

SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners / Audit Finance Committee met on Thursday, March 27, 2014 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
Commissioner Craig Reiter
Commissioner Sue Cameron
Commissioner Gerald L. Zellar
Schoolcraft County Clerk Daniel R. McKinney

Absent: Vice-Chairperson Daniel J. LaFoilie (Excused).

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 Cameron and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2014 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.]

Chairperson Allen Grimm asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections to the printed agenda. Commissioners asked that Bureau of Elections Grant be added to the agenda under “New Business”. **It was moved** by Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Cameron to approve 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”: None.

Under “New Business”: **It was moved by** Commissioner Grimm and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to approve the Circuit Court Employee Compensation Policy for the four counties sharing 2.5 employees. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

Further under “New Business”: **It was moved by** Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Cameron to re-appoint Guerda Frenette and Eileen Martin to the Commission on Aging Board for a four year term ending 12-31-17. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

Further under “New Business”: **It was moved by** Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Cameron to appoint Rosalie Miller to the Commission on Aging Board to replace Nancy

Chaney, for a four year term ending 12-31-16. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

Further under “New Business”: It was moved by Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Cameron to authorize the Chairperson to sign a 2% Grant for MCF in the amount of \$7,436.27 for a specialized wheel chair. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

Further under “New Business”: Schoolcraft County Clerk Dan McKinney informed the Board that he and Commissioner LaFolle met with the Airport Inspector, Brian Rochon, last week. Mr. Rochon indicated that the lights on the east-west runway are under snow. Mr. Rochon issued a notam closing the airport to nighttime operation until such time as the lights are not under the snow. Mr. Rochon said without the notam Schoolcraft County has liability if someone were to land at night and have an accident. While touring the airport Mr. Rochon also noted that several runways lights are burned out. Mr. Rochon contacted the Airport Manager, Butch Wood, and informed him of the aforementioned issues. Mr. Rochon will also help Mr. Wood become a licensed Airport Manager. Mr. McKinney said he believes that Mr. Rochon is going to be very helpful in providing Mr. Wood with training that he has not been afforded since he has assumed the role as Airport Manager. Mr. McKinney said he also received a call from Mary Kay Treewheiler at the MDOT Bureau of Aeronautics in Lansing. Ms. Treewheiler said we need to update our Aeronautical Facility and Manager License Application. **It was moved by** Commissioner Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to authorize the Chairperson to sign the Aeronautical Facility and Manager License Application. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

Further under “New Business”: Commissioner Reiter gave an update on the situation with the kitchen at the Manistique Senior Center. Commissioner Reiter said an inspection was done and there are issues due to the installation done by Hiawatha Chef. **It was moved by** Commissioner Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Cameron to write a letter to Hiawatha Chef supporting Connie Frenette’s efforts to get the necessary repairs to the installation work that was done at the Manistique Senior Center. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

Further under “New Business”: It was moved by Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Cameron to authorize the Chairperson to sign the Bureau of Election HAVA Grant with no cost to the County. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

No further “New Business”.

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

Chairperson Allen Grimm: Attended a Public Hearing on the proposed windmill ordinance. Chairperson Grimm said this issue will be coming before the Board and he encourage all Commissioners to give this issue a lot of thought and research. Chairperson Grimm said we are going to have to try to find satisfaction for both sides on this issue.

Commissioner Sue Cameron: Also attended the Public hearing on the Windmill issue.

Commissioner Craig Reiter: Attended the Michigan Association of County Commissioners Conference in Lansing and noted that it was reported that windmills were the single biggest increase in revenue for the State of Michigan.

Commissioner Gerald Zellar: Attended the Michigan Association of County Commissioners Conference in Lansing. **It was moved by** Commissioner Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to ask the County Attorney to lay out the process for the windmill ordinance issue. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

Announcements and Notices: None.

Public Comment: Dave Robere of Cooks spoke in favor of windmills.

Ed Rondo spoke regarding windmills.

Jean Anderson of Cooks spoke regarding windmills and provided the Board with information she has gathered.

John Norrington of Manistique spoke regarding windmills.

No further "Public Comment".

Communications: Schoolcraft County Clerk Dan McKinney informed the Board that we still have a bill for unemployment paid to Mike Gray and Michelle Allsteadt. Mr. McKinney said the amount of this bill is \$11,383.61 in principal and \$1,515.74 in interest as of the last bill. Mr. McKinney said the board has directed his office not to pay this bill because the County is appealing the determination. Mr. McKinney said he has corresponded with the County's attorney Mr. McNulty and he suggests that the County set aside money incase the appeal is not successful. **It was moved by** Commissioner Grimm and was seconded by Commissioner Cameron to authorize the Finance Committee to set aside \$12,899.35 for potential unemployment claims and report back to the Board where the money is taken from. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

Further under "Communications": Sheriff John Norrington informed the Board that he received a letter indicating that three of his employees must get additional training.

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Audit Finance Vice-Chairperson Allen Grimm called the Audit Finance Meeting to order at 7:48 P.M.

Purchase Requisitions: It was moved by Commissioner Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Cameron to approve a purchase requisition from the County Clerk’s Office in the amount of \$4,810.00 for five computers, a printer and software. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present. Mr. McKinney informed the Board that his request was approved six weeks ago, but the order was not placed by Mr. Edwards. Mr. Edwards said there a6 computers are not available now so he recommends a8 computers.

It was moved by Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Cameron to approve a purchase requisition from Prosecuting Attorney’s Office in the amount of \$358.40 for mileage to the Drug Court Conference. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Cameron to approve a purchase requisition from Building & Grounds in the amount of \$450.00 for a pump motor for DHS. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to approve a purchase requisition from Building & Grounds in the amount of \$200.00 for repair of the snow blower. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Cameron to approve a purchase requisition from County Clerk’s Office in the amount of \$55.99 for a laminator. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Cameron to approve a purchase requisition from the Building & Grounds in the amount of \$950.00 for a waste disposal unit at the jail. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Zellar to approve a purchase requisition from Public Transit in the amount of \$572.00 for embroidering shirts per contract. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Cameron and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to approve a purchase requisition from Public Transit in the amount of \$645.00 for embroidering jackets per contract. The motion carried by a majority aye vote of all members present, with the voting as follows; Commissioner Cameron-yes, Commissioner Reiter-yes, Commissioner Zellar-no, Chairperson Grimm-yes.

It was moved by Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Zellar to approve a purchase requisition from Building & Grounds in the amount of \$294.38 for a lock set. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Zellar to approve a purchase requisition from the Prosecuting Attorney's Office in the amount of \$202.50 for Michigan Court Rules Book. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Cameron to approve budget adjustments numbered 142-14 through 164-14, inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to approve the claims and vouchers numbered 8382 through 8490, inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Cameron and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to adjourn the meeting of the Schoolcraft County board of Commissioners/Audit Finance Committee Meeting. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present. The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 P.M.

Allen Grimm
Chairperson County Board

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

Daniel R. McKinney, County Clerk