

SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, May 17, 2011 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 George Ecclesine
 Commissioner Gerald L. Zellar
 Commissioner Craig Reiter
 Schoolcraft County Clerk Daniel R. McKinney

Absent: Commissioner Daniel J. LaFoilie (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 April 28, 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.]

Chairperson Allen Grimm asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections to the printed agenda. Commissioners asked that USDA Rural Development Grant be added to the Agenda under “New Business”. **It was moved by** Commissioner Zellar and seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to adopt the amended agenda. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

“Public Hearings”: **None.**

“Brief Public Comment”: Gilbert Baker, Hiawatha Township Supervisor informed the Board that the Township intends to improve the existing right of way at the Carpenter Dam access site. Mr. Baker said this will involve laying gravel on the existing drive way and installing concrete blocks as a stop measure for fire trucks. Mr. Baker said the County is not obligated in any way to contribute to this project. The Board thanked Mr. Baker and Hiawatha Township.

No further “Brief Public Comment”.

“Old and Unfinished Business”: **It was moved by** Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to index the following ten items from the Audit Finance Meeting of May 12, 2011. 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 Juvenile Office in the amount of \$142.00 for urine screens. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

2) **It was moved by** Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to approve a purchase requisition from District Court in the amount of \$600.00 for gift cards for Drug Court. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

3) **It was moved by** Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Grimm to approve a purchase requisition from Public Transit in the amount of \$287.99 for a computer monitor and postage stamps. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

4) **It was moved by** Commissioner Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to approve a purchase requisition from Public Transit in the amount of \$1,092.00 for six new tires for bus number 7. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

5) **It was moved by** Commissioner Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to **deny** a purchase requisition from the Sheriff’s Department in the amount of \$837.83 for repair of the Crown Victoria patrol vehicle. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

6) **It was moved by** Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Grimm to approve the claims and vouchers numbered **2506** through **2607** inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

7) **It was moved by** Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to authorize signing of the Nationwide Plan Sponsor Page and Plan Document. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

8) **It was moved by** Commissioner Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to authorize signing of the Easement for the Off Road Vehicle Organization. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

9) **It was moved by** Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Grimm to create a New MERS Retirement Division for Department Head/Elected Officials only and leave the non-union in the

General Division at this time. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

10) **It was moved** by Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to authorize the Clerk to advertise a Public hearing to be held on June 9, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m. regarding the Rural Development Grant in the amount of \$28,930 for purchase of a new Sheriff's Department Patrol Vehicle. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

Further under "Old and Unfinished Business": **It was moved by** Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to change courthouse hours of operation as follows; Monday, Wednesday and Friday open until 5:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday open until 9:30 p.m, and open until 9:30 p.m. on the fourth Monday of every month to allow for the Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital Board to hold it's meeting.. The motion carried by majority aye vote of the Board members present, with the voting as follows; Commissioner Reiter-yes, Commissioner Ecclesine-yes, Commissioner Zellar-no, chairperson Grimm-yes.

Further under "Old and Unfinished Business": **It was moved by** Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Zellar to continue rental of Lindsley Frenette Pines Park on Sundays at a cost of \$75.00. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

No further "Old and Unfinished Business".

Under "New Business": Chairperson Grimm presented the Letters of Interest for the position of Emergency Preparedness Coordinator. There were for letters from the following individuals; Tom Kitzman, Rick Pawley, Bob Madden and John Stapleton. Also, chairperson Grimm noted that the Board received a letter from Roger Irie indicating his interest in continuing as Second in Command. Chairperson Grimm asked the Clerk to provide copies of the letters to all Commissioners and to put this item on a future agenda.

Further under "New Business": **It was moved by** Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to adopt the amended Planning Commission ordinance bringing this ordinance in compliance with Public Act 33 of 2008. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Further under "New Business": Chairperson Grimm directed the issue of Planning Commission Appointments

to the Personnel Committee.

Further under “New Business”: Chairperson Grimm opened the bids for “County Fuel”. There was one bid from Manistique Oil in the amount of \$0.204 per gallon over rack price for unleaded gasoline and \$0.217 per gallon over rack price for diesel fuel. **It was moved by** Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Zellar to accept the bid from Manistique Oil for County Fuel in the amount of \$0.204 per gallon over rack price for unleaded gasoline and \$0.217 per gallon over rack price for diesel fuel. 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 adopt the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Policies and Procedures. 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 authorize the Chairperson to sign the Aeronautical Facility and Manager License Application for 2011. 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 authorize the chairperson to sign the Letter of Intent and Request for Obligation of Funds for the USDA Rural Development Grant for a Sheriff’s Patrol Vehicle so long as this does not obligate the County if we can’t come up with the \$16,930.00 matching funds. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

No further “New Business”:

“Committee and Department Reports”:

Commissioner George Ecclesine: Attended the LMAS Board Meeting, Finance Committee Meeting and the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Meeting where they are working on four new projects.

Commissioner Al Grimm: Attended the Department of Human Services meeting, Housing Commission Meeting and road Commission Meeting. Chairperson Grimm announced that there will be a tour of Camp

Cusino for Luce, Alger and Schoolcraft County Officials on Friday, May 20, 2011 at 11:00 a.m., to consider this facility as a regional jail.

Commissioner Gerald L. Zellar: Attended the Six County Employment Alliance Meeting where they discussed the upcoming budget.

Commissioner Craig Reiter: Attended the Transit Board Meeting and Senior Citizens Board Meeting.

“Announcements and Notices”:None.

“Public Comment”: Doug Erickson addressed the Board regarding the Emergency Preparedness Position and other appointed positions in the county.

Further under “Public Comment”: Dale DuFour of Manistique addressed the Board regarding courthouse hours of operation and asked if organizations currently holding meeting will be notified of the change.

No further “Public Comment”.

“Communications”: Schoolcraft County Clerk, Dan McKinney, informed the board that he was contacted by Senator Casperson’s office and they would like to know if Schoolcraft County would be interested in obtaining the campgrounds slated for closure through purchase at the cost of \$1.00. Mr. McKinney provided the Commissioners with the information provided by Senator Casperson’s Office. Chairperson Grimm noted that the Board has time to decide on this matter.

No further “Communications”.

Chairperson Grimm adjourned the meeting of the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners at 8:00 P.M.

Allen Grimm, Chairperson County Board

Daniel R. McKinney, County Clerk