

SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners / Audit Finance Committee met on Thursday, January 26, 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. LaFolle
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 January 17, 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 Merit be deleted from the Agenda and V.A. Cards be added to the Agenda under "Old Business". **It was moved** by Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Zellar 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": **It was moved by** Commissioner Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to amend the Business Gifts and Gratuities Policy 8.4 using "option D", to wit; **8.4 Business Gifts and Gratuities:** No employee will accept or solicit, directly or indirectly, anything of economic value as a gift, gratuity, favor, entertainment or loan that is, or may appear to be designed to influence the employee's official conduct. Any gifts received will be refused and immediately returned to sender. This policy applies to an individual employee's role as a County employee and is not intended to interfere with non-County related, private business matters. In no case shall any gift be accepted with a value of \$25.00 or more. This policy is not intended to prohibit personal gifts from fellow co-workers, family and close friends, and which are unrelated to County business (for example; this policy would not prohibit co-workers from exchanging gifts for holidays and birthdays. Holiday and birthday "treats" such as candies, cookies and cakes are also permissible under this policy). It also does not prohibit acceptance of gifts of nominal value, such as a cup of coffee from a client; pens, mugs or t-shirts given by vendors at trade shows, conferences, demos, etc. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

Further under “Old and Unfinished Business”: **It was moved by** Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to accept the “Letter of Authorization” from the AFSCME Union which allows Jeff Dehanke, full-time Transit Driver to go to part-time status and Eric Perollaz, part-time Transit Driver to go to full-time and to authorize the Chairperson and others to sign this document. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

Further under “Old and Unfinished Business”: Commissioner Reiter said the All Vets Association donated money to the Schoolcraft County Veterans Office for purchase of card stock and a laminating machine to begin processing photo ID’s for Schoolcraft County Veterans. Commissioner Reiter said he is wondering about money for future purchases. Commissioner LaFoilie said adjustments would need to be requested and made to the budget in the future for this. Commissioner Reiter wished to thank the All Vets Association for their donation. No further “Old and Unfinished Business”.

Under “New Business”: **It was moved by** Commissioner LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to approve the 911 Maintenance Agreement with CUPPAD. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

Further under “New Business”: Schoolcraft County Clerk Dan McKinney informed the Board that, in regard to discussion from the last Board Meeting concerning posting non-union positions, Policy & Procedures does state that we must post and advertise all non-union openings and this is noted in sections 2.2 and 2.10.

Further under “New Business”: **It was moved by** Commissioner LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to appoint Bill Reid to the Planning & Zoning Commission as an alternate for a period of three years with a term ending date of 12-31-14. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

Further under “New Business”: Commissioner LaFoilie informed the Board that we have received information regarding Dr. Cullinan the co-founder and medical director of Health Professionals Ltd., who provide the medical services at the jail, indicating that he has had several lawsuits relating to inmate deaths. We have contacted Attorney Bonnie Toskey and she provided a written response indicating that the Board has three options if they choose to terminate; 1) Terminate for not providing liability insurance, 2) Demand that Dr. Cullinan not be involved in anyway with Schoolcraft County, 3) Terminate for no cause, in which case we will need to continue paying them for 90 days. The jail Committee will discuss this with Sheriff Harris.

Further under “New Business”: It was moved by Commissioner LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to approve a Letter of Agreement with the Schoolcraft County Economic Development Corporation for provision of economic development services in Schoolcraft County. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

Further under “New Business”: Commissioner LaFoilie suggested that the Board first hold an Executive Session meeting to discuss union negotiations and then consult with Labor Relations Attorney Bonnie Toskey regarding options for upcoming negotiations with the unions. The Board agreed that they will hold an Executive Session meeting on February 9th to begin discussing union negotiations.

Further under “New Business”: The Board reviewed the Salary Schedule for 2012. They will act on this at the February 9, 2012 Audit Finance Meeting.

Further under “New Business”: It was moved by Commissioner LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to state that the Housing Commission accept the Maximus Report for Indirect Costs as is or seek services elsewhere. 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: No report.

Commissioner George Ecclesine: No report.

Commissioner Daniel J. LaFoilie: No report.

Commissioner Craig Reiter: Attended the VA Meeting and they decided that addresses and city names will be on vouchers so it can be determined for sure that bills that are being paid are for veterans of Schoolcraft County.

Chairperson Gerald Zellar: No report.

Announcements and Notices: None.

Public Comment: Jeff Dehanke Public Transit employee thanked the Board for their action on the full-time part-time change.

Communications: Commissioner LaFoille reported on the incident that took place with snowmobile patrol and said thank God no one was seriously hurt. Commissioner LaFoille said there are concerns and the Jail Committee is going to meet with Sheriff Harris regarding this.

No further “Communications”.

Audit Finance Chairperson Daniel J. LaFoille called the Audit Finance Meeting to order at 7:40 P.M.

Purchase Requisitions: It was moved by Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to approve a purchase requisition from Public Transit in the amount of \$522.00 for training for Keith White. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to approve budget adjustments numbered 62-12 through 83-12, inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Grimm to approve the claims and vouchers numbered 970 through 1097, inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Vice-Chairperson LaFoille adjourned the Board Meeting at 7:48 P.M.

Allen Grimm
Chairperson County Board

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

Daniel R. McKinney, County Clerk