

SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners / Audit Finance Committee met on Thursday, July 26, 2012 in the District Courtroom of the Schoolcraft County Building, City of Manistique, Michigan, commencing at 7:00 p.m. Chairperson Allen Grimm called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The roll was called with the following members present and/or absent:

Present: Chairperson Allen Grimm
Vice-Chairperson Daniel J. LaFolle
Commissioner Craig Reiter
Commissioner George Ecclesine
Commissioner Gerald L. Zellar
Schoolcraft County Clerk Daniel R. McKinney

Absent: None.

Also present: Schoolcraft County Treasurer Julie Roscioli.

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 July 17, 2012 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.]

It was moved by Commissioner Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2012 Executive Session Meeting of the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Chairperson Allen Grimm asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections to the printed agenda. Commissioners asked that "Executive Session to Discuss Attorney/Client Privilege Information" be added to the "Agenda" after "Audit Claims & Vouchers", and "Fair Board Information" be added to the "Agenda" under "New Business". **It was moved** by Commissioner Reiter 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": Commissioner Zellar apologized to the Board for the comments he had made in Executive Session.

"Old and Unfinished Business": **It was moved** by Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to re-advertise for bids on the "Old Sheriff's Department Boat", making sure the add says minimum bid of \$1,500.00. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Further under “Old and Unfinished Business”: Commissioner Reiter informed the Board that there is an issue with the Fair Building in that the agreement on the building with the City of Manistique has run out and needs to be redone. Also, Commissioner Reiter said, the Fair Board should be appointed by the County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Reiter said the Fair Board also needs an insurance rider for storage which should be paid for at their expense.

No further “Old and Unfinished Business”.

Under “New Business”: Sheriff Harris addressed the Snowmobile Grant Application and also said he has the ORV Grant Application. **It was moved by** Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Zellar to authorize Sheriff Harris to apply for the ORV Grant. The motion carried by a majority aye vote of all members present, with the voting as follows; Commissioner Reiter-yes, Commissioner Zellar-yes, Commissioner Ecclesine-yes, Commissioner LaFoille-no, Chairperson Grimm-yes.

Further under “New Business”: **It was moved by** Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Zellar to authorize Sheriff Harris to apply for the Snowmobile Grant. The motion carried by a majority aye vote of all members present, with the voting as follows; Commissioner Reiter-yes, Commissioner Zellar-yes, Commissioner Ecclesine-yes, Commissioner LaFoille-no, Chairperson Grimm-yes.

Further under “New Business”: **It was moved by** Commissioner LaFoille and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to re-appoint Ann Harrington to the State Fair Authority Board with a term ending date of August 1, 2015. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

Further under “New Business”: **It was moved by** Commissioner Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to appoint Dorothy Jenerou to the Canvass Board to replace Sue Cameron with a term ending date of October 31, 2015. 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 Reiter to authorize a one year agreement for Mike Korenich to cut the hay at the Airport at no charge with the understanding that he will cut everything, and not “select cut”. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

Further under “New Business”: Chairperson Grimm appointed Craig Reiter and Allen Grimm to the Union Negotiating Team for both the Sheriff Department and AFSCME Contracts.

No further “New Business”.

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

Commissioner Allen Grimm: Attended a Medical Care Facility Board Meeting and they reported that bed count is down. Chairperson Grimm asked for a report from Bob Madden on Emergency Preparedness. Mr. Madden said they have been talking about grants for stuff in the U.P. and they are talking about buying a trailer. Also, Mr. Madden said they are trying to re-establish a hazmat team for the U.P.

Commissioner George Ecclesine: No report.

Commissioner Daniel J. LaFoilie: Attended a Budget Committee Meeting and we are currently short by approximately \$285,000 for the 2013 general fund budget. However, Commissioner LaFoilie said, we will have to wait to see how this year goes and what we end up with for a fund balance. Commissioner LaFoilie said we put in a 25% increase for medical insurance premiums to be safe, swamp tax revenue is up slightly, and we cut the part-time appropriation to the Jail from \$70,000.00 to \$40,000.00 with the report earlier in the year from Sheriff Harris that 12 hour shifts would save approximately \$30,000.00 in part-time expenses.

Commissioner Craig Reiter: Attended a Veterans Meeting and a Hospital Board Meeting.

Chairperson Gerald Zellar: No report.

Announcements and Notices: None.

Public Comment: None.

Communications: Schoolcraft County Clerk Dan McKinney informed the Board that former Public Transit Employee Mike Johnson has requested a telephone hearing to dispute denial for unemployment claims. Mr. McKinney said also, contractual workers in the Community Corrections Program, Mike Gray and Michelle Allsteadt, have been found to be employees by the Unemployment Office. Mr. McKinney said the Board can appeal this decision. **It was moved by** Commissioner LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to contact Bonnie Toskey

to appeal the decision by the Unemployment Agency that Mike Gray and Michelle Allsteadt are employees of Schoolcraft County. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

Further under "Communications": Commissioner LaFoilie noted that the ID Networks Agreement for LEMS service at the Jail was free for the first two years, but will now cost \$7,751.00 per year which is not budgeted.

No further "Communications".

Audit Finance Chairperson Daniel J. LaFoilie called the Audit Finance Meeting to order at 7:53 P.M.

There was discussion regarding a purchase requisition from the Prosecuting Attorney's Office for a cell phone and inquiry regarding personal calls made on a County Cell Phone Plan.

It was moved by Commissioner Grimm and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to allow Tim Noble to purchase a cell phone for any use. There was further discussion and review of the current policy regarding phone calls. The support for the motion was withdrawn and the motion was withdrawn.

It was moved by Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Zellar to approve the purchase requisition from the Prosecuting Attorney's Office for a cell phone and addition to the County Cell Phone Plan in the amount of \$166.00 with the phone to be used strictly for County Business pending review of the policy regarding phone calls. The motion carried by a majority aye vote of all members present, with the voting as follows; Commissioner Ecclesine-yes, Commissioner Zellar-yes, Commissioner Grimm-no, Commissioner Reiter-yes, Chairperson LaFoilie-yes.

Purchase Requisitions: It was moved by Commissioner Grimm and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to approve a purchase requisition from the Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$311.46 for laundry bags, towels and wash clothes with the understanding that the money for this will come from the commissary revenues. The motion carried by a majority aye vote of all members present, with the voting as follows; Commissioner Grimm-yes, Commissioner Reiter-yes, Commissioner Zellar-no, Commissioner Ecclesine-yes, Chairperson LaFoilie-yes.

It was moved by Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Zellar to have Dan Edwards check the fax machine at the Jail to determine if a new one is needed. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to approve a purchase requisition from the Treasurer's Office in the amount of \$649.00 plus shipping for a dot matrix printer. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

A purchase requisition for the District Court was set aside pending compliance with previous action by the Board to have Steve Videtich purchase ink cartridges and receipt of more information.

It was moved by Commissioner Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to approve budget adjustments numbered 203-12 through 225-12, inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Grimm and was seconded by Commissioner Zellar to approve the claims and vouchers numbered 2506 through 2642, inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Vice-Chairperson LaFoille turned the Board Meeting back over to Chairperson Grimm at 544 P.M.

It was moved by Commissioner LaFoille and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to go into Executive Session to discuss Attorney/Client Privileged Correspondence. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Regular Session was recessed at 8:45 P.M.

It was moved by Commissioner Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to come back into Regular Session The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Regular Session of the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners was reconvened at 9:03 P.M.

It was moved by Commissioner Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to hand over the issue of Undersheriff Invoices for Emergency Management reimbursement to County Attorney Tim Noble to refer the matter to the State Police or Attorney General for investigation. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Commissioner Lafoille informed the board that he has been told by Negaunee State Police Regional Dispatch that Schoolcraft County has an agreement for 911 services for this year. Commissioner LaFoille said he does not recall the Board approving this agreement and he will obtain a copy of the agreement to be reviewed by the Commissioners.

Chairperson Grimm Adjourned the Board Meeting at 9:06 P.M.

Allen Grimm
Chairperson County Board

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

Daniel R. McKinney, County Clerk