SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, March 15, 2011 in the 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 Gerald L. Zellar Commissioner George Ecclesine Commissioner Craig Reiter Schoolcraft County Deputy Clerk Shirley A. Thennes
Absent:	Commissioner Gerald L. Zellar (Excused)
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 February 24, 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 Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of March 9, 2011 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. Commissioner LaFoille asked to strike the HBH, as it is listed twice on printed agenda, and Chairperson Grimm asked that the 2% Grant for the Sheriff's Department be added. **It was moved by** Commissioner LaFoille and 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 LaFoille commented on the death of Inwood Township Supervisor Alan L. Unger**,** who served his community well.

"Old and Unfinished Business": **It was moved by** Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to index the following eight items from the Audit Finance Meeting of March 10, 2011. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

1) It was moved by Commissioner Grimm and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to approve a purchase requisition from Probate Court in the amount of $270.00 for recording tapes. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

2) It was moved by Commissioner Grimm and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to approve a purchase requisition from Friend of the Court in the amount of $270.00 for recording tapes. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

3) It was moved by Commissioner Grimm and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to approve the claims and vouchers numbered **1769** through **1984** inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

4) It was moved by Commissioner Grimm and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to accept the cost proposed by Citizens Insurance Agency for Workman's Compensation Coverage in the amount of $43,144.00 per year effective January 1, 2011. 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 Ecclesine to accept Craig Reiter's offer to host the County web site free of charge. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

6) It was moved by Commissioner Grimm and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to direct the Clerk to send a letter to both unions asking them to open negotiations on the contract to discuss the possibility of

increasing the employee cost sharing for medical insurance coverage from 5% to 20%. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

7) It was moved by Commissioner Grimm and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to direct the Clerk to send a letter to all companies involved in the current jail cost proposal study severing relations with them and asking Mr. Goldberg for any documentation and correspondence relating to his communication with the Michigan Department of Corrections regarding required improvements to the Schoolcraft County Jail. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

8) It was moved by Commissioner Grimm and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to accept the quote for liability insurance at the County Airport which is $500.00 less than the current premium The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

Further under Old and Unfinished Business: Commissioner Ecclesine commented with regards to the Dare Funding, in that this is the last year that the County of Schoolcraft will fund this program, and that in the future Dare will have to rely solely on donations. Commissioner LaFoille added that currently there is a line item for donations for supplies, and that another can be created to allow donors to elect donations be earmarked for wages.

Further under Old and Unfinished Business: Chairperson Grimm informed the Board that the County Clerk sent letters to the unions requesting them to open negotiations on their contracts to discuss the possibility of increasing employee share for medical insurance coverage from 5% to 20%.

No further "Old and Unfinished Business".

Under "New Business": **It was moved by** Commissioner LaFoille and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to recommend Dr. Jay Martin to fill the seat to the Hiawatha Behavioral Health Authority Board, with term ending date of March 31, 2014. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Further under "New Business": **It was moved by** Commissioner LaFoille and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to adopt the Resolution Of Concurrence With The 2011-2015 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) prepared by the CUPPAD Regional Commission giving approval for

Schoolcraft County Clerk, Daniel R. McKinney to sign said Resolution. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present. [See Resolutions, Liber. 3, Page 635]

Further under "New Business": **It was moved by** Commissioner LaFoille and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to grant Public Transit employees Doug Weigel and Lucretia Bryant to carry over vacation hours to be used within 60 days. Mr. Weigel having 37.5 hours and Ms. Bryant 40.5 hours. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Further under "New Business": **It was moved by** Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to appoint Gregory Schuetter for a three year term as a member of the Brownfield Authority Board. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Further under "New Business": **It was moved by** Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to support with a Resolution of governmental support for the 2% Funding Grant with the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, for the Schoolcraft County Sheriff's Department for body armor. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present. [See Resolutions, Liber. 3, Page 636]

No further "New Business":

"Committee and Department Reports":

Commissioner Daniel LaFoille: None

Commissioner George Ecclesine: Attended LMAS, Special County Board, Schoolcraft County Finance, Brownfield, and Airport meetings.

Commissioner Craig Reiter: Attended Airport, Commission On Aging, and Wind Meetings.

Commissioner Al Grimm: Met with Sheriff Grant Harris, and Mr. Jim Lucus from MSU Extension.

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Sheriff Harris presented and explained to the Board his Jail Staffing Study.

It was moved by Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to allow MSU until the end of April to completely move out of their courthouse office. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

"Announcements and Notices": None

"Public Comment": Paul Olson of Manistique, MI commented on the Board's addressing new items that are not on printed agenda, Green Teams/District Energy Audits, and the City of Manistique's new health carrier.

"No Further "Public Comment".

"Communications": None

Chairperson Grimm adjourned the meeting at 7:55 P.M.

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Allen Grimm, Chairperson County Board

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Shirley A. Thennes, Deputy County Clerk