

## SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, December 21, 2010 in District Court room of the Schoolcraft County Building, City of Manistique, Michigan, commencing at 7:00 P.M. Chairperson Gerald L. Zellar called the meeting to order. The roll was called with the following members present and/or absent:

Present: Vice-Chairperson Daniel J. LaFoilie  
Commissioner George Ecclesine  
Commissioner Allen Grimm  
Commissioner John W. Zellar  
Schoolcraft County Clerk Daniel R. McKinney

Absent: Chairperson Gerald L. Zellar

Also present: Schoolcraft County Treasurer Julie Roscioli

Vice-Chairperson Daniel J. LaFoilie 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 Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Grimm to approve the minutes of the November 29, 2010 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 Grimm and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2010 Special 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.]

Vice-Chairperson Daniel J. LaFoilie asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections to the printed agenda. Commissioner asked that Marine Safety Grant and Remonumentation Grant be added to the agenda under "New Business". **It was moved by** Commissioner Grimm and seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to adopt 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 Grimm to index the following Nine items from the Audit Finance Meeting of December 9, 2010. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

**1) It was moved** by Commissioner George Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Gerald Zellar to approve an amended purchase requisition from the Schoolcraft County Sheriff’s Department in the amount of \$ 179.00 for a camera, \$14.88 for camera case, and \$8.00 for SD card for a total of \$201.88. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

**2) It was moved** by Commissioner John Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner George Ecclesine to approve a purchase requisition from the Schoolcraft County Treasurer in the amount of \$799.99 for a Symantec Backup Exec. 2010 for Server, and for a HP DAT x 1 - 80 GB storage media (tapes) in the amount of \$192.64, for a total of \$992.63. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present

**3) It was moved** by Commissioner Allen Grimm and was seconded by Commissioner John Zellar to approve a purchase requisition from the Schoolcraft County Public Transit in the amount of \$1936.00 for 12 tires, for bus #2 & #3. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

**4) It was moved** by Commissioner George Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Allen Grimm to approve a purchase requisition from the Schoolcraft County Public Transit in the amount of \$ 15,950.00 for lighting upgrades to Transit facility in the amount of \$13,500.00 and electrical wiring for garage door openers, hoist, outlets, and lights in the amount of \$2,450.00. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

**5) It was moved** by Commissioner Gerald Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner George Ecclesine to approve the claims and vouchers numbered 475 through 809 inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

**6) It was moved** by Commissioner George Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Allen Grimm to accept the proposed Resolution Submitting Bond & Mileage Proposals. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present. [See Resolutions, Liber. 3, Page 631-633]

7) **It was moved** by Commissioner George Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Gerald Zellar to accept the written Policy & Procedure Language Changes For Retirement Plan Related To Change To B-2 To Take Effect January 2, 2011. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

8) **It was moved** by Commissioner Allen Grimm and was seconded by Commissioner George Ecclesine to approve the FY-2011 Snowmobile Law Enforcement Program Grant noting that the match must come from donations. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

9) **It was moved** by Commissioner George Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Allen Grimm to transfer \$12,000.00 from Snowmobile Patrol to the DTR and then transfer the said \$12,000.00 to our county Retirement Fund. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

No Further “Old and Unfinished Business”.

Under “New Business”: **It was moved by** Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Grimm to re-appoint Robert Knoph and Robert Johnson to the Building, Mechanical, Electrical Appeal Board for a term of two years with a term ending date of 7/15/12. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Further under “New Business”: **It was moved by** Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Grimm to re-appoint Omer Doran, Ernest Hoholik and Daniel J. LaFoilie, Sr. to the Community Action Agency Board for a term of one year with a term ending date of 12/1/11. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Further under “New Business”: **It was moved by** Commissioner Grimm and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to re-appoint Dan Barber and Mollie Bonifas to the Commission On Aging Board for a term of four years with a term ending date of 12/31/14. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Further under “New Business”: **It was moved by** Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Grimm to re-appoint Rick Stram to the Economic Development Corporation Board for a term of six years with a term ending date of 12/31/16. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Further under “New Business”: **It was moved by** Commissioner Grimm and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to re-appoint Clara Goudreau to the Housing Commission Board for a term of five years with a term ending date of 10/15/15. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Further under “New Business”: Schoolcraft County Clerk Dan McKinney informed the Board that the Environmental Education Laboratory Board has reorganized under Manistique Township so the County Board no longer has any authority or responsibility to this board.

Further under “New Business”: **It was moved by** Commissioner Grimm and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to appoint Brad Jones of Cooks, Michigan to the Planning Commission for a term of three years with a term ending date of 12/31/13, to replace Mark McCune who resigned. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Further under “New Business”: **It was moved by** Commissioner Grimm and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to re-appoint John W. Stapleton, Jr., Lynn Norton, and William Reid to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term of three years with a term ending date of 12/31/13. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Further under “New Business”: **It was moved by** Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Grimm to re-appoint Ernie Hoholik to the Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Appeal Board for a term of three years with a term ending date of 12/31/13. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Further under “New Business”: **It was moved by** Commissioner John Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to appoint Omer Doran to the 911 Central Dispatch Committee Board for a term of three years with a term ending date of 12/21/13, to replace Jim Barr as the Township Representative. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Further under “New Business”: **It was moved by** Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner John Zellar to authorize the signing of the schematic drawings for the Apron and Taxiway Project at the Schoolcraft County Airport. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Further under “New Business”: Vice-Chairperson LaFoilie informed the Board that Schoolcraft County Sheriff

Department Employees have been working Road Patrol and the Board needs to decide whether they are going to continue to pay for this or not. There was discussion. **It was moved by** Commissioner John Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner LaFoilie to stop paying for patrol by Schoolcraft County Sheriff's Department Employees. Commissioners noted that it is a given that if the Sheriff's Department is called out for an emergency situation, has to serve papers or perform other required duties, they will be paid for this work. Vice-Chairperson LaFoilie noted that the motion is to not have a car on the road to answer potential calls because we do not have enough money in the line items to cover this. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Further under "New Business": Schoolcraft County Clerk Dan McKinney informed the board that they had previously approved changing the Register of Deeds Automation Contract from Manatron to Trimen which will save approximately \$12,000 per year in maintenance costs. Mr. McKinney said at the time this was approved hardware costs were projected to be \$6,300.00. Mr. McKinney said the actual costs for the hardware needed is \$6,183.28 according to Dan Edwards, and it is time to make the purchase because the transition will begin in January. Further, it was noted by Schoolcraft County Treasurer Julie Roscioli that the previously approved backup system will not be needed because the new server for the Register of Deeds has sufficient memory to handle the backup. Ms. Roscioli noted that we will need to purchase an adaptor of sorts which costs much less than the previously approved backup. **It was moved by** Commissioner Grimm and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to approve the purchase of a server, printer and workstation upgrades for the Register of Deeds System. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Further under "New Business": Vice-Chairperson Daniel J. LaFoilie Sr. noted that 911 Secretary, Angie Pierce has resigned this position and Marilyn Benish in the Tax Equalization Office has agreed to assume these duties for no additional pay. Vice-Chairperson LaFoilie noted that Ms. Benish already performs 911 duties as part of her current non-union seven hour position. Vice-Chairperson LaFoilie noted that he discussed this issue with Sheriff Harris and it is agreed that the seven hours of non-union work performed by Ms. Benish will now be paid with 911 revenues. **It was moved by** Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Grimm to appoint Marilyn Benish 911 Secretary and to pay the current seven hours of non-union work performed by Ms. Benish out of 911 revenues. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present. Schoolcraft County Clerk Dan McKinney noted that Ms. Benish assumed additional duties asking for no compensation and he would like to note that Marilyn Benish is a very remarkable and dedicated employee of Schoolcraft County. Board members noted that appreciation to Ms. Benish.

Further under “New Business”: **It was moved by** Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Grimm to authorize application for the Marine Safety Grant for FY 2011. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Further under “New Business”: **It was moved by** Commissioner John Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to approve the application for the Survey and Remonumentation Grant in the amount of \$54,423.00. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

No further “New Business”:

“Committee and Department Reports”:

Commissioner George Ecclesine: attended the LMAS Board Meeting and met with LMAS employees in Schoolcraft County. Attended the conference call regarding the Jail Bond issue. Attended the Department Head Meeting.

Commissioner Al Grimm: Attended the DHS Board Meeting and noted DHS has changed their Board meeting to the second Tuesday of the month. Attended the Transit Board Meeting where Chuck Lindstrom was present to talk about the possibility of Public Transit in Schoolcraft County becoming a Transit Authority, noting that are only two agencies in the U.P. that are not authorities.

Commissioner Daniel J. LaFoille Sr.: Attended the DHS Board Meeting and noted concerns regarding the new structure. Attended the Thompson Township Board Meeting and began talks regarding the upcoming Jail Bond and Operating Millage proposals. Attended the Department Head Meeting to discuss raises for Department Heads and non-union personnel. Also, attended the HBH, Transit and UPCAP meetings.

Commissioner John W. Zellar: Attended the LMAS Board Meeting.

“Announcements and Notices”: None.

“Public Comment”: None.

“Communications”: Commissioner Ecclesine noted that as a result of the Department Head Meeting the Audit Finance Committee has constructed a list of potential cost saving measurers. Commissioner Ecclesine also noted that the Board may want to discuss the possibility of approaching the unions and asking for some

concessions this year. Vice-Chairperson LaFoille noted that the Board will need to decide whether to approach the unions before the end of contracts and ask them to consider options to help address financial concerns. Commissioners agreed that this issue will be placed on the December 29, 2010 Board Meeting Agenda.

No further "Communications".

**It was moved by** Commissioner John Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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Daniel J. LaFoille, Sr., Vice-Chairperson County Board

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Daniel R. McKinney, County Clerk