

## SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, January 17, 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 Gerald L. Zellar  
Commissioner Craig Reiter  
Schoolcraft County Clerk Daniel R. McKinney

Absent: None

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 Reiter to approve the minutes of the December 29, 2011 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 LaFoilie to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2012 Organizational 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.]

Chairperson Allen Grimm asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections to the printed agenda. Commissioners asked that Recent Part-time Hires at the Sheriff's Department be added to the "Agenda" under "New Business". **It was moved by** Commissioner Reiter and seconded by Commissioner LaFoilie 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 Reiter to index the following seven items from the Audit Finance Meeting of January 12, 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 Reiter to approve a purchase requisition from Juvenile Court in the amount of \$142.00 for drug tests. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

2) **It was moved** by Commissioner Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to approve a purchase requisition from the Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$594.48 for clothing & bedding. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

3) **It was moved** by Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Grimm to approve the claims and vouchers numbered 809 through 969 inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

4) **It was moved** by Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Grimm to Approve a raise for department heads and non-union employees as follows; \$500 for Dan McKinney, Julie Roscioli, Grant Harris, Tim Noble, Jake Rivard, Paul Wood, Belinda Cole, Marcy Spriks, Steve Videtich, and John Stapleton, \$166.66 for Karen LaFoilie, \$250 for Karen Gurski, \$300.00 for Vicki Stewart, and \$0.30 cents per hour for Marnie Hoezee, Lisa Mosier, Beth Edwards, Jackie Parker, and Mary Monroe. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

5) **It was moved** by Commissioner Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to authorize the Clerk to Advertise Appointments needed for FY 2012. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

6) **It was moved** by Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Grimm to deny the request from Sheriff Harris to pay his legal fees from the lawsuit in the amount of \$38,585.22. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

7) **It was moved** by Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to Authorize the Chairperson to sign all necessary documents for the MISHDA Environmental Review and make the Chairperson the Certifying Officer. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

No further "Old and Unfinished Business".

Under "New Business": Schoolcraft County Clerk Dan McKinney informed the Board that he and Dan Edwards met with Jim Lundberg of Merit Network, Inc. regarding broadband coming into the area. Mr. Lundberg informed us that Merit has grant money that would allow them to hook the courthouse up to broadband free of charge. In return we would be required to sign an agreement and pay so much per year. Mr. McKinney said if the agreement is for five years we would pay \$5,850.00 and currently we pay approximately \$2,879.00 for internet service. Mr. McKinney said Dan Edwards reports that broadband would provide technology to enable us to do things we would not otherwise be able to do like voice over IP telephone system. Mr. McKinney said this issue will come back to the Board in the near future.

Further under "New Business": Lisa Hinkson CEO from Hiawatha Behavioral Health presented the annual report for HBH to the Board. **It was moved by** Commissioner LaFoilie and was

seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to accept the oral and written Annual Report for Hiawatha Behavioral Health. 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 authorize the posting and hiring of a part-time position at Public Transit. There was discussion. The motion was withdrawn. Commissioners are going to ask the union to submit a letter allowing this process to move forward.

Further under “New Business”: **It was moved by** Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner LaFoilie to put three old Public Transit Buses up for bid. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Further under “New Business”: **It was moved by** Commissioner Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to set a price of \$5.00 for photographs taken in the County Clerk’s office for veterans of Schoolcraft County to be used for veterans I.D.’s. 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 Zellar to reappoint Daniel LaFoilie to the 911 Authority Board for a term of one year. 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 Zellar to approve the filling of three part-time positions at the jail; the cook, and two part-time Corrections Officers which have already been filled. 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 learned that Mackinaw County is having their attorney look at the Cooperative Agreement. There may be changes made to the agreement and if there are it will come back to the Board for action. Also, learned that LMAS has a fund balance of \$44,000.00.

Commissioner Daniel J. LaFoilie Sr.: Attended the Community Action Meeting where it was agreed that they will reduce their board size from 27 to 21 members.

Commissioner Gerald L. Zellar: No report.

Commissioner Craig Reiter: Attended the VA Meeting and it was decided that the Counselor will put the city of residence on all vouchers from now on so as to avoid paying for veterans not residing in Schoolcraft County. Attended the Commission on Aging Meeting where it was

decided to give Connie Frenette a raise of \$1,000.00 for this year. Spoke with the Mueller Township Supervisor who reported difficulty in getting in contact with the Drain Commissioners.

Commissioner Al Grimm: Attended the Road Commission Meeting where it was reported that there is a problem with highway 149 between the Thompson Cut Across and Linda's Bread Box in that loose gravel is being kicked up and breaking windshields. This is a state road and anyone with concerns should contact MDOT.

"Announcements and Notices": Schoolcraft County Sheriff Grant Harris informed the Board that he ordered the new patrol car and it should be coming in March.

Schoolcraft County Sheriff Grant Harris informed the Board that they need two new tires on the current patrol car. **It was moved by** Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner LaFoilie to approve the purchase of two new tires for the current patrol vehicle with the understanding that the Sheriff will contact three distributors and get the lowest price. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Schoolcraft County Sheriff Grant Harris informed the Board that Radios are in process.

Schoolcraft County Sheriff Grant Harris informed the Board that 911 dispatch center visits have still not occurred.

Schoolcraft County Public Transit Director John Stapleton informed the Board that he has a part-time driver who will be retiring in the spring.

Schoolcraft County Public Transit Director John Stapleton informed the Board that they had an engine go bad in one of the buses and it will cost \$5,000.00 to have it repaired.

No further "Announcements and Notices".

"Public Comment": None.

"Communications": None.

**Chairperson Allen Grimm** adjourned the meeting of the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners at 8:25 P.M.

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Allen Grimm, Chairperson County Board

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Daniel R. McKinney, County Clerk