

SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners / Audit Finance Committee met on Monday, November 29, 2010 in the District Courtroom of the Schoolcraft County Building, City of Manistique, Michigan, commencing at 7:00 p.m. Vice-Chairperson Daniel J. LaFoille called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The roll was called with the following members present and/or absent:

Present: Vice-Chairperson Daniel J. LaFoille  
Commissioner John W. Zellar  
Commissioner George Ecclesine  
Commissioner Allen Grimm  
Schoolcraft County Clerk Daniel R. McKinney

Absent: Chairperson Gerald L. Zellar.

Also present: Schoolcraft County Treasurer, Julie Roscioli.

Vice-Chairperson Daniel J. LaFoille 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 Grimm to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2010 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.]

Vice-Chairperson Daniel J. LaFoille asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections to the printed agenda. **It was moved** by Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Grimm to approve the agenda as printed. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

“Public Hearings”: None.

“Brief Public Comment”: None.

Under “Old and Unfinished Business”: Vice-Chairperson LaFoille discussed the Jail Cost Proposal indicating that Camp Manistique is not in the top two options, given the current proposal. Further, Vice-Chairperson LaFoille stated that outsourcing jail services arguable could have ten different dollars amounts with ten different analysis, but as it stands this is not an option for us at this time. Vice-Chairperson LaFoille said we would stand to lose many things if we outsourced services at the jail including Community Service. Further, Vice-Chairperson LaFoille said the judges are opposed to this option and they will submit their position in

writing. Vice-Chairperson LaFoilie recommended that this issue be referred to the Jail Committee for review and to come back to the Board with a recommendation and ballot language to be placed on the February Election. **It was moved** by Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Grimm to refer the issue of Jail Proposal to the Jail Committee for recommendation and how to handle the ballot language. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present. Schoolcraft County Clerk Dan McKinney informed the Board that he spoke with R.J. Naughton of Stauder and Barch regarding the dollar amounts associated with the proposed bond issue. Mr. McKinney said Mr. Naughton informed him that the proposal involves coupling the bond proposal for a new jail building project with the existing bond proposal for the MCF debt. Mr. Naughton informed Mr. McKinney that this would have the least economic impact on the voters. Further, Mr. Naughton indicated that the bond amount is what is voted on by the public and not a set millage amount. Mr. Naughton said the bond proposal would involve approximately 1.12 mills over twenty years. Further, Mr. Naughton stated that the actual bond language is normally drafted by bond counsel, therefore, Mr. McKinney said, the Jail Committee would need to connect with a bond counsel.

Further under “Old and Unfinished Business”: Vice-Chairperson LaFoilie discussed the medical insurance premium issue stating that the committee that was formed is offering the following recommendation; 1) to contract with Mazzali Insurance Agency as our “Agent of Record”, 2) to select option #4 which includes a Community Blue 15 Plan with a \$2,500.00 individual and \$5,000.00 family deductible with a 40% coinsurance and this will all be Wrapped back to the current plan which is a Community Blue 3 with a \$250.00/\$500.00 deductible, 3) Ask our agent of record to pursue an agreement that will allow future retirees to continue to sign up for insurance through the County at 100% employee cost and if this agreement cannot be reached to have the County sign the paper agreeing to allow no further retiring employees into the insurance plan through the County which will allow current retirees in the 901 suffix to move into the 900 suffix with the waiver approved by Blue Cross allowing the 900 suffix to continue with the five current retirees paying 100% of the premium cost. The committee recommends that the County continue to look into options for future retirees, 4) A \$5.00-\$40-\$80 drug card for Non-union employees and Department Heads, and 5) Change the Third Party Administrator from MEBS to SBAM/ Kushner & Company. **It was moved** by Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Grimm to accept the recommendation of the Medical Insurance Committee which is; 1) to contract with Mazzali Insurance Agency as our “Agent of Record”, 2) to select option #4 which includes a Community Blue 15 Plan with a \$2,500.00 individual and \$5,000.00 family deductible with a 40% coinsurance and this will all be Wrapped back to the current plan which is a Community Blue 3 with a \$250.00/\$500.00 deductible, 3) Ask our agent of record to pursue an

agreement that will allow future retirees to continue to sign up for insurance through the County at 100% employee cost and if this agreement cannot be reached to have the County sign the paper agreeing to allow no further retiring employees into the insurance plan through the County which will allow current retirees in the 901 suffix to move into the 900 suffix with the waiver approved by Blue Cross allowing the 900 suffix to continue with the five current retirees paying 100% of the premium cost. The committee recommends that the County continue to look into options for future retirees, 4) A \$5.00-\$40-\$80 drug card for Non-union employees and Department Heads, and 5) Change the Third Party Administrator from MEBS to SBAM/ Cushner & Company. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

No further "Old and Unfinished Business".

**Under "New Business":** It was moved by Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Grimm to approve the Salary Schedule for January 1, 2011 which includes raises previously approved for AFSCME Union Employees. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

**Further under "New Business":** Commissioners agreed to wait to set the Annual Report Meeting dates until the Audit Meeting on December 9, 2010.

**Further under "New Business":** Commissioners agreed to wait to set the Organizational Meeting date until the Audit Meeting on December 9, 2010.

**Further under "New Business":** It was moved by Commissioner Grimm and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to approve the 911 Negaunee Regional Dispatch Contract for FY 2011 in the amount of \$82,258.87. 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 Grimm to move \$19,500.00 from the Building and Property Fund into Fund Balance to cover a shortfall. 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 Grimm to have all newly hired employees of the County who are non-union, Department Heads

or Elected Officials be covered by Municipal Employee Retirement System of Michigan under the B-2 Retirement Plan as of January 2, 2011. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

**Further under “New Business”:** It was moved by Commissioner Grimm and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to approve the contract with Integrated Imaging for Annual Maintenance of the Register of Deeds Imaging equipment in the amount of \$2360.00. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

**Further under “New Business”:** It was moved by Commissioner John Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to approve renewal of the contract with Electrical Inspector, Mike Rozek, for three years with no changes to the current structure of the contract. 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 Grimm to appoint Laurie Jasmin Director of the Brownfield Authority Board. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

**Further under “New Business”:** It was moved by Commissioner Grimm and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to approve the Veterans Affairs Board Policies and Procedures. 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 George Ecclesine:** Attended Medical Insurance Meetings and Finance Committee Meetings.

**Commissioner Allen Grimm:** Attended the Public Transit Board Meeting where they discussed becoming a Transit Authority.

**Commissioner John Zellar:** No report.

**Commissioner Daniel J. LaFoilie:** Attended Medical Insurance Meetings and expressed his appreciation to the Committee Members for their hard work.

**Announcements and Notices:** None.

**Public Comment:** Paul Olson of Manistique asked the Board questions regarding medical insurance and proposed jail building costs.

Craig Reiter of Gulliver spoke regarding the jail

Lynn Norton Doyle Township Supervisor expressed her appreciation for the hard work and dedication of Vicki Stewart, Schoolcraft County Veterans Counselor.

No further "Public Comment".

**Under Communications:** Schoolcraft county Clerk Dan McKinney informed the Board that the State of Michigan has agreed to pay an additional \$7,831.00 in rent for the DHS space for FY 2010.

No further "Communications".

Audit Finance Chairperson Daniel J. LaFoille called the Audit Finance Meeting to order at 8:00 P.M.

**Purchase Requisitions:** It was moved by Commissioner John Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Grimm to approve a purchase requisition from the Sheriffs Department in the amount of \$337.19 for repair of the 1997 Chevrolet Pickup Truck by Manistique Oil to be paid for out of Phone Card Revenues. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

**It was moved by** Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Grimm to approve a purchase requisition from Community Corrections in the amount of \$85.99 for cell phones. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

**It was moved by** Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Grimm to approve a purchase requisition from the Treasurer in the amount of \$150.00 for Michigan Association of Treasurer's membership dues. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

**It was moved by** Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Grimm to approve budget adjustments numbered 16-11 through 40-11 inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

**It was moved** by Commissioner Grimm and was seconded by Commissioner John Zellar to approve the claims and vouchers numbered 474 through 644, inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Vice-Chairperson LaFoille adjourned the Board Meeting at 8:07 P.M.

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Gerald L. Zellar  
Chairperson County Board

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

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Daniel R. McKinney, County Clerk