

SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, December 20, 2011 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 Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Zellar to approve the minutes of the November 23, 2011 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. Commissioners asked that “Pawley/Feigel Lawsuit (Executive Session)” be moved down the agenda to occur after “Communications”. **It was moved by** Commissioner LaFoilie and seconded by Commissioner Reiter 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 four items from the Audit Finance Meeting of December 8, 2011. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

1) **It was moved** by Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Zellar to approve a purchase requisition from Public Transit in the amount of \$44.00 for 100 stamps. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

2) **It was moved** by Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Zellar to approve the claims and vouchers numbered 485 through 630 inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

3) **It was moved** by Commissioner Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to authorize the Treasurer to send bills out to various entities for Carpenter Dam Maintenance. 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 Zellar to authorize the Clerk to put the names of all County Employees in a hat and draw one name out to be the recipient of the MP3 player. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

Further under “Old and Unfinished Business”: **It was moved by** Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner LaFoille to authorize the chairperson to sign the LMAS Intergovernmental Agreement. 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 LaFoille and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to set the Organizational Meeting date as January 3, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.. 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 set the Annual Report Meeting dates as January 26th and 27th beginning at 9:00 a.m.. 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 Ecclesine to reappoint Eric Oas to the Building Authority Board for a term of three years with a term ending date of 6-30-14. 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 LaFoilie to reappoint Thomas Hoholik, Kevin J. Swanson and Kenneth Thorell to the Building-Mechanical-Electrical Appeal Board for a term of two years with term ending dates of 7-15-13. 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 reappoint Ruth Robere to the Commission on Aging for a term of four years with a term ending date of 12-31-15. 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 Zellar to reappoint Omer Doran and Dan LaFoilie to the Community Action Agency Governing Board for a term of one year with term ending dates of 12-31-12. 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 reappoint Dustin Denkins to the Economic Development Corporation board for a term of six years with a term ending date of 12-31-17. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Further under “New Business”: **It was moved by** Commissioner Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to reappoint Mary Reed to the Housing Commission Board for a term of five years with a term ending date of 10-15-16. 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 reappoint William Reid to the Planning Commission for a term of three years with a term ending date of 12-31-14. 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 reappoint Rick Pawley and Laurie Jasmin to the Public Transit Advisory Board for a term of three years with term ending dates of 12-31-14. 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 reappoint David Huddleston to the Veterans Council for a term of four years with a term ending date of 12-31-15. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Further under “New Business”: Jennifer Michelin of Mazzali Insurance Agency briefly addressed the Board regarding the renewal rates of medical insurance premiums for Schoolcraft County. **It was moved by** Commissioner LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to renew the Medical Insurance Policy for county employees with Mazzali Insurance Agency. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Further under “New Business”: Jennifer Michelin of Mazzali Insurance Agency briefly addressed the Board regarding Public Act 152. Ms. Michelin noted that she is a benefits advisory and not a legal representative. There was discussion. **It was moved by** Commissioner LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to opt out of Public Act 152. 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 transfer the fiduciary duties for Community Corrections to UPCAP. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Further under “New Business”: Commissioners discussed the issue of enhancing the county’s gift policy. Commissioner Ecclesine suggested that we work on this in committee. The issue was tabled.

No further “New Business”:

“Committee and Department Reports”:

Commissioner Daniel J. LaFoilie Sr.: Noted that the county owes a debt of gratitude to Ron Pawley for finding an error in the deed transferring the Old Public Transit Building to Hiawatha Behavioral Health. Mr. Pawley found that the legal description on the deed was actually for the New Public Transit Building. Commissioner LaFoilie noted that HBH obtained this legal description from an appraiser and they are in the process of submitting a corrected deed which will be reviewed by Paul Wood.

Commissioner George Ecclesine: Attended the Insurance Committee Meeting, the LMAS Board Meeting and the Schoolcraft County Collaborative Meeting where they looked at the technology enhancements at the high school.

Commissioner Gerald L. Zellar: Attended the Brownfield Board Meeting.

Commissioner Craig Reiter: Attended the Hospital Board Meeting where they reported that they are ahead of schedule on their building project. Also, met with the Sheriff and attended the 911 Committee Meeting.

Commissioner Al Grimm: Met with Sheriff Harris and attended the UPCAP Board Meeting where it was announced that they are in need of mediators and nursing home inspectors as volunteers.

“Announcements and Notices”: None.

“Public Comment”: Bob Madden Schoolcraft County Undersheriff addressed the Board regarding the purchase of a new patrol vehicle and asked that if they have any questions to please get them to him before the Board Meeting on December 29th.

Further under “Public Comment”: Paul Wood Tax Equalization Director for Schoolcraft County thanked the Board for the time they put into the Public Act 152 issue.

No further “Public Comment”.

“Communications”: Schoolcraft County Clerk Dan McKinney read from an email sent to him from Attorney Alan Falk in which Carson Tucker, the attorney who represented Sheriff Grant Harris in a lawsuit against the county states that he has been directed by, “the county” to approach Alan Falk to request that the County Board pay his legal fees from the lawsuit. **It was moved by** Commissioner LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to deny any responsibility for paying the sheriff’s legal fees. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

No further “Communications”.

It was moved by Commissioner LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to go into executive session to discuss the Pawley/Feigel Lawsuit. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present. The meeting was recessed at 8:07 p.m.

It was moved by Commissioner LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to come back into regular session. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present. The meeting was reconvened at 8:31 p.m.

It was moved by Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner LaFoilie to stand firm with the

opinion that we are guiltless in the Pawley/Feigel Lawsuit issue and offer no settlement and to have Labor Relations Attorney Bonnie Toskey write a letter stating this and send it to the appropriate parties. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Chairperson Allen Grimm adjourned the meeting of the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners at 8:35 P.M.

Allen Grimm, Chairperson County Board

Daniel R. McKinney, County Clerk