

SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, July 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. LaFoille
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 Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner LaFoille to approve the minutes of the June 28, 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.]

Chairperson Allen Grimm asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections to the printed agenda. Commissioners asked that Radar Training and Request for Rollover of Vacation Time for Jason Jackson be added to the agenda under "New Business". **It was moved by** Commissioner Reiter and seconded by Commissioner Zellar 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 LaFoille and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to index the following nine items from the Audit Finance Meeting of July 12, 2012. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

1) 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 \$250.00 for 25 ticket books with 25 tickets in each book. The motion carried by a majority aye vote of the Committee members present, with the voting as follows; Commissioner Zellar-yes, Commissioner Grimm-yes, Commissioner Reiter-no, Commissioner Ecclesine-yes, Chairperson LaFoille-no.

2 It was moved by Commissioner Grimm and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to approve a purchase requisition from Public Transit in the amount of \$442.98 for John Stapleton to attend

an MDOT Conference. 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 Zellar to approve a purchase requisition from the Clerk's Office in the amount of \$402.50 for Circuit Court Case Files. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

4) **It was moved** by Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Grimm to approve the claims and vouchers numbered 2412 through 2505 inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

5) **It was moved** by Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to direct the Clerk to write a letter to Tom Lang regarding unpaid medical costs under COBRA and to send the letter by registered or certified mail. 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 authorize the two Airport Managers to take the underground storage tank certification test at a cost of \$75.00 each plus travel cost. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

7) **It was moved** by Commissioner Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Grimm to accept the bid from Darren LaFoille in the amount of \$2,650.00 for the "Old Sheriff's Patrol Boat". 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 authorize the Clerk to send letters to all entities regarding Indirect Charges for FY 2013. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

9) **It was moved** by Commissioner Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to direct the Clerk to send a letter to the Fair Board asking to set a meeting with the County Board to discuss the issue of renter's insurance for the Fair Building. 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 LaFoille and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to reappoint Charles Nebel, Grant Harris, Ken Golat, William Carmody and Mark Luoma to the Act 511 Regional Community Corrections Advisory Board for a term of two years with term ending dates of June 30, 2014. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Further under "New Business": Commissioner LaFoille discuss the issue of a raise for Jan Leduc, Cook at the Jail. Commissioner LaFoille said he believes that Jan Leduc deserves a raise, but feels we should wait until after union negotiations to address this request. **It was moved** by Commissioner LaFoille and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to put off a decision on

the request for a raise for Jan Leduc until after union negotiations. The motion carried by majority aye vote of the Board members present, with the voting as follows; Commissioner LaFoille-yes, Commissioner Ecclesine-yes, Commissioner Reiter-no, Commissioner Zellar-no, Chairperson Grimm-yes.

Further under “New Business”: Commissioner Reiter said last August he made the motion to ask the Sheriff to come up with a plan to be presented to the Board regarding conducting Road Patrol and as of this time no such plan has been submitted. Commissioner Reiter informed the Board that on the last time sheets there were two part-time jail employees who had 25 hours and 25 ½ hours of radar training on their time sheets. Commissioner Reiter said this work is not mandatory and not budgeted, it is not part of jail operations and he feels that the Board should do something about it. Sheriff Harris said the MCOLES Officers had to be certified in Radar use on the new patrol car. Sheriff Harris said they have to serve papers and in doing so may run into someone who is speeding and they would of course stop speeders. Sheriff Harris said all officers operating the radar unit are required to have two days of training and all MCOLES Officers have now had the training. Commissioner LaFoille asked if the Sheriff’s Department is doing Road Patrol. Sheriff Harris said he goes out in the car as part of his mandated function and the Undersheriff goes out in the car in the evening. Commissioner Zellar said the Sheriff’s Department has to do liquor inspection as well, so this would mean they would be out in the car and it makes sense that they have radar training. Sheriff Harris said he does liquor inspections every month. Sheriff Harris said he is personally doing the liquor inspections. Sheriff Harris said we do not have Road Patrol as of yet. Commissioner LaFoille said the idea of changing hours at the jail by the Sheriff was to save money and we are still spending it on extra things. Sheriff Harris said he is working hard to try to save money, but it is hard. Commissioner LaFoille said he does not want to see this turn into a battle, the Commissioners are not trying to interfere with operation, the only thing the Commissioners can do is change allocation of money to line items. Commissioner Zellar said he thinks these officers should be paid. County Clerk Dan McKinney said that is not the question, the officers of course must be paid. Commissioner Zellar asked if this was overtime. Commissioner Reiter said it was not, they get paid ten dollars an hour. Commissioner Zellar said he thought they should be paid more than ten dollars an hour, as this is almost less than minimum wage. No action was taken.

Further under “New Business”: **It was moved by** Commissioner LaFoille and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to authorize the rollover of 27 ½ hours of vacation for Jason Jackson, Sheriff’s Department Deputy for a period of 60 days from his anniversary date of July 10, 2012. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

No further “New Business”:

“Committee and Department Reports”:

Commissioner George Ecclesine: No report.

Commissioner Daniel J. LaFoilie Sr.: No report.

Commissioner Gerald L. Zellar: No report.

Commissioner Craig Reiter: No report.

Commissioner Al Grimm: Informed the Board that Medical Care Facility held a Special Meeting and announced that Dr. Tract will no longer be the Medical Director at MCF. Chairperson Grimm said two local doctors have stepped up to help out until such time as a new Medical Director can be appointed.

“Announcements and Notices”: Commissioner Reiter informed the Board that there was a letter in everyone’s box regarding coupons for senior citizens. Commissioner Reiter said the Senior Center would like all Commissioners to help distribute these.

No further “Announcements and Notices”.

“Public Comment”: None.

“Communications”: None.

It was moved by Commissioner LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to go into Executive Session to discuss union negotiations and to review attorney client privilege correspondence. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Regular session was recessed at 7:34 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 8:10 p.m.

Chairperson Grimm appointed Commissioner Zellar to replace Commissioner LaFoilie on negotiations for the Sheriff’s Department and appointed Commissioner Zellar to replace Commissioner Ecclesine on union negotiations with AFSCME.

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

Daniel R. McKinney, County Clerk