

SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, July 19, 2011 in the 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 Deputy County Clerk Shirley A. Thennes

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 Reiter to approve the minutes of the June 30, 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. Commissioner LaFoilie asked that Airport Contracts be moved to the next agenda. **It was moved by** Commissioner Reiter and seconded by Commissioner Zellar 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 Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to index the following five items from the Audit Finance Meeting of July 14, 2011.

The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

1) **It was moved by** Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Zellar to approve a purchase requisition from The County Airport in the amount of \$18,760.00 for the purchase of fuel. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

2) **It was moved by** Commissioner Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Grimm to approve the claims and vouchers numbered 3135 through 3274 inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

3) **It was moved by** Commissioner Reiter and seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to accept the proposed offer of fixed rent from the State of Michigan for the Department of Human Services in the amount of \$137,988 for the first six years, and \$152,268.00 for the following five years beginning in 2012 pending approval from the State of Michigan. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

4) **It was moved by** Commissioner Ecclesine and seconded by Commissioner Reiter to authorize the Sheriff to hire up to eight part-time employees as allowed by union contract. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

5) **It was moved by** Commissioner Ecclesine and seconded by Commissioner Zellar to authorize the Clerk to send a letter to all Department Heads regarding end of the year spending. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Further under “Old and Unfinished Business”: Chairperson Grimm noted that there were four applications for the position of Emergency Preparedness Coordinator and they are; Tom Kitzman, Bob Madden, John Stapleton and Rick Pawley. Commissioner Reiter nominated Bob Madden.

Commissioner Zellar nominated Tom Kitzman. The voting was as follows; Commissioner Reiter: Bob Madden, Commissioner Zellar: Tom Kitzman, Commissioner Ecclesine: Bob Madden, Commissioner LaFoilie: Bob Madden, Chairperson Grimm: Bob Madden. By majority vote Bob Madden was appointed

Emergency Preparedness Coordinator. Chairperson Grimm noted that this appointment is for three years beginning August 1, 2011. Further, Chairperson Grimm noted that Roger Irie will be second in command also for a period of three years.

Further under "Old and Unfinished Business": RQAW Consulting Engineers and Architects gave a presentation for a County Jail concept to be located at the Old Camp Manistique site.

No further "Old and Unfinished Business".

Under "New Business": **It was moved by** Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Zellar to pass a resolution in support of the U.P. Area on Aging Annual Implementation Plan. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present. {See Resolutions Liber 3, Page 639}.

Further under "New Business": **It was moved by** Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Zellar to not give a cost of living increase for MERS Retirement Benefits to pre 2002 retirees nor to seek an actuarial in this matter. 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 pass a resolution in support of Schoolcraft County Coalition For Safe and Stable Housing. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present. {See Resolutions Liber 3, Page 640}.

Further under "New Business": Commissioner LaFoille noted that there is a Community corrections Board Meeting coming up and he asked that the Resolution regarding application for funding for Community Corrections be postponed until after this meeting.

Further under "New Business": **It was moved by** Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to reappoint Jan Jeffcott to the Library Board for a term of one year with a term ending date of 7-29-12. 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 Paul Wood to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term of three years with a term ending date of 7-15-14. 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 Zellar to accept the increased allocation for Federal Forest Patrol by approximately \$4,700.00. The motion carried by majority aye vote of the Board members present, with the voting as follows; Commissioner Reiter-yes, Commissioner Zellar-yes, Commissioner LaFoille-no, Commissioner Ecclesine-yes, Chairperson Grimm-yes.

Further under “New Business”: **It was moved by** Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Zellar to authorize repair of the smoke detectors at the jail in the amount of \$13,581.00 with a 50% reimbursement from MMRMA. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Further under “New Business”: County Clerk Dan McKinney informed the Board that he contacted Tony Rajenovich at MERS to ask about the irregular part-time employee provision for exclusion from retirement benefits. Mr. McKinney said Mr. Rajenovich told him he is not familiar with the term irregular part-time employee. Mr. Rajenovich said the County Board can change the definition of what a day of work is, thus changing qualification for retirement benefits. Further, Mr. McKinney said Bob Madden presented information which states that part-time employees can be excluded from MERS benefits. Mr. McKinney suggested that he and the Sheriff and undersheriff have a conversation with Mr. Rajenovich.

No further “New Business”.

“Committee and Department Reports”:

Commissioner Daniel J. LaFoille Sr.: Informed the Board that Denny Boyd will not be running for DHS Board again.

Commissioner George Ecclesine: Attended the LMAS Board Meeting and praised the LMAS staff for their dedication.

Commissioner Gerald L. Zellar: No report.

Commissioner Craig Reiter: Attended the Jail Meeting and noted that the Commission on Aging Meeting was canceled due to lack of quorum.

Chairperson Al Grimm: Attended the DHS Meeting. Also, attended the Housing commission Meeting where they discussed the increased Maximus charges for next year.

“Announcements and Notices”: Sheriff Harris noted that Tom Vogle from the Department of Corrections is coming to meet with him and the Jail Committee on Monday at 2:30 p.m.

“Public Comment”: Paul Walker of Manistique commented on the RQAW proposal.

Sheila Aldrich of Manistique thanked the Board for coming to meet with her today and invited the Board to the table when GEO comes to town.

Schoolcraft County Treasurer Julie Roscioli asked the Board not to keep raiding the DTR Fund. Ms. Roscioli said at one time the policy of the Board was to maintain a balance of One Million Dollars in the DTR and now the DTR balance is down to \$305,000.00. Commissioner Zellar suggested taking away raises for Department Heads to pay for jail repairs.

Doug Erickson of Manistique commented regarding appointment terms and MERS Retirement for 911.

“Communications”: Commissioner LaFoilie presented a purchase requisition from Juvenile Court in the amount of \$459.98 for attendance at a conference. Commissioner Reiter made the motion to approve this purchase requisition excluding mileage reimbursement and have them use the county van. The motion died for lack of support.

No further “Communications”.

Chairperson Allen Grimm adjourned the meeting of the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners at 8:15 P.M.

Allen Grimm, Chairperson County Board

Daniel R. McKinney, Deputy County Clerk