

SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AUDIT FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Schoolcraft County Audit Finance Committee met on Thursday November 10, 2010 in the District Court Room of the Schoolcraft County Building, City of Manistique, Michigan, commencing at 7:00 P.M. Audit Finance Chairperson Daniel J. LaFoille called the meeting to order with the following members present and/or absent:

Present: Audit Finance Chairperson Daniel J. LaFoille
 Audit Finance Vice-Chairperson George Ecclesine
 Chairperson Gerald Zellar
 Commissioner Allen Grimm
 Schoolcraft County Clerk Dan McKinney
Absent: Commissioner John Zellar.

Also Present: Schoolcraft County Treasurer Julie Roscioli.

Audit Finance Chairperson Daniel J. LaFoille led the Schoolcraft County Audit Finance Committee and the members of the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Approval of Minutes: **It was moved** by Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Gerald Zellar to approve the minutes from the October 14, 2010 Audit Finance Committee Meeting, with one correction on page #2 under the Cost of Living Increase for Retirees, under which Commissioner Ecclesine asked that the amount this would have cost (\$18,086.00) be added to the motion to clear up any misinformation regarding this action. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

Audit Finance Chairperson Daniel J. LaFoille asked if there were any corrections, additions or deletions to the Agenda. Commissioners asked that MCF Retirement be deleted from the Agenda. **It was moved** by Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Grimm to adopt the amended agenda. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

Purchase Requisitions: **It was moved** by Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Grimm to approve a purchase requisition from Friend of the Court in the amount of \$726.75 for a printer cartridge, toner and envelopes with the understanding that they will obtain a lower price if possible. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Grimm and was seconded by Commissioner Gerald Zellar to approve a purchase requisition from District Court in the amount of \$351.00 for folders, toner and a print cartridge. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Grimm and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to approve a purchase requisition from the Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$169.00 for a camera. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Grimm and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to **deny** a purchase

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requisition from the Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$4,386.00 for mattresses. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present. Commissioners noted that the Sheriff should look in his budget to see if he has money available for this request, and if not he could request a partial order at this time.

It was moved by Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Grimm to approve the claims and vouchers numbered 282 through 473 inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

Old Business: Chairperson LaFoille opened two bids for Snow Plowing. The first bid was from Graphos Snowplowing and was in the amount of \$40.00 per push for the "New Public Transit" Building and \$3,840.00 for the year for the Courthouse and "Old Public Transit" Building. The second bid was from Evonich Snow Plowing and was in the amount of \$34.00 per push for the "New Public Transit" Building and \$3,699.00 for the year for the Courthouse and "Old Public Transit" Building. **It was moved** by Commissioner Gerald Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to accept the bid from Evonich Snow Plowing for snow plowing services for FY 2010 in the amount of \$34.00 per push for the "New Public Transit" Building and \$3,699.00 for the year for the Courthouse and "Old Public Transit" Building. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

Further under "Old Business": **It was moved** by Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Gerald Zellar to approve a revised contract with Michelle Allsteadt for community corrections services in the amount of \$950.10 every two weeks, with one revision to the previously approved contract, that being an addition to article #16; "These costs may be covered through grant funds." The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

Further under "Old Business": **It was moved** by Commissioner Gerald Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Grimm to approve a revised contract with Mike Gray for community corrections services in the amount of \$872.46 every two weeks, with one revision to the previously approved contract, that being an addition to article #16; "These costs may be covered through grant funds." The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

Further under "Old Business": AFSCME Union Representative, Todd Flath, informed the Board that the union has agreed to accept the requested change to the holiday schedule for Christmas and New Years to wit; holidays off will be Thursday, December 23rd and Friday, December 24th, and Thursday, December 30th and Friday, December 31st. **It was moved** by Commissioner Gerald Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to approve the Holiday Schedule for this year for Department Heads and Non-union Employees in the Courthouse as; Thursday, December 23rd and Friday, December 24th, and Thursday, December 30th and Friday, December 31st and to note that the Courthouse will be closed, except for some non-county departments. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

New Business: Chairperson LaFoille noted that Steve Videtich had applied for a grant from Plumb Creek some time ago for improvements at Lindsley Frenette Pines Park and this grant has been awarded to the County in the amount of \$3,000.00. **It was moved** by Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Grimm to accept the grant from Plumb Creek for improvements at Lindsley Frenette Pines Park in the amount of \$3,000.00. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

Further under “New Business”: The Board heard presentation regarding medical insurance for County Employees from; Ron Pierce of City Insurance, Joe Hughes of Hughes and Havinga, Jennifer Michelin of Mazzali Agency and Brian Miller of St. Onge Insurance Agency.

Upon completion of the presentations the Board heard from AFSCME Union Representative Todd Flath who asked the Board to keep the union informed regarding this situation.

The Board also heard from Angela Pierce Union Chairperson for the Sheriff’s Department Employees who asked if the coverage will remain the same for employees. Commissioners noted that union contracts dictate that coverage remains the same unless the union agrees to open the contracts and also agrees to any changes to the coverage, but the proposals heard tonight all have the medical coverage as outlined in both union contracts as being a \$250 deductible for individuals and a \$500.00 deductible for families.

Chairperson LaFoilie recess the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Chairperson LaFoilie reconvened the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Commissioner Grimm noted that Tax Equalization Director Paul Wood suggested that the Board form a committee to work on the insurance issue because it is so complicated.

Chairperson LaFoilie named a Medical Insurance Committee as being; Commissioner Ecclesine, Commissioner LaFoilie, Schoolcraft County Treasurer Julie Roscioli, Schoolcraft County Clerk Dan McKinney, Marilyn Benish from the AFSCME Union, Angela Pierce from the Sheriff’s Department Union and Terri Evonich as a representative for the retirees.

Commissioner Ecclesine asked that all insurance agents provide the County Clerk with a one page summary of their recommendations.

AFSCME Union Representative Todd Flath asked the Board why they choose just Blue Cross to make presentations.

Chairperson LaFoilie noted that we did not limit this to just Blue Cross, but there have been no other proposals.

Brian Miller of City Insurance noted that he sent an email to Dan McKinney today requesting census information on all employees so he could submit a proposal from someone other than Blue Cross.

Chairperson LaFoilie noted that we are on a deadline and this may not be feasible for the January 1st renewal, but may be something we need to look into for the future.

Commissioner Ecclesine asked how Blue Cross stacks up against other insurance agencies.

Brian Miller of City Insurance said commercial insurance companies usually beat Blue Cross pricing the first year, but customers usually end up going back to Blue Cross the second or third year.

Chairperson LaFoilie noted that there will be another insurance agent coming in on Friday, November 12th to give a presentation at 11:00 am and this will be the first meeting of the committee.

Further under “New Business”: **It was moved** by Commissioner Gerald Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Grimm to approve the new Investment Policy for the County. The motion carried by

unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

Further under “New Business”: **It was moved** by Commissioner Grimm and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to approve an MDOT Contract for Public Transit in the amount of \$25,620.00 for facility improvements. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

There was no further “New Business”.

Under “Public Comment”: Doug Erickson of Manistique addressed the Board regarding the conflict of interest issue for Commissioners who contract to do services for the County.

No further “Public Comment”.

Communications: None.

It was moved by Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Gerald Zellar to approve using DTR money to pay for the Carpenter Dam repair bill in the amount of \$23,350.00. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

Audit Finance Chairperson Daniel J. LaFoille adjourned the meeting of the Schoolcraft County Audit Finance Committee at 9:00 P.M.

Audit Finance Chairperson Daniel J. LaFoille

Daniel R. McKinney, County Clerk