

SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners / Audit Finance Committee met on Thursday, December 29, 2011 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  
                              Commissioner Gerald L. Zellar  
                              Schoolcraft County Clerk Daniel R. McKinney

Absent: None.

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 Reiter to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2011 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.]

**It was moved** by Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2011 Executive Session meeting of the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Chairperson Allen Grimm asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections to the printed agenda. Commissioners asked that Snowmobile Grant and Marine Grant Application be added to the Agenda under “New Business”. **It was moved** by Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter 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 LaFoilie informed the Board that the issue of “Computer Purchases” will be taken up as purchase requisitions latter in the meeting.

Further under “Old and Unfinished Business”: Undersheriff Bob Madden informed the Board that the upgrade to Securus costs nothing. He stated that the upgrade will add three years to the current contract and the County will go from paying out 25% on collect calls to paying 27% on collect calls beginning in 2014, and we will go from paying out 30% on calling cards to paying out 32% on calling cards beginning in 2014. Mr. Madden said the value of the upgrade is approximately \$12,000.00. Schoolcraft County Clerk Dan McKinney asked what the cost is to the County in lost revenue. There was no definitive amount known. **It was moved by** Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to approve the upgrade to Securus and add three years to the current contract with the County going from paying out 25% on collect calls to paying 27% on collect calls beginning in 2014, and going from paying out 30% on calling cards to paying out 32% on calling cards beginning in 2014. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

Further under “Old and Unfinished Business”: Schoolcraft County Clerk Dan McKinney informed the Board that he made a mistake with the appointment for Commission on Aging. Mr. McKinney said this should have been Deborah Blandford instead of Ruth Robere. **It was moved by** Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Zellar to appoint Deborah Blandford to the Commission on Aging Board with a term ending date of 12-31-15. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

Further under “Old and Unfinished Business”: Schoolcraft County Clerk Dan McKinney informed the Board that he made a mistake with the appointment for Planning Commission. Mr. McKinney said this should have been Gerald Zellar instead of Bill Reid. **It was moved by** Commissioner LaFoille and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to appoint Gerald Zellar to the Planning Commission with a term ending date of 12-31-14. 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 Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to approve the Security Benefit Document Update. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

**Further under “New Business”:** **It was moved by** Commissioner LaFoille and was seconded by Commissioner Zellar to deny the request for a raise for the Friend of the Court. 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 have the County pay the 1% Michigan Claims Tax on medical costs. The motion carried by a majority aye vote of all members present, with the voting as follows; Commissioner Reiter-yes, Commissioner LaFoilie-yes, Commissioner Ecclesine-yes, Commissioner Zellar-no, Chairperson Grimm-yes.

**Further under “New Business”: It was moved by Commissioner LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to deny the Request of Medical Care Facility to split off from the County MERS Plan. 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 approve the MISHDA Management Plan. 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 Ecclesine to approve the 911 Radio Paging System Study by Elcom in the amount up to \$3,000.00. 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 Ecclesine to deny the request, with regret, from CUPPAD to pay dues for 2012. 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 Zellar to authorize the Schoolcraft County Sheriff’s Department to order a Ford All Wheel Drive Patrol Vehicle in the amount of \$30,820.55 with \$12,000.00 coming from a Rural Development Grant. 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 Zellar to authorize the Chairperson to sign the Snowmobile Grant for 2012 in the approximate amount of \$6,660.00 with a 15% match. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.**

**Further under “New Business”: It was moved by Commissioner Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to authorize the Schoolcraft County Sheriff’s Department to apply for the Marine Grant for 2012**

in the amount of \$27,728.00, with no match by the County. 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 Allen Grimm:** None.

**Commissioner George Ecclesine:** None.

**Commissioner Daniel J. LaFoille:** Spoke regarding training for Community Action Agency.

**Commissioner Craig Reiter:** Spoke regarding 911 Meeting.

**Chairperson Gerald Zellar:** None.

**Announcements and Notices:** Schoolcraft County Sheriff Grant Harris asked the Board if they would like a presentation by UPSET. The Board agreed they would like a presentation by UPSET at one of the Audit Meetings. Sheriff Harris will get a date and schedule this for a future meeting.

No further "Announcements and Notices".

**Public Comment:** Paul Olson of Manistique addressed the Board regarding the UPSET Presentation.

No further "Public Comment".

**Under Communications:** Commissioner LaFoille informed that Board that MSU Extension had made over 1,000 copies on the County copy machine and Jim Lucas of MSU has offered to pay for these copies. Commissioner LaFoille noted that Mr. Lucas informed him that MSU is looking at running a millage again in August.

No further "Communications".

Audit Finance Chairperson Daniel J. LaFoille called the Audit Finance Meeting to order at 8:18 P.M.

**Purchase Requisitions: It was moved by** Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Grimm to approve a purchase requisition from the County Clerk's Office in the amount of \$228.46 for toner. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

**It was moved by** Commissioner Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to approve a purchase requisition from District Court in the amount of \$157.66 for Envelopes. The motion carried by a unanimous

aye vote of all members present.

**It was moved by** Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Grimm to approve a purchase requisition from Community Corrections in the amount of \$769.00 for a laptop computer. 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 Prosecuting Attorney’s Office in the approximate amount of \$100, for a DVD Burner, the Probate Court in the approximate amount of \$3,330.12 for computers and monitors, District Court in the approximate amount of \$4,250.00 for computers and monitors, and Circuit Court in the approximate amount of \$13,300.00 for recording equipment for both courtrooms, for a total estimated amount of \$20,980.00. Commissioners asked that these departments work with Dan Edwards and Dan McKinney for purchase and installation, and determination of funding sources. 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 43-12 through 61-12, inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

**It was moved by** Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to approve the claims and vouchers numbered 631 through 808, inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

**Vice-Chairperson LaFoilie** adjourned the Board Meeting at 8:33 P.M.

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Allen Grimm  
Chairperson County Board

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

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Daniel R. McKinney, County Clerk