grimm said he would prefer that Mr. Wood do this when the issue comes up on the agenda.

“Old and Unfinished Business”: **It was moved by** Commissioner LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to adopt a resolution for Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control designating Schoolcraft County Conservation District as the agency responsible for administering and enforcing Part 91. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

Further under “Old and Unfinished Business”: **It was moved by** Commissioner LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Zellar to adopt a fee schedule for Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

Further under “Old and Unfinished Business”: Commissioner LaFoille noted that the Board has received a letter from Tim Noble regarding the Senior Center Kitchen issue. Commissioner Reiter and Commissioner Cameron will address this issue with the Commission on Aging.

Further under “Old and Unfinished Business”: Commissioner Reiter noted that the Airport plan for this year has been received and the recommendation is to upgrade the terminal building with a conservative estimate of local match being \$17,000.00 and to upgrade the Fuel Farm at a cost for local match being conservatively \$2,500.00. **It was moved by** Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner LaFoille to just do the fuel farm this year. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present. Commissioner Reiter will contact the Airport Consultant and ask them if Schoolcraft County can just do the boiler in the terminal this year and do the rest of the upgrades next year.

Further under “Old and Unfinished Business”: **It was moved by** Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Zellar to allow the Chairperson to sign the Consultant Selection Process Record for the Airport Audit. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

Further under “Old and Unfinished Business”: **It was moved by** Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Zellar to authorize the Chairperson to sign the Economic Necessity Certification for Non-primary Airports. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

Further under “Old and Unfinished Business”: Commissioner LaFoille said he and Commissioner Grimm met with Housing Director Kim Fannin to discuss Indirect Costs. Commissioner LaFoille said he feels we need to contact our accountant and ask some questions regarding this issue.

Further under “Old and Unfinished Business”: Schoolcraft County Clerk Dan McKinney said the Finance Committee discussed the issue of giving watches to employees for 25 years of services and came up with the idea of giving a gift card instead. The Finance Committee contact the County Auditor Alan Stotz at Anderson Tackman. Mr. Stotz related that the Board cannot give a watch or a gift card because this would be an illegal expenditure. Mr. Stotz said all expenditures made with public funds must be for a public purpose. Mr. Stotz said the Board could negotiate this into the contract, but even so any money given to employees would have to be taxed.

Commissioner Cameron suggested making this part of Policies and Procedures instead of part of the contract.

No further “Old and Unfinished Business”.

Chairperson Grimm noted that there are four openings on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Schoolcraft County Clerk Dan McKinney noted that Tim Noble submitted a letter regarding this matter to the Board which upholds what is state in the law; Zoning Board of Appeals Members cannot be residents of the City , nor can they be employees or contractors of the county. Mr. McKinney said one member has resigned, but the other three affected have not. Commissioner Zellar and Paul Wood both indicated that they will step down from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Under “New Business”: It was moved by Commissioner LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to appoint Daniel Christensen to the Zoning Board of Appeals. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

Further under “New Business”: It was moved by Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Zellar to advertise the appointments to the Zoning Board of Appeals in the Advisor. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

Further under “New Business”: It was moved by Commissioner LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to refer the question posed to the Board by District Court Employee Karen Gurski regarding retirement payout to Bonnie Toskey. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

Further under “New Business”: Paul Wood addressed the Board regarding the proposed Garage Sale Ordinance and encourage the Board to adopt it. **It was moved by** Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Zellar to send the Garage Sale Ordinance back to the Planning Commission with the following requested amendments; Remove line one from (E) (1), remove (E) (2) entirely, Change (E) (3) from “6 square feet” to “# square feet”, and insert “nightly” before “...immediately following each sale.”, in the “Exceptions” section: change “one single item at a time” to “other items”. The motion carried by a majority aye vote of all members present, with the voting as follows; Commissioner Reiter-yes, Commissioner Zellar-yes, Commissioner Cameron-no, Commissioner LaFoilie-no, Chairperson Grimm-yes.

Further under “New Business”: It was moved by Commissioner LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Zellar to approve placement of a millage for the operation of Schoolcraft County

Economic Development Corporation on the August 5, 2014 ballot. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

Further under “New Business”: It was moved by Commissioner Grimm and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to advertise the County Board Meeting dates and times in both papers. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

No further “New Business”.

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

Commissioner Allen Grimm: Reported that on May 29, 2014 Brad Neuman from MSU Extension will be at the County Board Meeting to talk about wind turbines and on June 17, 2014 Rick Wilson from Heritage will be here to talk about the same topic.

Commissioner Sue Cameron: No report.

Commissioner Daniel J. LaFolle: Attended an insurance meeting with Vince Babcock and employees.

Commissioner Craig Reiter: No report.

Commissioner Gerald Zellar: No report.

Announcements and Notices: None.

Public Comment: Gary DeMers of Manistique spoke regarding the Planning Commission process.

Sandy Brooks of Cooks spoke regarding the Zoning Board of Appeals and conflict of interest.

Pat Carley of Cooks spoke regarding the Zoning Board of Appeals letters of interest.

Rosanne Wood of Manistique spoke regarding the Zoning Board of Appeals letters.

Keith Rochefort of Cooks spoke regarding the Zoning Board of Appeals appointments.

Larry Mersnick of Manistique spoke regarding the advertisement for Zoning Board of Appeals appointments.

John Stapleton of Cooks spoke regarding wind turbines.

Paul Wood of Manistique spoke regarding the proposed garage sale ordinance.

Terry Brooks of Cooks spoke regarding wind turbines.

Christie Currie of Garden spoke regarding wind turbines.

Communications: Schoolcraft County Clerk Dan McKinney informed the Board that we need an increase in commissioner lodging for two commissioners. Commissioners said to use travel money.

John Stapleton informed the Board that the two new buses are in and they are having recall work done in Escanaba.

Sheriff Norrington informed the Board that he and Undersheriff Dixson attended a workshop.

Commissioner Zellar asked about turning the Zoning operation over to the Townships.

No further "Communications".

Chairperson Grimm called for a short recess at 8:20 P.M.

The Board reconvened at 8:27 P.M.

Audit Finance Chairperson Daniel J. LaFoille called the Audit Finance Meeting to order at 8:27 P.M.

Purchase Requisitions: It was moved by Commissioner Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to approve a purchase requisition from Building & Grounds in the amount of \$324.00 for an outdoor light. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Cameron and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to approve a purchase requisition from Sheriff Norrington in the amount of \$393.00 for 911 membership dues. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to approve a purchase requisition from the Sheriff Norrington in the amount of \$381.75 for batteries for 911 radios. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Cameron to approve a purchase requisition from District Court in the amount of \$238.00 for drug tests. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Zellar to approve a purchase requisition from the County Clerk in the amount of \$294.67 for a new server for the Register of Deeds computer system. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Cameron to approve budget adjustments numbered 165-14 through 193-14, inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Grimm and was seconded by Commissioner Cameron to approve the claims and vouchers numbered 8648 through 8781, inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Cameron and was seconded by Commissioner Zellar to adjourn the meeting of the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present. The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 P.M.

Allen Grimm
Chairperson County Board

Daniel J. LaFoilie, Sr.
Audit Finance Chairperson County Board

Daniel R. McKinney, County Clerk