

SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners / Audit Finance Committee met on Thursday, August 25, 2011 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 George Ecclesine
 Commissioner Gerald L. Zellar
 Schoolcraft County Clerk Daniel R. McKinney

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 Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2011 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. Commissioners asked that MSU Millage Language and Road Patrol Grant be added to the Agenda under “New Business”. **It was moved** by Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Zellar to approve 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 Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to approve Airport manager Contracts for Jim Hursey in the total annual amount of \$12,168.00 and for Rudy Evonich in the total annual amount of \$8,112.00 with both contracts effective August 26, 2011. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

Further under “Old and Unfinished Business”: **It was moved by** Commissioner Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to approve a contract with Health Professionals LTD. for medical services for inmates at the County Jail, option one, in the total annual amount of \$42,501.96. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

No further “Old and Unfinished Business”.

Under “New Business”: Chairperson Grimm noted that no one was here to give the Energy Plant Presentation.

Further under “New Business”: **It was moved by** Commissioner LaFoille and was seconded by Commissioner Zellar to authorize Schoolcraft County Clerk Dan McKinney to sign letters of authorization allowing any insurance company interested in bidding on medical insurance premiums access to necessary information. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

Further under “New Business”: **It was moved by** Commissioner LaFoille and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to approve language for a millage for Michigan State University Extension to be placed on the November 8, 2011 ballot. 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 approve the Road Patrol Grant for the Sheriff’s Department with the understanding that there will be no expenditures from this grant until such time as the Sheriff comes forward with a plan of how this money will be used and the plan is to first be approved by the Board of Commissioners. The motion carried by a majority aye vote of all members present, with the voting as follows; Commissioner Reiter-yes, Commissioner Zellar-yes, Commissioner Ecclesine-yes, Commissioner LaFoille-no, chairperson Grimm-yes.

No further “New Business”.

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

Commissioner Daniel J. LaFoille: Informed the Board that Larry Goldberg of GS&M called regarding the statement made by Commissioner Reiter that the Department of Corrections said Mr. Goldberg called them repeatedly trying to get them to put pressure on Schoolcraft County to make the required physical improvements at the jail. Commissioner LaFoille said Mr. Goldberg indicated he asked MDOC for a letter

stating that the improvements at the jail must be made or the jail will be closed in order to help the vote for a new jail. Commissioner LaFoilie said we have a bill from GS&M for approximately \$11,000.00 of which \$6,000.00 is for the contact made with MDOC. Commissioner LaFoilie said Mr. Goldberg indicated they would accept \$9,000.00. Commissioner LaFoilie said he would recommend that we send GS&M a letter requesting an itemized billing showing what all of their charges are for specifically. Commissioner LaFoilie also recommended that Commissioner Reiter call MDOC to confirm in writing their statement that Mr. Goldberg called them and repeatedly asking for pressure to be put on Schoolcraft County to make the required improvements at the jail. Commissioner Reiter said he would take care of this. Schoolcraft County Clerk Dan McKinney provided the Board with a handout which indicated the following; the original agreement with GS&M for the jail building project was \$7,500.00 plus a maximum of \$4,500.00 for expenses and the original agreement for intermediary services with MDOC was in the maximum amount of \$6,000.00 at the standard hourly rate. Mr. McKinney said the maximum total charges for both would then be \$18,000.00. So far we have paid GS&M \$8,988.76. This would leave a balance of \$9,011.24 if all maximum amounts were met. GS&M is trying to charge an additional \$11,719.36. **It was moved by** Commissioner LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to authorize the Clerk to send a letter to GS&M requesting an itemized billing of all expenditures incurred to date. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

Commissioner Allen Grimm: Attended the Housing Commission Meeting and Public Transit Meeting where it was reported they are providing free rides to veterans to Escanaba so they can catch an airplane to Washington D.C. to visit the veterans memorial.

Commissioner George Ecclesine: Several Meetings at the Airport to discuss the need to address the tarmac which has been damage by a helicopter.

Commissioner Craig Reiter: Attended the VA Meeting.

Chairperson Gerald Zellar: Attended the hospital Meeting and Public Transit.

Announcements and Notices: Commissioner Reiter said the Historical Society Fair & Talent Show is this weekend.

Public Comment: None.

Under Communications: None.

Audit Finance Chairperson Daniel J. LaFoille called the Audit Finance Meeting to order at 7:47 P.M.

Purchase Requisitions: It was moved by Commissioner Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to approve a purchase requisition from the County Clerk's Office in the amount of \$149.25 for toner. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Zellar to approve a purchase requisition from the Treasurer's Office in the amount of \$1,373.15 for a computer, monitor, printer and printer tray. 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 budget adjustments numbered 278-11 through 333-11, inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to approve the claims and vouchers numbered 3592 through 3700, inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Chairperson LaFoille informed the Board that the FY 2012 budget is still approximately \$229,000.00 short. He stated that we will project fund balance and DTR to make up the difference, and then it depends on how much fund balance we have from this year and what our insurance premium comes in at for next year. Chairperson LaFoille said we will then look at the bottom line in October or November and determine what cuts need to be made, if any.

It was moved by Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 P.M.

Allen Grimm
Chairperson County Board

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

Daniel R. McKinney, County Clerk

*Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners
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