

SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, October 16, 2012 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 George Ecclesine
Commissioner Gerald L. Zellar
Commissioner Craig Reiter
Schoolcraft County Clerk Daniel R. McKinney

Absent: None

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 Ecclesine to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2012 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. **It was moved by** Commissioner Ecclesine and seconded by Commissioner LaFoilie 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 LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to index the following nine items from the Audit Finance Meeting of October 11, 2012. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

1) It was moved by Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Grimm to approve a purchase requisition from the Airport in the amount of \$324.35 for repair of the plow truck. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

2) 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 \$431.26 for office supplies. 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 93rd District Court in the amount of \$305.00 for dues for

the State Bar Association. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

4) **It was moved** by Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Grimm to approve a purchase requisition from the Treasurer's Office in the amount of \$507.00 for color toner. 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 Ecclesine to approve a purchase requisition from Public Transit in the amount of \$8,190.00 for nine cameras for the buses. 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 Zellar to approve the claims and vouchers numbered 3274 through 3426 inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

7) **It was moved** by Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Zellar to go ahead and pursue the issue of money owed by Tom Lang for Cobra insurance in Small Claims Court and have Vic Cole serve papers on Mr. Lang. The motion carried by majority aye vote of the Committee members present, with the voting as follows; Commissioner Reiter-yes, Commissioner Zellar-yes, Commissioner Ecclesine-yes, Commissioner Grimm-no, Chairperson LaFoille-yes.

8) **It was moved** by Commissioner Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to deny the 2% cost of living increase for pre 2002 retirees. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

9) **It was moved** by Commissioner Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to support County Department Heads instituting a program of having employees donate money to a local charity in order to wear blue jeans on Fridays, if the Department Heads choose to do so. 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 LaFoille to approve the Emergency Management Performance Grant for FY 2012 in the amount of \$2,559.00. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

Further under "Old and Unfinished Business": **It was moved** by Commissioner LaFoille and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to approve the Tax Rate Request for 2012. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

Further under "Old and Unfinished Business": **It was moved** by Commissioner LaFoille and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to approve temporary patching of the Courthouse Parking

Lot in the amount up to \$1,500.00. 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 Ecclesine to approve the Conservation District Lease for FY 2013 in the amount of \$189.88 per month. 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 LaFoilie to approve the LMAS Lease for FY 2013 in the amount of \$43,534.54 per year. 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 Ecclesine to officially recognize Germfask Township Treasurer Barb Ackley on her retirement. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Further under "New Business": **It was moved by** Commissioner LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to deny the request from Michigan Energy Options to put a box in the courthouse for mercury thermometer recycling. 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 Ecclesine to appoint Donald Bedwell, Tanya Hoar and Marcia Tevelde to the Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital and Woodland Meadows Board with term ending dates of December 31, 2018. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Further under "New Business": **It was moved by** Commissioner LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to submit a letter to MERS approving blended rates for Division 02 and Division 21 in the amount of 24.69%, and for Division 20 and Division 22 in the amount of 29.79% for FY 2013. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Further under "New Business": **It was moved by** Commissioner LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to approve a zoning ordinance amendment to allow commercial development along the hospital's secondary access road, and to change the zoning from Rural Residential to Town District. 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 LaFoille to approve Airport Projects for FY 2013 in the amount of \$166,000.00 with local match in the amount of \$8,206.00. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

No further “New Business”:

“Committee and Department Reports”:

Commissioner George Ecclesine: No report.

Commissioner Daniel J. LaFoille Sr.: Met with Magistrate Belinda Cole regarding the decision to bring Tom Lang to Small Claims Court regarding money owed for COBRA Insurance, and there is paperwork that needs to be filled out.

Commissioner Craig Reiter: Attended the Commission on Aging Board Meeting.

Commissioner Al Grimm: Attended Training yesterday provided by MMRMA and stated that the Board is now more aware on issues.

“Announcements and Notices”: None.

“Public Comment”: None.

“Communications”: Schoolcraft County Clerk Dan McKinney informed the Board that he received a letter from Corey Barr, Chairperson of the Housing Commission Board. Mr. McKinney provided the Board with a copy of this letter. Chairperson Grimm will meet with Mr. Barr to clarify the content of the letter.

Schoolcraft County Clerk Dan McKinney informed the Board that a part-time worker at the Sheriff’s Department has met the requirements for retirement for four months in the last calendar year so we must now pay into MERS for this. Mr. McKinney said we have had discussion on this repeatedly in the past so as to avoid such an occurrence. Commissioner LaFoille discussed the fact that this costs the County unnecessarily. Commissioner Reiter said that it could have been avoided given the fact that there are seven part-time workers at the jail.

Commissioner LaFoille noted that he spoke with Bob Berbohn and Nora Vieu in Delta County regarding the Emergency Manager Position and things are proceeding well.

Chairperson Allen Grimm adjourned the meeting of the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners at 7:29 P.M.

Allen Grimm, Chairperson County Board

Daniel R. McKinney, County Clerk