

SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, May 21, 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 Daniel J. LaFoilie
Commissioner Gerald L. Zellar
Commissioner Craig Reiter
Schoolcraft County Clerk Daniel R. McKinney

Absent: Commissioner Sue Cameron
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 LaFoilie to approve the minutes of the April 25, 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 request from Sheriff's Department Employee be added to the Agenda under "New Business". **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 Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner LaFoilie to index the following eleven items from the Audit Finance Meeting of May 10, 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 Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$585.20 for rotors, pads and a left front wheel bearing for the Ford Expedition. 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 the Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$762.08 for two

battery back-up units. 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 Grimm to approve a purchase requisition from the Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$300.00 for 20 CPR masks. 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 Public Transit in the amount of \$380.00 for embroidery on new jackets. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

5) **It was moved** by Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Grimm to approve a purchase requisition from 911 in the amount of \$1,856.75 for batteries. 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 Grimm to approve a purchase requisition from District Court in the amount of \$222.00 for three laser jet print cartridges. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

7) **It was moved** by Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Grimm to approve a purchase requisition from the Treasurer's Office in the amount of \$153.15 for envelopes. 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 County Clerk's Office in the amount of \$680.00 for 20 cases of paper. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

9) **It was moved** by Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Grimm to approve the claims and vouchers numbered **5148** through **5316** inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

10) **It was moved** by Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Grimm to allow the Chairperson to sign the letter and resolution in relation to the DDA Opt Out Request. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

11) **It was moved** by Commissioner Grimm and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to allow the Treasurer to create a fund for the Environmental Lab. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

Further under "Old and Unfinished Business": Commissioner LaFoilie said we are still gathering information on the telephone system.

Further under "Old and Unfinished Business": **It was moved** by Commissioner LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Zellar to authorize 24 hours per week for the undersheriff. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

No further “Old and Unfinished Business”.

Under “New Business: Michigan Department of Natural Resources representative Bob Burnham addressed the Board regarding purchase of land in Seney Township and Pilt. **It was moved by** Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner LaFoilie to not impede the sale of this land to the DNR. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Further under “New Business”: Chairperson Grimm said there is a request from Schoolcraft County Housing Director Dixie Anderson form purchase of life insurance benefits. Chairperson Grimm said this all began with the disagreement over indirect costs and Housing pulled out of the county providing these services for them. Commissioner LaFoilie said he believes this request from Housing has already been addressed, and he asked if any of the Commissioners feel that we need to act on this. Chairperson Grimm said he feels it is best right now to leave this in the hands of the lawyers.

Further under “New Business”: Chairperson Grimm said he feels it is best to wait on the Housing Appointment until further notice.

Further under “New Business”: Commissioner LaFoilie said he feels the bid for replacement of windows at the jail is too high and we should seek further bids.

Further under “New Business”: **It was moved by** Commissioner LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Zellar to follow Ms. Toskey’s advice and appeal. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Further under “New Business”: Schoolcraft County clerk Dan McKinney said in reading the decision from Judge Stern regarding the Sheriff’s Department employees grievance over paying retirement costs, he came to realize that in 2003 the Sheriff’s Department Contract change to say that employees must pay 50% of any retirement costs over 23% up to a maximum payment of 2% by the employees. Mr. McKinney said as of October 1, 2012, the cost of retirement benefits for Sheriff’s Department Employees increase to 24.69%. Mr. McKinney said the employees were charged the full increase cost from October 1, 2012 through November 17, 2012. However, after the contract was signed they were no longer charged for retirement, and per contract they should have been. Mr. McKinney said he received an email from Bonnie Toskey and she confirms that the money can be recouped, but the Board should seek a letter of understanding with the union as to how to recoup this money. **It was moved by** Commissioner LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to begin collecting the .845% for retirement benefits from the Sheriff’s

Department Employees starting with the next payroll and seek a letter of understanding with the union to recoup money owed by the employees equal to 50% of costs over 23%. 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 authorize District Court to apply for a Drug Court Grant with no costs to the county. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Further under “New Business”: Schoolcraft County Clerk Dan McKinney informed the Board that he has spoken with Judge Carmody and Tim Noble regarding courthouse security. Mr. McKinney said he has also spoken with MMRMA and the State Court Administrators Office and they both may be able to offer some assistance in this matter. Mr. McKinney said he thinks it would be best to form a committee to work on this issue. Mr. McKinney said Judge Carmody and Mr. Noble as well as himself are interested in being on this committee. **It was moved by** Commissioner LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to allow the Chairperson to appoint a committee to look into courthouse security. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Further under “New Business”: Commissioner LaFoilie read a request from Sheriff’s Department Employee for advanced vacation leave. Commissioner LaFoilie said the contract, nor do policies and procedures allow for this. **It was moved by** Commissioner LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Zellar to deny the request from a Sheriff’s Department Employee for advance vacation leave. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present. Commissioners said this employee could talk with the Sheriff or Undersheriff about taking time off without pay. In reading the request, Schoolcraft County Clerk Dan McKinney noted that the employee referenced having been given time from fellow employees. Mr. McKinney said there is no provision in the contract or in policies and procedures for anyone to give time off to anyone else, except sick leave, which is only in the AFSCME Contract. Commissioner noted that they would meet with Sheriff Norrington to address this matter.

No further “New Business”:

“Committee and Department Reports”:

Commissioner Daniel J. LaFoilie Sr.: Attended the U.P. Commissioners Meeting and the 911 Authority Meeting. Will be attending the MAC Meeting in June.

Commissioner Gerald L. Zellar: No report.

Commissioner Craig Reiter: Attended the Transit Meeting where they agreed to do the millage renewal in November. Attended the Commission on Aging Meeting. Stated that both Transit and Commission on Aging were commenting on the difficulty of having to do a purchase requisition for all purchases over \$100.00. Commissioner LaFoilie said if it is alright Finance Committee can look into this.

Commissioner Al Grimm: Stated that he has attended 11 meetings in the last month. Noted that he feels keeping a tight reign on things keeps us in good shape. Also, noted that the EDC Board agreed to offer a position on their Board to one member from the DDA.

“Announcements and Notices”: None.

“Public Comment”: None.

“Communications”: None.

It was moved by Commissioner Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to adjourn the meeting of the Schoolcraft County board of Commissioners. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present. The meeting of the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners was adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Allen Grimm, Chairperson County Board

Daniel R. McKinney, County Clerk