

SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, March 20, 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

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 Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner LaFoille to approve the minutes of the February 23, 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 Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to approve the minutes of the February 23, 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.

It was moved by Commissioner LaFoille and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to approve the minutes of the March 8, 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.

It was moved by Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2012 Special Board 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. Commissioners asked that 2% Grant for Medical Care Facility, Public Transit Board Appointment and ORV Grant be added to the Agenda under "New Business". Commissioners also asked that Recording of Board Meetings, Zoning Board of Appeals Appointment, Germfask Township Request for Old Computers, One of the two entries for Dam

Inspections, and Circuit Court Employee Raises be deleted from the Agenda. **It was moved by Commissioner LaFoilie and seconded by Commissioner Reiter 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 LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to index the following ten items from the Audit Finance Meeting of March 8, 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 Ecclesine to approve a purchase requisition from the Office of the County Clerk in the amount of \$256.64 for envelopes.**

2) **It was moved by Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Zellar to approve a purchase requisition from the Office of the County Clerk in the amount of \$190.00 for labels.**

3) **It was moved by Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to approve the claims and vouchers numbered 1263 through 1424 inclusive.**

4) **It was moved by Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to deny the request from Merit for the County to accept free fiber-optic connectivity for the courthouse.** The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

5) **It was moved by Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Grimm to approve an agreement with the Snowmobile Association for allocation of 2% funds.** The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

6) **It was moved by Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Grimm to authorize Sheriff Harris to following posting procedures for one part-time deputy and to fill the position.** The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

7) **It was moved by Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Grimm to go into Executive Session to address the Pawley/Feigel Lawsuit.** The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

8) **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 Committee members present.

9) **It was moved by Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to contact Bonnie Toskey regarding the Pawley/Feigel Lawsuit and explore options with her, and continue to stay the course of offering no settlement.** The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

10) **It was moved** by Commissioner Grimm and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to direct the Payroll Clerk to subtract \$19.60 from the paycheck of Lisa Mosier for repayment of wages which were overpaid in the past, along with a letter of explanation. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

Further under “Old and Unfinished Business”: **It was moved** by Commissioner LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to do away with the Drain Commissioner Position and transfer these duties to the Schoolcraft County Road Commission, except for the responsibilities regarding Carpenter Dam, effective January 1, 2013. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

Further under “Old and Unfinished Business”: Bill Cook of MSU Extension addressed the Board regarding a District Energy Plant in Manistique. There was discussion. **It was moved** by Commissioner LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to opt out of the District Energy Plant Proposal. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

No further “Old and Unfinished Business”.

Under “New Business: Carpenter Dam Gatekeeper Pete Peterson addressed the Board giving a brief update on Carpenter Dam issues.

Further under “New Business”: **It was moved** by Commissioner LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to authorize the County Clerk to post and fill the positions of Deputy Clerk with an effective date of hire of June 30, 2012 and Circuit Court Clerk with an effective date of hire of May 25, 2012. 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 Zellar to authorize the Clerk to put a millage for Thompson Township on the August 7, 2012 Primary Election Ballot for debt payment for a fire truck and related equipment in the amount of $\frac{3}{4}$ mill. 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 Reiter to request a proposal from David Schultz for inspection of four Dams in Schoolcraft County which is required every three years. 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 Zellar to appoint Greg Schuetter to the Economic Development Corporation Board to replace Paul Olson with a term ending date of 12/31/14. 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 approve the LMAS Health Department Agreement Revisions. 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 Reiter to approve the posting and advertising of a part-time position at the jail and to place the issue of filling this position on the March 29, 2012 Agenda. 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 LaFoilie to graciously accept the offer of Michigan Association of Counties for repayment of COBRA Medical Cost in the amount of \$4,000.00 and to authorize the Clerk to write a letter to MEBS requesting payment of the remaining \$889.73. 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 LaFoilie to appoint Larry Mersnick to the Public Transit Advisory Board to replace Ernie Hoholik with a term ending date of 12/31/12. 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 Grimm to approve the Off Road Vehicle Grant in the amount of \$2,228.00. **The motion failed** with the voting of the Board members present cast as follows; Commissioner Zellar-yes, Commissioner Grimm-yes, Commissioner LaFoilie-no, Commissioner Ecclesine-no, commissioner Reiter-no.

Further under “New Business”: **It was moved by** Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to authorize the Chairperson to sign a 2% Grant Request for Schoolcraft County Medical Care Facility in the amount of \$6,629.00 for playground equipment. The motion carried by majority aye vote of the Board members present, with the voting cast as follows; Commissioner Ecclesine-yes, Commissioner Reiter-yes, Commissioner LaFoilie-yes, Commissioner Zellar-no, Chairperson Grimm-yes.

No further “New Business”:

“Committee and Department Reports”:

Commissioner George Ecclesine: No report.

Commissioner Daniel J. LaFoille Sr.: Met with the finance committee. Have had discussions regarding the Governor’s revenue sharing proposal and the proposed requirements to obtain revenue sharing. Along with Commissioner Reiter met with Commissioner on Aging where they have agreed to look into having an annual audit of their finances.

Commissioner Gerald L. Zellar: Attended Zoning Board of Appeals.

Commissioner Craig Reiter: Met with Commission on Aging and learned that Connie Frenette is getting training on preparing reports.

Commissioner Al Grimm: No report.

“Announcements and Notices”: None.

“Public Comment”: None.

“Communications”: Commissioner LaFoille noted that there is a boat from the Sheriff’s Department and some Community Corrections equipment in the “Old transit Building” and this will have to be removed soon.

Chairperson Allen Grimm adjourned the meeting of the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners at 8:04 P.M.

Allen Grimm, Chairperson County Board

Daniel R. McKinney, County Clerk