

## SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, August 21, 2012 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 George Ecclesine  
Commissioner Gerald L. Zellar  
Commissioner Craig Reiter  
Schoolcraft County Deputy Clerk Kimberly A. Fannin

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 Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2012 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 Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2012 Executive Session Meeting of the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners as printed. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all Board Members present.

Chairperson Allen Grimm asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections to the printed agenda. Commissioners asked that the Medical Care Facility Lawsuit under “New Business” be deleted from the agenda. **It was moved by** Commissioner LaFoilie and seconded by Commissioner Zellar to adopt the amended agenda. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of all Board members present.

“Public Hearings”: **None.**

“Brief Public Comment”: Jim Barr stated they would like to drill a well on the Boy Scout 40 in the Spring and the permit fees will be approximately \$380.00. He asked the Board to consider helping them with this cost. Commissioner Ecclesine suggested they talk with LMAS to see if they could wave the permit fees.

Tony Grahovac, Community Corrections Diversion Officer, stated the UPCAP Director signed the lease for the new office space in the Court House. He reported they purchased a new van and trailer. He also gave a brief summary of their work load and stated the community is responding well to the program. Townships can contact Tony directly to schedule projects.

“Old and Unfinished Business”: **It was moved by** Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner LaFoille to index the following twelve items from the Audit Finance Meeting of August 9, 2012. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

1.) **It was moved by** Commissioner Grimm and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to approve a purchase requisition from the Sheriff’s Department in the amount of \$311.46 for laundry bags, towels and wash clothes with the understanding that the money for this will come from the Clothing & Bedding Line Item. The motion carried by a majority aye vote of all members present, with the voting as follows; Commissioner Grimm-yes, Commissioner Reiter-yes, Commissioner Zellar-no, Commissioner Ecclesine-yes, Chairperson LaFoille-yes.

2.) **It was moved by** Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Zellar to approve a purchase requisition from the Airport in the amount of \$350.00 plus shipping for strobe light repair. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

3.) **It was moved by** Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to approve a purchase requisition from the District Court in the amount of \$485.99 for cartridges, file folders, etc and they have consulted with Steve Videtich on this purchase. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

4.) **It was moved by** Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to approve a purchase requisition from the County Clerk in the amount of \$37.53 for court forms. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

5.) **It was moved by** Commissioner Grimm and was seconded by Commissioner Zellar to approve a purchase requisition from Juvenile Court in the amount of \$381.94 for a copy machine with 50% of this cost being reimbursed. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

6.) **It was moved by** Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to approve a purchase requisition from Public Transit in the amount of \$480.56 for a 55 gallon drum of oil. 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 Zellar to approve the claims and vouchers numbered 2643 through 2818 inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

8.) **It was moved by** Commissioner Grimm and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to accept the resignation of Bob Madden as Emergency Management Coordinator as of August 1, 2012. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

9.) **It was moved** by Commissioner Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to advertise the vacant Emergency Management Coordinator Position for letters of interest with a due date of August 30, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

10.) **It was moved** by Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Grimm to send a letter to Dixie Anderson Housing Director, confirming that Indirect Costs for this current year stand as previously quoted, after obtaining a letter of support on this issue from Alan Stotz. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

11.) **It was moved** by Commissioner Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to institute a spending freeze on all non-budgeted items. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

12.) **It was moved** by Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to refer the matter of the issue of the letter sent to Tom Lang regarding COBRA cost that was sent by certified mail, but was never accepted by Mr. Lang to the Prosecuting Attorney and ask him to contact Mr. Lang and request that he pay these costs. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

Further under “Old business”: **It was moved by** Commissioner LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine that the Board direct Deputy County Clerk, Kim Fannin, to place an ad extending the deadline for the “Boat Bids” to 4:00 P.M. on Thursday, August 30, 2012, due to an error in the ad, and to add the “Boat Bids” to the August 30, 2012 meeting agenda. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of all Board members present.

Further under “Old business”: **It was moved by** Commissioner LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Michigan Department of State Police and the County of Schoolcraft (911 Contract for Dispatch Services). The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of all Board members present.

No further “Old and Unfinished Business”.

Under “New Business: The UP Area Agency on Aging/UPCAP Fiscal Year 2013 Contract (Homemaker Aide) was submitted to the Board for their information.

Further under “New Business”: **It was moved by** Commissioner LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to approve the Maximus County-Wide Allocation Plan (Indirect Costs). 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 Ecclesine to approve the appointments of Jim Barr and Scott Hoezee to a 3 year term on the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Further under “New Business”: **It was moved by** Commissioner LaFoille and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to table the Emergency Management Performance Grant and that it be added to the August 30, 2012 meeting agenda. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Further under “New Business”: **It was moved by** Commissioner LaFoille and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to approve UPCAP (Community Corrections) Lease Agreement. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Further under “New Business”: **It was moved by** Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to serve, by process server, the letter requesting payment on a COBRA issue that Tom Lang refused. A brief discussion followed after which the motion carried by majority aye vote of the Board members present, with the voting as follows; Commissioner Reiter-yes, Commissioner Ecclesine-yes, Commissioner LaFoille-yes, Commissioner Zellar-no, Chairperson Grimm-yes.

Further under “New Business”: Commissioner Ecclesine stated DEQ Inspectors are not allowed to tutor our airport personnel on Underground Storage Tank Owner/Operator Certification. Jim Hursey told Commissioner Ecclesine that others who have already been tested recommended they take the one day training prior to testing. Jim is looking into class scheduling and availability.

Further under “New Business”: Commissioner Ecclesine said that the letter Jim Hursey had posted at the airport, stating that the closing of the airport was being considered, has been removed and that he personally wrote to those individuals who responded to the posting via letters of concern.

No further “New Business”:

“Committee and Department Reports”:

**Commissioner Daniel J. LaFoille Sr.:** The Medical Care Facility is de-licensing 9 beds. The State Director of Mental Health has resigned and Jim Haverman is filling that vacancy.

**Commissioner George Ecclesine:** Mike Cournaya, caretaker of Merwin Creek, has inquired about building a handicapped accessible privy. Commissioner Ecclesine suggested he get firm

numbers on paper to bring back to the Board and stated that all updates will have to go through the State. Further, Mr. Cournaya wanted permission to get approximately 10 loads of the crushed gravel from the airport to repair the Merwin Creek road. Anderson Excavating is willing to move the material free of charge. Commissioner Ecclesine asked that this matter be put on the August 30, 2012 meeting agenda.

**Commissioner Gerald L. Zellar:** No report.

**Commissioner Craig Reiter:** The 911 Committee failed to have a quorum for the third time this year. They will go over the committee's requirements to see if they can resolve this problem. The Risk Management Committee is planning to meet this month.

**Commissioner Al Grimm:** Visited Graymont (formerly Western Lime) while the Lt. Governor was present. Visited Manistique Papers while the Governor was present. Further, he asked that the Road Patrol Grant that was just put in their baskets be put on the August 30, 2012 meeting agenda.

“Announcements and Notices”: None

“Public Comment”: Sheriff Grant Harris said the DVR Grant has been approved. He also brought forward a Marine Grant stating it is a \$5,000.00 grant not requiring a match, \$2,000.00 of which can be spent on gas, storage, equipment and the rest may be spent on wages. **It was moved by** Commissioner Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to approve the Marine Grant. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Further under “Public Comment”: Mike Gray, a member of the audience, commented on Community Corrections Diversion Officer, Tony Grahovac's verbal report.

No further “Public Comment”:

“Communications”: None.

**Chairperson Allen Grimm** adjourned the meeting of the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners at 8:02 P.M.

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Allen Grimm, Chairperson County Board

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Kimberly A. Fannin, Deputy County Clerk