

SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners / Audit Finance Committee met on Thursday, August 30, 2012 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. LaFoille
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.

Chairperson Grimm noted that Mike Gray wanted what he said under “Public Comment” during the meeting of August 21, 2012, in the minutes word for word.

It was moved by Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2012 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 Fair Building Rental be added to the Agenda under “Old Business” and that Part-time Employees at the Sheriff’s Department under “New Business”, and that Executive Session for Pawley Settlement Agreement and Executive Session for Sheriff’s Department Union Contract be added to the Agenda after item #16. **It was moved** by Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner LaFoille to approve the amended agenda. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

“Public Hearings”: None.

“Brief Public Comment”: Mike Gray of Manistique spoke regarding Community corrections Director Tony Grahovac’s report to the Board on August 21, 2012. Mr. Gray said Mr. Grahovac reported that he is in Schoolcraft County three days one week and two days the next week and that is only five out of ten days, yet Mr. Grahovac reports that Community corrections is reporting decreased jail stays due to Community corrections.

No further “Public Comment”.

“Old and Unfinished Business”: Commissioners opened five bids for the 15’ Northwood Aluminum Boat and trailer. The bids were as follows; William Stockwell= \$1,600.00, Tracy

Hamilton= \$1,649.00, Fish & Hunt Shop= \$1,500.00, Darren J. LaFoille= \$1,600.00 and Mike Gray= \$1,651.01. **It was moved by** Commissioner LaFoille and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to award the bid for the 15' Northwood Aluminum Boat and trailer to Mike Gray in the amount of \$1,651.01. 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 Ecclesine to allow the Fair Board to continue to use the Fair Building for winter storage as long as they have obtained proper insurance and use a proper waiver for the rental agreements. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

No further "Old and Unfinished Business".

Under "New Business": Commissioners opened three Letters of Interest for the position of Emergency preparedness Coordinator. The Letters of Interest were from; Jeremy Spriks, Mark Swinder and Gary Maddox. Chairperson Grimm asked that the Clerk give copies of these letters to all Commissioners. Chairperson Grimm said the Board will then set up interviews with the candidates.

Further under "New Business": Regarding the Emergency Management Performance Grant Commissioner Reiter said there is still work to be done on this issue before the Board can act on it.

Further under "New Business": **It was moved by** Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner LaFoille to allow the Eagles Club to have ten loads of fill from the Airport stockpile free of charge for repair of the road at Merwin Creek Campground with no charge for hauling or spreading of material to the County. 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 authorize the Chairperson to sign the Medical Services Agreement for the Jail Inmates for the period of November 1, 2012 through October 31, 2013. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

Further under "New Business": Sheriff Harris informed the Board that the Board has a copy of the Road Patrol Grant. Sheriff Harris said he would like the Board to approve the Grant but he will not implement Road patrol until he can get some changes made that will allow him to do Road Patrol without creating overtime. Sheriff Harris said he will work with the Jail Committee

on this. **It was moved by** Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner LaFoilie to not accept the Road Patrol Grant. There was discussion. Commissioner Reiter withdrew his motion and Commissioner LaFoilie withdrew his support.

Further under “New Business”: It was moved by Commissioner LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to appoint Ashley Hoholik to the Community corrections Advisory Board Media Position to replace John Pepin with a term ending date of 6-30-14. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

Further under “New Business”: Schoolcraft County Treasurer Julie Roscioli addressed the Board regarding the National Forest Revenues Agreement. Julie stated that she has spoke with Michigan Association of Counties and they recommend we continue to receive the 25% payment. Julie stated that we could choose option two which would require us to do Title 2 or 3 projects, and this could also reduce our Pilt. Julie said either way the money is passed through to the Schools and Road Commission. **It was moved by** Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner LaFoilie to stick to option one for National Forest Payments which is the 25% payment option for one year. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

Further under “New Business”: Commissioner LaFoilie gave a brief statement regarding the FY 2013 County Budget and asked for input from the Commissioners upon review. Schoolcraft County Clerk Dan McKinney informed the Board that the Notice of Public Hearing will be in the newspaper next week and the notice does state that the Public Hearing will be on September 13, 2012 at the Audit Finance Meeting and that there is a copy of the FY 2013 Budget for review by the public in the Office of the County Clerk.

Further under “New Business”: Jim Lucas of Michigan State University Extension addressed the Board regarding the request to place a millage for MSU on the Ballot for the November 6, 2012 General Election. **It was moved by** Commissioner LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to authorize MSU to place a millage proposal on the ballot for the November 6, 2012 General Election and to offer space in the courthouse previously occupied by Great Lakes at no cost as long as it is open, with the Proposal Language as follows;
Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all ad valorem property in Schoolcraft County, Michigan be increased up to a maximum of 0.179 mills (17.9 cents on each \$1000.00 of taxable value for a period of four years (2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015 inclusive) for the purpose of funding Michigan State University Extension Services in Schoolcraft County? It is estimated that this proposal will generate revenues of approximately \$58,000.00 during the first calendar year of the proposition.

The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

Further under “New Business”: Commissioner Reiter said he met with Mr. McKinney today to go over the budget for this year. Commissioner Reiter said he found that wages for the Sheriff’s Department part-time employees is currently over budget by approximately \$5,000.00. Commissioner Reiter said there is \$19,000.00 left in the full-time line item for the Sheriff’s Department and the cost for full-time wages in July was \$27,724.32 and the cost for full-time wages in August at the Sheriff’s Department was \$37,868.35. Commissioner Reiter said it appears as though there will not be enough money left to cover wages at the Sheriff’s Department until the end of the year. Sheriff Harris said we have to cover things at the jail. Commissioner LaFoilie said the car is on the road constantly. Commissioner LaFoilie said what concerns him is that we have lowered the part-time wages for jail employees by \$30,000.00 for next year after the Sheriff said changing to 12 hour shifts would save this much in this line item. Commissioner LaFoilie said maybe the Sheriff and the Jail Committee could look at this and come up with a plan.

No further “New Business”.

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

Commissioner George Ecclesine: No report.

Commissioner Daniel J. LaFoilie: No report.

Commissioner Craig Reiter: Attended a Risk Management Meeting and reported that his committee would like to meet during business hours. Commissioner Reiter said they have checked with all Department Heads and they are in favor of this. Commissioner Reiter said that the Risk Management Committee Members would not receive a per diem pay for meetings if this change goes through. **It was moved by** Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner LaFoilie to allow the Risk Management Committee to meet during working hours four times per year, and allow the County Employees on this committee to attend during work hours because this is a required duty. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

Commissioner Gerald Zellar:

Chairperson Allen Grimm: Attended a Road Commission and UPCAP Meeting.

Announcements and Notices: None.

Public Comment: None.

Communications: Schoolcraft county clerk Dan McKinney informed the Board that County Treasurer’s Office Employee Nancy Shampine asked him to read a letter for her at tonight’s meeting. Nancy Shampine’s letter read as follows; Question regarding the Secondary Road

Patrol. The sheriff has indicated in the past he cannot make any personnel cuts because he barely has enough people to run the jail. Now, how can he have enough people to run Secondary Road Patrol?

No further "Communications".

Audit Finance Chairperson Daniel J. LaFoille called the Audit Finance Meeting to order at 8:02 P.M.

Purchase Requisitions: It was moved by Commissioner Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to approve a purchase requisition from Public Transit in the amount of \$355.00 for two tires on bus number three. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Grimm and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to approve a purchase requisition from Public transit in the amount of \$180.00 for radio installation in bus number six. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to approve budget adjustments numbered 226-12 through 264-12, inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Zellar to approve the claims and vouchers numbered 2819 through 3003, inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Vice-Chairperson LaFoille turned the meeting back over to Chairperson Grimm.

It was moved by Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to go into Executive Session to address the Sheriff's Department Union contract and to review information from Bonnie Toskey regarding the Civil Rights issue with Cindy Pawley. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

The Meeting was recessed at 8:09 P.M.

It was moved by Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to come back into Regular Session. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

The Meeting was reconvened at 8:56 P.M. with all members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to authorize the Chairperson to sign the Civil rights Agreement with Cindy Pawley and to schedule the training. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner LaFoille to approve recommendation for the Sheriff's Department Union contract made by Bonnie Toskey with identified revisions and have her send it on to the union. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Chairperson Grimm adjourned the Board Meeting at 9:02 P.M.

Allen Grimm
Chairperson County Board

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

Daniel R. McKinney, County Clerk