

SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners / Audit Finance Committee met on Wednesday, December 29, 2010 in the District Courtroom of the Schoolcraft County Building, City of Manistique, Michigan, commencing at 7:00 p.m. Chairperson Gerald L. Zellar called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The roll was called with the following members present and/or absent:

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

Absent: None.

Chairperson Gerald L. Zellar 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 December 21, 2010 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 Gerald L. Zellar asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections to the printed agenda.

It was moved by Commissioner LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine 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”: None.

Under “New Business”: **It was moved** by Commissioner LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Grimm to advertise for bids for hosting of the Schoolcraft County Web Site. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

Further under “New Business”: It was moved by Commissioner LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Grimm to appropriate \$1,250.00 to DHS for payment of per diems. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

Further under “New Business”: It was moved by Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner LaFoilie to increase jail housing rates to \$40.00 for the first day and \$20.00 for each additional day. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

Further under “New Business”: It was moved by Commissioner LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to authorize the bidding for purchase for 911 radios, installation and upgrades. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

Further under “New Business”: It was moved by Commissioner LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Grimm to authorize the purchase of five handheld 800 megahertz radios for use in the public schools, in the amount of approximately \$7,955.00. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

Further under “New Business”: It was moved by Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner LaFoilie to authorize the Chairperson to sign letter to both unions and to have these letters forwarded on to the union presidents requesting consideration of cost cutting measurers. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

Further under “New Business”: It was moved by Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Grimm to investigate dollar amounts per type of medical insurance coverage and the estimated savings a potential increase in payment in lieu of medical insurance would bring and to report this back to the full board. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

No further “New Business”.

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

Commissioner Allen Grimm: Attended the Road Commission Meeting and a Biomass phone conference

with Dave Anderson.

Commissioner George Ecclesine: Attended the Finance Committee Meeting where there was discussion regarding a hiring freeze. **It was moved by** Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner LaFoille to institute a hiring freeze in the Courthouse, Jail and Public Transit starting January 1, 2011. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

Commissioner Daniel J. LaFoille: No report.

Commissioner John Zellar: No report.

Chairperson Gerald Zellar: Attended the career Connection Job Force Board Meeting in Escanaba as well as the UPCAP Meeting.

Announcements and Notices: Chairperson Gerald Zellar presented a resolution of recognition to John Zellar for his service to the County. **It was moved by** Commissioner LaFoille and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to pass a resolution honoring John Zellar for his years of service to the community. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present. [See Resolutions Liber #3, Page 634]

Public Comment: None.

Under Communications: Schoolcraft County Clerk Dan McKinney informed the board that the Treasurer's Office notified him that Soil Conservation and Great Lakes Recovery Centers are behind in their rent. Further, Julie Roscioli informed the Clerk that Soil Conservation will be sending a check for their rent after their Board Meeting on January 10, 2011. The Board directed the Clerk to write a letter to Great Lakes requesting payment of rent.

Further under "Communications": Chairperson Gerald Zellar read a letter addressed to Sheriff Grant Harris regarding Road Patrol and the possible violation of the Uniform Budget and Accounting Act. Presented a resolution of recognition to John Zellar for his service to the County. **It was moved by** Commissioner LaFoille and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to authorize the Chairperson to sign a letter to Schoolcraft County Sheriff Grant Harris regarding Road Patrol and the possible violation of the Uniform

Budget and Accounting Act. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

No further "Communications".

Audit Finance Chairperson Daniel J. LaFoilie called the Audit Finance Meeting to order at 7:55 P.M.

Purchase Requisitions: It was moved by Commissioner John Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to approve a purchase requisition from the Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$141.70 for decals for the new snowmobile. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

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It was moved by Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Gerald Zellar to approve a purchase requisition from Public Transit in the amount of \$13,429.79 for garage door openers, an air pump, oil drain, welding equipment, a hydraulic press and other equipment. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Gerald Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Grimm to approve budget adjustments numbered 41-11 through 57-11, inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Gerald Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Grimm to approve the claims and vouchers numbered 810 through 934, inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Chairperson Gerald L. Zellar adjourned the Board Meeting at 8:10 P.M.

Gerald L. Zellar
Chairperson County Board

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

Daniel R. McKinney, County Clerk