

SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners / Audit Finance Committee met on Thursday, January 27, 2011 in the District Courtroom of the Schoolcraft County Building, City of Manistique, Michigan, commencing at 7:00 p.m. Chairperson Gerald L. Zellar 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 George Ecclesine

Schoolcraft County Clerk Daniel R. McKinney

Absent: Commissioner Craig Reiter. Commissioner Gerald L. Zellar (Excused).

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 LaFoilie to approve the minutes of the January 18, 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 Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner LaFoilie to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2011 Annual Report 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 LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2011 Annual Report 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 Potential Layoff of MSU Employee and Housing Letter be added to the Agenda under "New Business". **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": **None.**

**Under “New Business”:** It was moved by Commissioner LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to authorize the County Clerk to sign the Master Agreement Resolution and Project Authorization for Public Transit. 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 authorize the County Clerk to sign the Resolution of Intent for Public Transit. 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 put the Old Patrol Car at the Sheriff’s Department up for bids until January 31, 2011, with bids to be opened at the Audit Finance Meeting on February 10, 2011. 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 authorize the Chairperson to sign the letter giving Chris Rantanen 30 days notice of her potential layoff which is dependent on the outcome of the February 22, 2011 millage election. 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 authorize the Chairperson to sign a letter for the Housing Commission regarding Environmental review. 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 Daniel J. LaFoilie:** Attended several meetings regarding the Jail to present facts to the public. Sheriff Harris has been attending these meetings as well. Also, has attended many meetings with Commissioners from other counties and the talk has been about the potential financial cuts throughout the state.

**[Commissioner Reiter arrived at 7:16 p.m.]**

**Commissioner George Ecclesine:** Attended Annual reports. Also, attended meetings with Dan LaFoilie and Dan McKinney along with our Medical Insurance representative to explore options

for reducing costs, and with U.P. Insurance to listen to a proposal regarding Worker's Compensation Insurance. The medical insurance seems to be at the lowest premium possible. The Worker's Compensation proposal presented a premium savings of \$5,000.00 per year, however, our current plan provides dividends which have been \$10,000.00 higher than that which is projected by U.P. Insurance.

**Commissioner Allen Grimm:** Attended the Hospital board Meeting, MCF, UPCAP and met with Sheriff Harris today.

**Commissioner Craig Reiter:** Attended the Hospital board Meeting, met with Sheriff Harris and V.A. Meeting. Also attended the Hospital Decontamination Meeting and there was discussion by many members there of the lack of attendance at such meetings by our Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, Mr. Kitzman. Commissioner Reiter said there was much discussion regarding the absence of Mr. Kitzman and this may be an issue the Board needs to address.

**Announcements and Notices:** None.

**Public Comment:** Sheriff Harris discussed a meeting he attended in Marquette with other County Sheriffs and Michigan State Police. The discussion was primarily about cuts to funding and the unified approach that Upper Peninsula Law Enforcement Officers are going to take to ask the Governor to not cut State Police in the U.P., and to provide more Troopers in our area. Sheriff Harris said the number of State Police Officers in the U.P. is now at an all time low.

**Under Communications:** Schoolcraft County Clerk Dan McKinney informed the Board that he has sent in the advertisement for appointments needed for various board and committee for 2011, and he provided Board Members with a copy of those appointments expiring in 2011.

**Further under "Communications":** Schoolcraft County Clerk Dan McKinney informed the Board that Paul Wood has drafted an ad for solicitation of bids for the sale of County Property and noted that the Commissioners have all been provided with a copy and they may want to decide if they will utilize this ad.

**Further under "Communications":** Schoolcraft County Clerk Dan McKinney informed the Board that he has provided them with a copy of the recent Union Contract for MCF employees along with a letter from those employees requesting a B-4 window. Mr. McKinney said he has forwarded this on to Bonnie Toskey as instructed by the Board.

**Further under "Communications":** Schoolcraft County Clerk Dan McKinney informed the Board that as an update regarding the change in the Register of Deeds Automation System,

Dickinson County has pulled out of the change to Trimin and is going back to Manatron because of the problems they have had. Further, Mr. McKinney said Jan Varoni talked with Dickinson County and Alger County and found that Dickinson County had significant problems, but Alger County is very pleased with the change they have made to Trimin. Mr. McKinney noted that he will not know for sure how our transition will work out until we go live on the new system. Mr. McKinney noted that he is meeting with the salesman and the president of Trimin on Tuesday and will inform them of his desire to go live as soon as possible so we can check out the system, and will also let them know that the County will not remit any payments until such time as we know for sure that the new system is functioning properly.

No further "Communications".

Audit Finance Chairperson Daniel J. LaFoille called the Audit Finance Meeting to order at 7:31 P.M.

**Purchase Requisitions: It was moved by** Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Grimm to approve a purchase requisition from the Juvenile Court in the amount of \$162.50 for file folders. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

**It was moved by** Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to approve a purchase requisition from Public Transit in the amount of \$4,100.22 for phone system and tools. 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 payment to Stauder and Barch for the Annual Continuing Disclosure Statement for the Treasurer's Office in the amount of \$400.00. 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 lease of a new postage meter by the Treasurer's Office from Pitney Bowes in the amount of \$155.30 per month and a one time fee of \$60.00 for Dan Edwards to install a static IP address. 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 67-11 through 81-11, 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 1151 through 1289, 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 payment of the bill for the Jail Study in the amount of \$6,288.67, with the money to come from the Building Fund. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Vice-Chairperson Grimm** adjourned the Board Meeting at 7:45 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