

## SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, August 20, 2013 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 Gerald L. Zellar  
Commissioner Craig Reiter  
Schoolcraft County Deputy Clerk Kimberly Fannin

**Absent:** None

**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 Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Cameron to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2013 Audit/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.]

**It was moved by** Commissioner Cameron and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to approve the minutes of the August 2, 2013 Special 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 LaFoilie and 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”:** Dale DuFour spoke on behalf of the Schoolcraft County Historical Society thanking the Board for its support and asked they be included in the FY 2013/2014 budget.

**“Old and Unfinished Business”:** It was moved by Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner LaFoille to index the following eight items from the Audit Finance Meeting of August 8, 2013. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

1) **It was moved** by Commissioner Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to approve a purchase requisition from District Court in the amount of \$60.00 for certification fees, with the remaining \$100.00 paid through different means. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

2) **It was moved** by Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Grimm to approve a purchase requisition from the Airport in the amount of \$140.00 for two cases of oil. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

3) **It was moved** by Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Cameron to approve a purchase requisition from the Sheriff’s Department in the amount of \$471.28, plus shipping for clothing and bedding. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

4) **It was moved** by Commissioner Grimm and was seconded by Commissioner Cameron to approve a purchase requisition from the Treasurer’s Office in the amount of \$225.38 for a tax receipt printer, to be paid for from the tax fund. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

5) **It was moved** by Commissioner Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Grimm to approve a purchase requisition from the Airport in the amount of \$200.00 for pumping of the septic tank. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

6) **It was moved** by Commissioner Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Cameron to approve a purchase requisition from the Airport in the amount of \$16,000.00 for 4000 gallons of Jet Fuel. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

7) **It was moved** by Commissioner Grimm and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to approve the claims and vouchers numbered 6021 through 6167 inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

8) **It was moved** by Commissioner Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Cameron to authorize the County Treasurer to move money from a restricted line item for payment of repairs to the Jail roof. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

**Further under “Old and Unfinished Business”:** It was moved by Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Zellar to raise the airport hanger rental fee from \$60.00 per month to \$75.00 per month, payable yearly, effective October 1, 2013, with the Schoolcraft County Treasurer’s Office doing the billing and Airport Operator Jim Hursey executing the contracts, noting one individual, who recently paid a full years rent be exempt from the raise until his paid year is complete. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

**Further under “Old and Unfinished Business”:** There was discussion among Board members and Transit Deputy Director Eric Perrollaz regarding staffing and possible overtime issues, the definition of expanded services and whether or not those services would be allowed by MDOT if the Transit Department was able to expand its services with a millage increase. **It was moved** by Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Zellar to approve the Schoolcraft County Public Transit Millage proposition be placed on the November 5, 2013 election ballot, increasing the mills up to a maximum of .587 on taxable value for a period of 5 years (2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 inclusive) to be used for the general operation and expanded services. The motion carried by majority aye vote of the Board members present with voting as follows: Commissioner Reiter-yes, Commissioner Zellar-yes, Commissioner Cameron-yes, Commissioner LaFoille-no, Chairperson Grimm-yes.

**No further “Old and Unfinished Business”.**

**Under “New Business”:** Circuit Court employee Karen LaFoille will be retiring soon and the department has been looking into alternative ways to fill her position. They are proposing to split her clerical and recording duties into two separate jobs. The clerical portion would be 24 hours weekly, operate out of the Schoolcraft County office and shared and paid for by Luce, Mackinac, Alger and Schoolcraft counties evenly. At this time Mackinac County already has their own Court Recorder, but the other three counties would be responsible for hiring their own Recording Clerk as well. Mrs. LaFoille stated that the County would see significant savings with this plan on health insurance costs alone, as the new part time employee would not qualify for health benefits. She also said that in order for this to work, all four counties would have to agree to the arrangement noting Mackinac County is already on board. Commissioner LaFoille stated that Karen LaFoille is a long-standing employee of Schoolcraft County and will be greatly missed. **It was moved by** Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner LaFoille to allow Circuit Court to hire a part-time clerical employee to work 24 hours weekly, shared by Luce, Mackinac, Alger and Schoolcraft Counties with a start date 30 days prior to Karen LaFoille’s last physical working day. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

**Further under “New Business”:** Schoolcraft County Medical Care Facility Administrator, Jerry Hubbard, presented the Board with a millage proposal for the November 5, 2013 election ballot. He indicated they used worse case scenarios to come up with a figure amount they would need to sustain operations at the facility, reminding everyone that there is still a year left on the Maintenance of Effort. Commissioner LaFoille stated the hope is that with the additional operational millage for the facility the Maintenance of Effort would be reduced. Commissioner LaFoille also stated that the millage can be used to repay the County for any money they

extended to the facility to help them through their crisis. Commissioner LaFoille further stated that the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners has been active in the past several years in the assessment of millages and reduce collection amounts according to need. **It was moved by** Commissioner LaFoille and was seconded by Commissioner Cameron to approve the Schoolcraft County Medical Care Facility Millage Proposal be placed on the November 5, 2013 election ballot, increasing the mills up to a maximum of 1.5 for a period of five years, December 1, 2013 to November 30, 2018 inclusive, for operation and maintenance of the Schoolcraft County Medical Care Facility. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

**Further under “New Business”:** Commissioner LaFoille stated he would like to attend the City Council meeting as well as the next Downtown Development Authority meeting to officially request that the City and DDA does not capture money from the new Schoolcraft Medical Care Facility millage if it is indeed voted in. It would amount to about 1/10 of a mill or roughly \$33,000.00. **It was moved by** Commissioner Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to permit Commissioner Dan LaFoille to formally request from the City of Manistique and the Downtown Development Authority that they do not capture any tax dollars from the Medical Care Facility’s millage, if it is indeed voted in at the November 5, 2013 election. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

**Further under “New Business”:** It was noted that some commissioners were over budget on their per diems do to the obvious increase in meetings. It was noted that if any of the commissioners need more money in their budget for meetings, etc... it will go through the normal budget adjustment process and be approved at the last meeting of every month.

**Further under “New Business”:** **It was moved by** Commissioner LaFoille and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to allow the Sheriff to submit a 2013/2014 Secondary Road Patrol Grant application in the amount of \$27,993.00 with the understanding that if the grant is approved the Sheriff will not exceed grant monies to perform Road Patrol duties. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

**Further under “New Business”:** **It was moved by** Commissioner Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Cameron to gather prices on a new half ton, 2 wheel drive pickup truck with an 8 foot bed for the Schoolcraft County Building and Grounds Department. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

**No further “New Business”**

**“Committee and Department Reports”:**

Commissioner Daniel J. LaFoilie Sr.: Continues to attend Schoolcraft Medical Care Facility meetings. Their census is up and recent changes to its operation are helping. They met with a consultant today and will again tomorrow regarding their receivables. The goal is sustainability. Commissioner LaFoilie stated Schoolcraft Medical Care Facility Administrator Jerry Hubbard has taken a job in the Marquette area and that they have a list of names to review for interim candidates.

Attended MAC Regional Summit and met Lois Ellis, MEDC for the U.P.

Attended State Senate Hearing regarding a new Eco Zone in Delta and Marquette counties and feels this would be beneficial to Schoolcraft County as well as we are on the fringes of that area.

Attended a public meeting where Representative Benishek spoke about healthcare reform and government shut-down.

Commissioner Craig Reiter: Attended Public Transit meeting regarding their millage request. Attended the DHS meeting. They are still in search of a new Director.

Commissioner Gerald L. Zellar: Attended Michigan Works meeting and found it interesting that one of our U.P. counties was proposing to share a E.D.C. Director with another.

Commissioner Sue Cameron: Attended Public Transit meeting regarding their millage request. Attended Commission on Aging meeting. They are requesting to have petty cash on hand. Attended MAC Regional Summit.

Commissioner Al Grimm: Attended MAC Regional Summit. This is the first meeting of its kind on a regional level and was great to discuss more local items with them.

Attended Brownfield Authority meeting.

**“Announcements and Notices”:** Under-Sheriff Dixson stated that the department assisted with the cruise ship that recently came into Manistique’s harbor as well as escorted the Fallen Eagles group through the area. He further stated that the members of the Fallen Eagles held their service in front of the jail and it was very nice.

**Further under “Announcements and Notices”:** Commissioner LaFoilie welcomed new Magistrate David Maddox to the meeting. Mr. Maddox state he is acclimating well to his new position.

**No further “Announcements and Notices”.**

**“Public Comment”:** Shelly Hewitt, a member of the audience, stated that while sitting in the meeting tonight she is hearing how the County departments are combining and reorganizing to assist cost saving measures and her hopes is that it is something the Board is looking at to instate at the Medical Care Facility. Commissioner LaFoille said that although the County Board of Commissioners has little to do with the day to day operations of the facility and only has control over two of the facility’s board members, she should be assured that the MCF Board and it’s administration is working closely with the county’s Finance Committee and that together they are exploring every possible avenue. Ms. Hewitt asked the Board if they would have a plan for the facility in place prior to going to the taxpayers on election day. Commissioner LaFoille stated that there would definitely need to be an explanation to the public. He further stated that since this is a public comment time, she could direct any further questions, in writing, to the Medical Care Facility Board or the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners and they would be happy to address those questions.

**Further under “Public Comment”:** Treasurer Julie Roscioli asked the Board if the proposed Public Transit millage was an “all or nothing” proposal, and if it failed would they lose their current operating millage. Commissioner Reiter said yes, but they have funds to sustain operations until the next election where they would then request a millage for the current amount for operations.

**“Communications”:** Chairperson Allen Grimm announced that the August 29, 2013 Meeting of the County Board and Audit Finance Committee would be held at 10:00 A.M. instead of the normal 7:00 P.M., and they will be presenting the first part of the FY 2013/2014 budget.

**It was moved by** Commissioner Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Cameron to adjourn the meeting of the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners. 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 8:13 P.M.

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Allen Grimm, Chairperson County Board

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Kimberly A. Fannin, Deputy County Clerk