

SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, February 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 Craig Reiter
 Schoolcraft County Clerk Daniel R. McKinney

Absent: Commissioner Gerald L. Zellar (Excused).

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 Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner LaFoilie to approve the minutes of the January 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 January 26, 2012 Annual Report 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 LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2012 Annual Report 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 February 9, 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. **It was moved by** Commissioner LaFoilie and seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to adopt the agenda as printed. 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 LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to index the following nineteen items from the Audit Finance Meeting of February 9, 2012. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

1) **It was moved** by Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Grimm to approve a purchase requisition from the Circuit Court in the amount of \$3,260.00 for the purchase of four computer towers and three monitors. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

2) **It was moved** by Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Grimm to approve a purchase requisition from the Courts in the amount of \$13,300.00 with \$3,500.00 of this coming from the 215 Fund for recording equipment. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

3) **It was moved** by Commissioner Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Grimm to approve a purchase requisition from the Sheriff’s Department in the amount of \$214.25 for a power steering pump for the 2004 Ford Explorer with the work to be done at Manistique Oil. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

4) **It was moved** by Commissioner Grimm and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to approve a purchase requisition from the District Court in the amount of \$294.00 for cartridges, corrections tape, legal pads and 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 Reiter to approve a purchase requisition from District Court in the amount of \$262.50 for drug tests. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

6) **It was moved** by Commissioner Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to approve the claims and vouchers numbered **1098** through **1246** inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

7) **It was moved** by Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Grimm to authorize the Treasurer to move 911 designated cash in with regular 911 cash. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

8) **It was moved** by Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to approve the MISHDA HPR Grant in the amount of \$125,000.00. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

9) **It was moved** by Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Zellar to appoint Dan McKinney and Dan LaFoilie as signatories for the MISHDA HPR Grant. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

10) **It was moved** by Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to approve the Third Party Administrator Management Plan for the MISHDA HPR Grant. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

11) **It was moved** by Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to approve a MISHDA Subordination Agreement. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

12) **It was moved** by Commissioner Grimm and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to authorize the Airport to pay back \$10,000.00 to DTR of the \$39,412.88 owed, with more payments to be made when the money is available. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

13) **It was moved** by Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Grimm to make UPCAP the fiduciary agent for Community Corrections and to end the contracts with Michelle Allsteadt, Mike Gray and Alger County as of March 31, 2012. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

14) **It was moved** by Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to approve a policy for billing of all grants administered by Schoolcraft County. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

15) **It was moved** by Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Grimm to request that Schoolcraft County Prosecuting Attorney Tim Noble write a letter to Great Lakes Recovery Center regarding past due rent. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

16) **It was moved** by Commissioner Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to accept the Survey and Remonumentation Grant in the amount of \$56,445.00. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

17) **It was moved** by Commissioner Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Grimm to go into Executive Session to discuss union negotiations and Drain Lawsuit. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present. Meeting was recessed at 7:37 P.M.

18) **It was moved** by Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Grimm to come back into Regular Session. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present. Meeting was reconvened at 8:54 P.M.

19) **It was moved** by Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Grimm to deny the settlement offer made by Mr. Dziedzic in the Drain Lawsuit and to proceed with filing the motion to dismiss. 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 Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner LaFoille to approve a resolution proclaiming March, 2012 as CBC Month. The

motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present. {See Resolution Liber #3, Page 644}

Further under “New Business”: **It was moved by** Commissioner LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to approve HRA Plan Language Amendments. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Further under “New Business”: Laurie Jasmine EDC Director reviewed the HPR Grant Monitoring Report with the Board. **It was moved by** Commissioner LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to approve an amendment to the HPR Grant Policies for “Contractor Reinstatement”. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Further under “New Business”: Commissioners discussed the possibility of transferring the duties of the Drain Commissioner to the Road Commission. Schoolcraft County Clerk Dan McKinney provided the Board with requested information on the process involved in transferring these duties. Commissioner LaFoilie suggested the Board obtain a written draft agreement with the Road Commission before proceeding. Schoolcraft County Clerk Dan McKinney suggested that the Board inform Drain Commissioner George Hoholik in writing of this issue. The Board agreed to do so.

Further under “New Business”: Chairperson Grimm informed the Board that Bill Cook is taking over as lead for David Anderson on the Biomass project and he has asked for more time to solidify a plan before the County Board takes any action on this matter.

Further under “New Business”: Schoolcraft County Sheriff Grant Harris informed the Board that the 911 Committee was able to eliminate a T1 line by placing an antenna at Ashford Lake and he is requesting that the Board approve the contract for said services. **It was moved by** Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to approve the MPSCS Contract for installation of an antenna at Ashford Lake. 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 approve a contract with CUPPAD for E-911 Next Generation Road Update services in the amount of \$40,500.00. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Further under “New Business”: **It was moved by** Commissioner LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to submit the required paperwork informing the State that Schoolcraft

County intends to continue collecting \$0.40 cents surcharge for 911. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

No further "New Business":

"Public Comment": Schoolcraft County Sheriff Grant Harris informed the Board that the power steering on the Expedition has been fixed and now the air conditioning has a problem, but he is not going to request repair.

Further under "Public Comment": Schoolcraft County Sheriff Grant Harris informed the Board that he believes it is time to put the old patrol car up for bid. **It was moved by** Commissioner LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to authorize the Sheriff to advertise for bids for the sale of the 2005 Ford Crown Victoria Patrol Vehicle. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Further under "Public Comment": Schoolcraft County Under Sheriff Bob Madden asked if he is covered by liability insurance as Emergency Preparedness Coordinator.

No further "Public Comment".

"Committee and Department Reports":

Commissioner George Ecclesine: Attended the LMAS Board Meeting and met with LMAS staff locally. Also, attended the Collaborative Meeting where they discussed future plans to extend the board walk.

Commissioner Daniel J. LaFoilie Sr.: Attended an HBH Meeting in Lansing and learned the Behavioral Health facilities are currently funded at the 2008 level. Also, noted that we have received information on revenue sharing and it appears that the current proposed funding cuts our allocation by \$35,000.00 and attaches expectations. Also, noted that we have been cut \$32,000.00 in Swamp Tax allocation for this year.

Commissioner Craig Reiter: Attended 911 site visits and will soon have pricing for 911 services. Also, attended the Commission on Aging Meeting where they discussed concerns over the Annual Report.

Commissioner Al Grimm: Attended the Road Commission Meeting where they discussed the apparent approval of law which would allow County Board to take over Road Commission Board. Also, attended a meeting with Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital and Medical Care Facility to discuss what to do with the Old Hospital Building. Also, attended an UPCAP Meeting where the Governor's U.P. Representative spoke about how they have balanced the

State Budget. Commissioner Grimm said he stated that anybody can balance a budget if they don't pay their bills. Commissioner Grimm noted that 14 U.P. Counties were represented at this meeting and they were all critical of the Governor's financial management in regard to funds allocated to the counties.

"Announcements and Notices": Schoolcraft County Clerk Dan McKinney informed the Board that the recording equipment is installed in both courtrooms and we can begin recording as soon as the Board approves doing so. Mr. McKinney suggested that the Board come up with a plan for storage and retention of meeting recordings.

No further "Announcements and Notices".

"Communications": Schoolcraft County Clerk Dan McKinney informed the Board that Germfask Township has requested old computers from the County. Mr. McKinney said that Dan Edwards will check to see if what we have is better than the current computers in Germfask and will report back to the Board.

Schoolcraft County Clerk Dan McKinney informed the Board that Bill Reid has resigned from the Zoning Board of Appeals and we will need to address this vacancy, but should advertise first. The Board concurred.

Schoolcraft County Clerk Dan McKinney informed the Board that he has provided them all with a copy of an email from Mike Pelot of the Department of Labor in which Mr. Pelot states that the Pawley Feigel Lawsuit will be dismissed in its' entirety if the Board agrees to set up a training on age discrimination. Commissioner Ecclesine has noted that such training would not be a bad idea for all new Commissioners regardless of any outcome. The Board requested that this be put on a future agenda as soon as possible.

Schoolcraft County Clerk Dan McKinney informed the Board that Schoolcraft County Prosecuting Attorney Tim Noble sent a letter to Great Lakes regarding their delinquent rent and we received payment in full today. Mr. McKinney said he would like to thank Mr. Noble for his input in this matter.

It was moved by Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to go into Executive Session to discuss the Drain Lawsuit. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present. The Regular Meeting was recessed at 7:58 P.M.

It was moved by Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to go back into Regular Session. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present. The Regular Meeting was reconvened at 8:12 P.M.

Chairperson Allen Grimm adjourned the meeting of the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners at 8:12 P.M.

Allen Grimm, Chairperson County Board

Daniel R. McKinney, County Clerk