

SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, March 19, 2013 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 Gerald L. Zellar
Commissioner Craig Reiter
Schoolcraft County Deputy Clerk Kimberly Fannin

Absent: Commissioner Daniel J. LaFoilie (excused)
Commissioner Sue Cameron (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 Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Zellar to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2013 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.]

Chairperson Allen Grimm asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections to the printed agenda. Commissioners asked that 911 Surcharge be tabled until further notice and two Emergency Management Preparedness Grants be added under “New Business”. **It was moved by** Commissioner Reiter and seconded by Commissioner Zellar 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 Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Zellar to index the following Fourteen items from the Audit Finance Meeting of March 14, 2013. 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 the Airport in the amount of \$20,000.00 for gas. 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 Building & Grounds in the amount of \$4,372.00 for replacement of the air handling system on the boiler. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

3.) **It was moved** by Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Cameron to approve a purchase requisition from the Airport in the amount of \$729.82 for diesel fuel for snow plowing. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

4.) **It was moved** by Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Grimm to approve a purchase requisition from the Building Inspector in the amount of \$175.00 for conference registration. 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 Cameron to approve a purchase requisition from the County Clerk's Office in the amount of \$170.07 for travel to Jury Training for Donna LaFoilie. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

6.) **It was moved** by Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Cameron to approve a purchase requisition from the County Clerk's Office in the amount of \$65.00 for notary bond fee for Donna LaFoilie to renew her notary status. 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 approve a purchase requisition from the Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$149.00 for boots for Deputy Bouchard to be paid out of his allocated amount from the equipment line item. 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 approve a purchase requisition from the Prosecuting Attorney's Office in the amount of \$197.00 for Michigan Court Rules Book. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

9.) **It was moved** by Commissioner Grimm and was seconded by Commissioner Cameron to approve a purchase requisition from the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$1,050.00 for MCOLES

Training for Undersheriff Darrell Dixson. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

10.) **It was moved** by Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Grimm to approve the claims and vouchers numbered **4534** through **4732** inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

11.) **It was moved** by Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Grimm to rescind the one year leave of absence for Public Transit Director John Stapleton. The motion carried by majority aye vote of the Committee members present, with the voting as follows; Commissioner Reiter-yes, Commissioner Grimm-yes, Commissioner Cameron-no, Commissioner LaFoille-yes.

12.) **It was moved** by Commissioner Grimm and was seconded by Commissioner Cameron to approve 15 hours of advanced sick leave for Mary Monroe, District Court Employee. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

13.) **It was moved** by Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Grimm to approve a pay increase for Building Inspector Jake Rivard to reflect rescinding of the ten percent reduction incurred when he was first hired, starting with the next pay period. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

14.) **It was moved** by Commissioner Grimm and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to approve the budget adjustments numbered **65-13** through **87-13** inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

Further under “Old and Unfinished Business”: **It was moved** by Commissioner Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to add “Remonumentation Grant Administrator” as a separate item on the salary schedule, with the whole \$1,000.00 being paid in a lump sum, at the end of each fiscal year. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

No further “Old and Unfinished Business”.

Under “New Business: It was moved by Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Zellar to approve the appointment of George Ecclesine to the Board of Hiawatha

Behavioral Health, effective April 1, 2013. 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 Reiter to approve Chairperson Allen Grimm sign the 2% Funding Distribution Request for the Medicate Stand-N-Weight Project. 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 Zellar to approve the purchase of a County Board laptop in the amount of \$699.00 and it’s programming in the amount of \$250.00. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Further under “New Business”: Chairperson Allen Grimm read from a letter from the Board to the Downtown Development Authority regarding a request for a tax sharing agreement that will halt property value deterioration and eliminate the cause of it, increase property tax valuation and keep county property safe for the community as a whole. **It was moved by** Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Zellar to move forward with gathering firm numbers and drafting a formal request on this issue. 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 Reiter to allow County Clerk Daniel R. McKinney to advertise that the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners will be taking applications for nominations to fill four, six year term, vacancies on the Economic Development Corporation Board. 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 Zellar to allow Chairperson Allen Grimm to sign the Fiscal Year 2010 Emergency Management Preparedness Grant (EMPG) Number: 2010-EP-00-0002 with a supplemental amount due to local of \$282.00. 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 Zellar to allow Chairperson Allen Grimm to sign the Fiscal Year 2011 Emergency Management Preparedness Grant (EMPG) Number: EMW-2011-EP-00044-S01 with

a supplemental amount due to local of \$860.00. 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 Zellar to allow Chairperson Allen Grimm to sign the Resolution Supporting the Expansion of Medicaid Coverage in Michigan. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

No further “New Business”:

“Committee and Department Reports”:

Commissioner Gerald L. Zellar: None.

Commissioner Craig Reiter: Attended Commission on Aging meeting. They are working on their bylaws. They should have them complete for their next meeting. It was noted that the many memorials received come through the Senior Citizens Center, not the Commission on Aging.

Commissioner Al Grimm: Attended the Economic Development Corporation meeting. Director Laurie Jasmin has resigned to take a position elsewhere. There were also four Board resignations that will need to be filled.

Attended a Brownfield Authority meeting. With Laurie Jasmin resigning this Authority will also be seeking leadership.

Attended UPCAP meeting.

Attended Downtown Development Authority meeting.

“Announcements and Notices”: Chairperson Allen Grimm read a letter from Vic Hughson on comments and suggestions for the County Jail.

No further “Announcements and Notices”.

“Public Comment”: Rick Demers, of Manistique, spoke about the Downtown Development Authority and its projects. He believes the County Board doesn’t fully understand how they capture and use tax money.

Further under “Public Comment”: George Ecclesine, of Manistique, asked if other counties in Michigan are having the same concerns with their Downtown Development Authorities. Chairperson Allen Grimm stated that there is indeed a lawsuit pertaining to such issues and that as a Board they must publicly show opposition in order to be a part of that.

Further under “Public Comment”: Sheriff John Norrington stated he was given permission by the County Board of Commissioners to advertise and hire two part-time vacancies at the jail. He has applications and will be interviewing candidates soon. In the meantime, he has lost an additional part-time worker and requests the Board allow him to fill three positions instead of two from these candidates. **It was moved by** Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Zellar to allow Sheriff John Norrington to hire one additional part-time jail employee, three new part-time employees total, to fill vacancies at the jail. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Further under “Public Comment”: Sheriff Norrington said the jail painting and updating is coming along.

No further “Public Comment”.

“Communications”: None.

Chairperson Allen Grimm adjourned the meeting of the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners at 7:48 P.M.

Allen Grimm, Chairperson County Board

Kimberly A Fannin, Deputy County Clerk