

SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners / Audit Finance Committee met on Thursday, September 27, 2012 in the District Courtroom of the Schoolcraft County Building, City of Manistique, Michigan, commencing at 7:00 p.m. Chairperson Allen Grimm called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The roll was called with the following members present and/or absent:

Present: Chairperson Allen Grimm
Vice-Chairperson Daniel J. LaFoilie
Commissioner Craig Reiter
Commissioner George Ecclesine

Schoolcraft County Clerk Daniel R. McKinney

Absent: Commissioner Gerald L. Zellar (Excused).

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 amended minutes of the September 18, 2012 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.]

Chairperson Allen Grimm asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections to the printed agenda. Commissioners asked that Inmate Medical Copay be added to the agenda under "New Business" and that Community Corrections Board Appointment be deleted from the agenda. **It was moved** by Commissioner LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to approve 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": Commissioner Reiter announced that he and Chairperson Grimm interviewed the three candidates for the Emergency Manager position and they are all excellent candidates. Commissioner Reiter said after speaking with Lt. Brown of the Michigan State Police he believes it would be best to pursue an agreement for Bob Berbohn, Delta County Emergency Manager, to perform the Emergency Manager duties in Schoolcraft County until such time as we can get things fixed. Commissioner Reiter said after things are straightened out we should again go through the selection process for hiring an Emergency Manager. **It was moved by** Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner LaFoilie to get with Delta County and Bob Berbohn to start the process of bringing him on. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

No further "Old and Unfinished Business".

Under “New Business”: It was moved by Commissioner LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to adopt the FY 2013 Budget. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

Further under “New Business”: Commissioner Reiter announced that he and the Transit Board along with representatives from Delta County have been working on an agreement to share the services of John Stapleton. Commissioner Reiter said the agreement would involve paying John Stapleton \$50,000.00 per year and a benefit package with costs split evenly between Delta and Schoolcraft Counties, and DATA will provide a vehicle for Mr. Stapleton to drive. Chairperson Grimm read a letter of support from Senator Tom Casperson and Chuck Lindstrom of MDOT. Chairperson Grimm welcome members of the DATA Board; Gordon Hermes, Sharon Niebauer and Connie Fuller. The DATA Board Members expressed their support of the plan. Schoolcraft County Public Transit Advisory Board Chairperson Gary Demers informed the Board that the Transit Board does support this plan as well. **It was moved by** Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner LaFoilie to go ahead and pursue the sharing of our director with Delta County. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

Further under “New Business”: Commissioner LaFoilie noted that our telephone system is nearly obsolete. Schoolcraft County Treasurer Julie Roscioli indicated that we now have a fee for repairing or replacing telephones. Julie noted that we have no usable spare parts for the phone system any longer and she would like to purchase a couple phones to have on hand in case we have more breakdowns. Commissioner LaFoilie noted that the phones we would purchase would be interchangeable with any new telephone system. Commissioner LaFoilie said we will look into this matter further.

Further under “New Business”: Commissioner LaFoilie noted that the State of Michigan has decreased our revenue sharing and we will automatically receive 80% of the reduced rate and we must perform certain tasks to get the other 20%. Commissioner LaFoilie commended Schoolcraft County Treasurer Julie Roscioli for all the work she has done in preparing the Dashboard for Schoolcraft County. Schoolcraft County Treasurer Julie Roscioli presented to the Board the Citizens Guide, Performance Dashboard and Budget as required by the State. Julie noted that we received \$21,000.00 less in revenue sharing this year than we did last year and we will receive \$41,151.00 less in revenue sharing next year if we meet all the requirements. Julie noted that there are five steps to complete to obtain the full reduced revenue sharing amount. **It was moved by** Commissioner LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to support the Dashboard and send it to the State. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

Further under “New Business”: It was moved by Commissioner LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to allow the 2% Grant for Medical Care Facility. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

Further under “New Business”: It was moved by Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner LaFoilie to approve the RFP for an antenna for the Schoolcraft County Sheriff’s Department for 911. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

Further under “New Business”: Commissioner LaFoilie noted that the 911 Board has discussed restructuring the 911 Board to have 9 members. **It was moved by** Commissioner LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to accept the 9 position structure for the 911 Board. 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 LaFoilie to, based on the recommendation the Sheriff previously made to go with those charges he recommends for inmate medical copay. 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: Gave an update on the issue at the Airport of Scott Warner’s request to put in a 25 foot runway from his property to the Airport and indicated that Airport Manager Jim Hursey learned from MDOT that this is not allowed primarily because of the grant funding requirements.

Commissioner Daniel J. LaFoilie: Attended the MAC Conference.

Commissioner Craig Reiter: Noted that the Fair Board has obtained the disclaimer and has submitted the application for insurance to rent space at the Fair Building.

Commissioner Allen Grimm: Attended the Mac Conference.

Announcements and Notices: None.

Public Comment: Sharon Niebauer, DATA Board Member thanked the board for their decision to collaborate on the Transit Director Position.

Schoolcraft County Road Commission Manager Craig Kelso gave the Board a brief report on the Dam Inspections which were completed in Schoolcraft County this week.

Communications: Schoolcraft County Clerk Dan McKinney informed the Board that Labor Relations Attorney Bonnie Toskey recommends that the Board invite County Commissioner Candidates running for office to the training in relation to the Pawley/Fiegel Lawsuit Settlement Agreement. **It was moved by** Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner LaFoille invite County Commissioner Candidates running for office to the training in relation to the Pawley/Fiegel Lawsuit Settlement Agreement. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present. Chairperson Grimm asked the Clerk to write letters inviting the candidates to the training.

No further “Communications”.

Audit Finance Chairperson Daniel J. LaFoille called the Audit Finance Meeting to order at 7:59 P.M.

Purchase Requisitions: None.

It was moved by Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to approve budget adjustments numbered 268-12 through 349-12, inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Grimm and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to approve the claims and vouchers numbered 3130 through 3273, inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Vice-Chairperson LaFoille adjourned the Board Meeting at 8:04 P.M.

Allen Grimm
Chairperson County Board

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

Daniel R. McKinney, County Clerk