

SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, September 17, 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 Craig Reiter
 Schoolcraft County Clerk Daniel R. McKinney

Absent: Commissioner Sue Cameron (Excused), Commissioner Gerald L. Zellar.
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 LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to approve the minutes of the August 29, 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. **It was moved by** Commissioner LaFoilie and seconded by Commissioner Reiter to adopt the agenda as printed. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

“Public Hearings”: **FY 2014 Budget (Continued from September 12, 2013).**

“Brief Public Comment”: Tina Burnis of Manistique addressed the Board regarding the Medical Care Facility Board. She spoke in support of retaining the current Board members.

Further under “Brief Public Comment”: Keith Aldrich of Manistique spoke in support of retaining the current MCF Board Members and presented a handout to the County Board regarding MCF finances. He noted that things are getting better at MCF. Mr. Aldrich said these financial issues had been going on for three years, maybe four and many things that happened were beyond the control of the MCF Board. Mr. Aldrich said we know we need a millage to make the place run.

Further under “Brief Public Comment”: Dixie Anderson of Manistique addressed the Board regarding a phone call she received from Commissioner Grimm asking her to step down from the MCF Board. Mrs. Anderson said because we have been through this we have learned a lot.

She noted that MCF is catching up on receivables, have a better working relationship with the hospital, the census is up and have cut administration. Mrs. Anderson said if she thought

stepping down from the Board would help MCF she would do it. Mrs. Anderson said they have a good team working together at MCF and she doesn't want to break that up.

No further "Brief Public Comment".

"Old and Unfinished Business": **It was moved by** Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner LaFoilie to index the following ten items from the Audit Finance Meeting of September 12, 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 Zellar to approve a purchase requisition from the Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$266.40 for clothing and boots for Charity Potier. 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 Juvenile Office in the amount of \$1,015.46 for two desks with 50% of the total amount being reimbursed. The motion carried by a majority aye vote of the Committee members present, with the voting as follows; Commissioner Reiter-yes, Commissioner Grimm-yes, Commissioner Zellar-No, Commissioner Cameron-yes, Chairperson LaFoilie-yes.

3) **It was moved by** Commissioner Grimm and was seconded by Commissioner Zellar to approve a purchase requisition from the Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$588.98 for a light bar for the patrol vehicle. (Sheriff Norrington will check with MMRMA to see if they will pay for a portion of this). 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 Cameron to authorize the Sheriff to sell the bumper guard that does not fit. 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 approve the claims and vouchers numbered **6388** through **6560** inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

6) **It was moved by** Commissioner Grimm and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to open the public hearing on the FY 2014 Budget. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

7) **It was moved by** Commissioner Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to authorize the Chairperson to sign the Cost Allocation Plan Certification Letter. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

8) **It was moved by** Commissioner Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Cameron to authorize the Chairperson to sign the Business Associate Agreement with Kushner. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

9) **It was moved** by Commissioner Grimm and was seconded by Commissioner Zellar to approve an increase in per diem for Commissioner District 5 in the amount of \$1,140.00. The motion carried by majority aye vote of the Committee members present, with Chairperson LaFoille abstaining.

10) **It was moved** by Commissioner Grimm and was seconded by Commissioner Cameron to authorize the Treasurer to close out the Federal Forest Fund and the Old Jail Project Fund. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

No further “Old and Unfinished Business”.

Under “New Business: Schoolcraft County Juvenile Officer Marcy Spriks gave the Board a brief presentation on the Child Care Fund. Marcy noted that costs for this year so far are \$71,197.92 and reimbursements were \$42,431.09. Marcy also stated that collections so far this year are \$18,306.74. Marcy presented the FY 2014 budget for approval by the Board. **It was moved by** Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner LaFoille to approve submission of the FY 2014 Child Care Budget in the amount of \$445,445.40. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Further under “New Business”: Schoolcraft County Treasurer Julie Roscioli noted that the County Incentive Plan for revenue sharing is completed and consists of the Dash Board, Citizens Guide, Debt Service Report and the Budget. **It was moved by** Commissioner LaFoille and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to authorize the Chairperson to sign the County Incentive Plan and for the Treasurer to submit it to the State. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Further under “New Business”: **It was moved by** Commissioner LaFoille and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to authorize the Chairperson to sign a 2% Grant for the Ministerial Association, along with a Letter of Agreement to satisfy accounting requirements. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Further under “New Business”: Chairperson Grimm invited Mike Stephenson, Medical Care Facility Director of Administration and Finance to give an update to the Board. Mr. Stephenson noted the following; The team they recently put together is working fantastic. The resident’s stability is very important and he asks the Board and community to support the residents. There have been a lot of distractions recently. MCF is a five star facility which is a measure of quality which is not easily attained. The MCF Board is one of the best he has ever worked with. There have been recent changes made including; management restructuring, creation of a senior leadership team, changing the hiring process. Mr. Stephenson noted that the August financial

show a dramatic improvement in the bottom line. Some of the reasons for the financial issues are; MCF had to cut back 25% on bed capacity, there was a big settlement with a former employee, issues with the MIP settlements. Mr. Stephenson noted that accounts receivable are starting to improve. He said that without the MIP there receivables are at a 56 day calculation and the average is 50 days. Mr. Stephenson said MIP now owes us \$250,000.00. There was a transition in the billing process approximately one year ago and they are just now getting the bugs worked out which he contributes to the vendor not having their ducks in a row. Mr. Stephenson said he is not here to defend the MCF Board but suggested that the County Board familiarize themselves with Public Act 280 to make sure they follow the correct process for discharge of a board member. He also stated that discharge of 2/3rds of the MCF Board would cause great upheaval.

Commissioner LaFoille said that we have great concern for the people who live at Medical Care Facility and the people who take care of them. Let's be clear about that. Commissioner LaFoille said that this has been a learning process for all of us. He said it is scary and frustrating and we are just as concerned going forward. There is a lot of work yet to do and we want long-term stability. Commissioner LaFoille said we have a responsibility to the residents, workers and the community. There was discussion.

It was moved by Commissioner LaFoille and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to begin the process and have a date for hearing so members have an opportunity for input. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present. Commissioners discussed setting the date for the hearing as September 24, 2013 at 1:00 p.m.

Further under "New Business": **It was moved by** Commissioner LaFoille and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to create a fund for the \$500,000.00 which was originally loaned from DTR to General Fund and then the loan was forgiven to be restricted for cash flow issues. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

No further "New Business":

"Committee and Department Reports":

Commissioner Daniel J. LaFoille Sr.: Attended the MAC Conference and noted that it was reported that the U.P. is leading the way in 911 services.

Commissioner Craig Reiter: Attended the MAC Conference and noted discussion regarding the Indigent Defense Fund.

Commissioner Al Grimm: Attended the MAC Conference and specifically noted discussion regarding DDA and personal property tax elimination.

“Announcements and Notices”: None.

“Public Comment”: Gary DeMers asked a question and read a statement before the Board regarding the MCF Board.

Further under “Public Comment”: Mike Stephenson addressed the Board regarding the MCF Board.

Further under “Public Comment”: Barb Pohlman of Manistique addressed the Board regarding the MCF Board.

Further under “Public Comment”: “Cleo” addressed the Board regarding the MCF Board.

“Communications”: Schoolcraft County Treasurer Julie Roscioli requested that the Board move money from two accounts as recommended by the Finance Committee. **It was moved by** Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner LaFoille to move \$25,000.00 from Budget Stabilization to the Courthouse Improvement Fund and \$25,000.00 from Budget Stabilization to Capital Improvement Parking Lot. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Further under “Communications”: **It was moved by** Commissioner LaFoille and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to move \$50,000.00 from the restricted Sick and Vacation Fund to the restricted Retirement Fund. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Further under “Communications”: Sheriff Norrington informed the Board that the Health Services Contract is due to expire on October 31st, 2013 and there will be a 4% increase in costs. Sheriff Norrington said he is recommending that we solicit bids for this service. **It was moved by** Commissioner LaFoille and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to move forward with a Request for Proposals for Health Services at the County jail. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Further under “Communications”: Sheriff Norrington informed the Board that when they turned the heat on this week his office was again unbearably hot. He asked that they Board look into this matter.

Further under “Communications”: Schoolcraft County Clerk Dan McKinney informed the Board that he provided each of them with a list of appointments needed for the remainder of this year and some of them are overdue and had been provided to the Board previously. Mr. McKinney asked that the Board work to fill the appointments.

No further “Communications”.

It was moved by Commissioner LaFoille 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 8:45 P.M.

Allen Grimm, Chairperson County Board

Daniel R. McKinney, County Clerk