

## SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners / Audit Finance Committee met on Thursday, March 29, 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. LaFoille  
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 LaFoille and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to approve the minutes of the March 20, 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.]

Chairperson Allen Grimm asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections to the printed agenda. Commissioners asked that Payroll Clerk Job Posting and Public Transit Full-time Driver Posting be added to the "Agenda" under "New Business". **It was moved** by Commissioner LaFoille and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to approve the amended agenda. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

"Public Hearings": None.

"Brief Public Comment": Public Transit Employee Eric Perrollaz thanked the Board for helping to resolve the recent issue at Schoolcraft County Public Transit.

"Old and Unfinished Business": **None.**

**Under "New Business":** Schoolcraft County Economic Development Corporation Director Laurie Jasmin appeared before the Board to give the 2010/2011 annual report. **It was moved by** Commissioner LaFoille and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to accept the 2010/2011 oral and written annual report for Schoolcraft County Economic Development Corporation. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

**Further under “New Business”:** Chairperson Grimm opened four bids for used transit buses; 1) Turek’s of Manistique bid \$800.00 per bus for a total of \$2,400.00. 2) Superior Auto Parts of Negaunee bid \$750.00 per unit. 3) Roger Koski of South Lyon, Michigan bid \$1,213.00 for each of two buses and \$1,113.00 for the third bus. 4) Menominee Transit Company of Menominee, Michigan bid \$1,500 for one bus, \$2,500.00 for one bus and \$3,200.00 for the third bus for a total of \$7,200.00 for all three buses. **It was moved by** Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Zellar to accept the bid from Menominee Transit Company in the amount of 1,500 for one bus, \$2,500.00 for one bus and \$3,200.00 for the third bus for a total of \$7,200.00 for all three buses. 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 LaFoilie to appoint Kristin Anderson to the Public Transit Advisory Board to replace Rick Pawley with a term ending date of 12-31-14. 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 Ecclesine to grant the request of Public Transit employee Doug Weigel to extend 52.5 hours of vacation time to be used before September 30, 2012. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

**Further under “New Business”:** **It was moved by** Commissioner LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to authorize Public Transit Director John Stapleton to post a full-time driver position at Schoolcraft County Public Transit. 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 Zellar to authorize the County Clerk to post the Payroll Clerk Position. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

**Further under “New Business”:** **It was moved by** Commissioner LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to authorize the Clerk and Treasurer to allow MERS to apply all refunds up to \$500.00 to the existing account under-funding for Schoolcraft 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:**

**Commissioner Allen Grimm:** Attended the Michigan Association of Counties Meeting in Lansing where he heard about financial issues and how Michigan is losing population. Addressed the tax shift in 2004 which resulted in citizens paying 6 months extra property tax, and the State of Michigan promising to make counties whole when this money ran out. Now the State of Michigan is not upholding this promise.

**Commissioner George Ecclesine:** No report.

**Commissioner Daniel J. LaFolle:** Attended the Michigan Association of Counties Meeting in Lansing where he heard about financial issues relating to revenue sharing and personal property tax exemption. Spoke to our legislators about these issues. Found that we will be losing \$46,000.00 between this year and next year on revenue sharing. Also, went to a presentation by Michigan Sheriff's who talked about contracts for service with townships to address the loss of revenue and inability of counties to finance non-mandated services.

**Commissioner Craig Reiter:** Attended the Hospital Board Meeting and they are doing well with their building project. Attended the Transit Board Meeting and found that the audit went very well.

**Chairperson Gerald Zellar:** Attended the Michigan Association of Counties Meeting in Lansing.

**Announcements and Notices:** Sheriff Grant Harris addressed the Board regarding ORV and Snowmobile Patrol.

**Public Comment:** Don Reed Seney Township Supervisor addressed the Board regarding ORV and Snowmobile Patrol.

**Communications:** Schoolcraft County Clerk Dan McKinney informed the Board that Dan Edwards, Computer Contractor, has indicated that the old computers from the courts are worth approximately \$100.00 apiece and it would cost \$50.00 to \$100 to ready them for use, so Mr. Edwards recommends keeping two for parts and scrapping the rest. The Board asked that the Clerk send a memo out to all departments asking if they would like one of these computers. Commissioner Reiter said there may be some public entities in the community who may be interested as well and we could just remove the hard drive.

Further under “Communications”: Schoolcraft County Clerk Dan McKinney informed the Board that informed the Board that he received a letter from Great Lakes Recovery Centers yesterday stating that they are moving out of the courthouse as of May 1, 2012.

No further “Communications”.

Audit Finance Chairperson Daniel J. LaFoilie called the Audit Finance Meeting to order at 7:45 P.M.

**Purchase Requisitions: It was moved by** Commissioner Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to approve a purchase requisition from the County Clerk in the amount of \$225.43 for laser checks for payroll. 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 budget adjustments numbered 106-12 through 135-12, inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

**It was moved by** Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to approve the claims and vouchers numbered 1425 through 1596, inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

**Vice-Chairperson LaFoilie** adjourned the Board Meeting at 7:55 P.M.

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Allen Grimm  
Chairperson County Board

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

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Daniel R. McKinney, County Clerk