

**SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**AUDIT FINANCE COMMITTEE**

The Schoolcraft County Audit Finance Committee met on Thursday October 14, 2010 in the District Court Room of the Schoolcraft County Building, City of Manistique, Michigan, commencing at 7:00 P.M.

Audit Finance Chairperson Daniel J. LaFoilie called the meeting to order with the following members present and/or absent:

Present:     Audit Finance Chairperson Daniel J. LaFoilie  
              Audit Finance Vice-Chairperson George Ecclesine  
              Chairperson Gerald Zellar  
              Commissioner John Zellar  
              Commissioner Allen Grimm  
              Schoolcraft County Clerk Dan McKinney

Absent: None.

Also Present: Schoolcraft County Treasurer Julie Roscioli.

Audit Finance Chairperson Daniel J. LaFoilie led the Schoolcraft County Audit Finance Committee and the members of the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Approval of Minutes: **It was moved** by Commissioner Gerald Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to approve the minutes from the September 9, 2010 Audit Finance Committee Meeting. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

Audit Finance Chairperson Daniel J. LaFoilie asked if there were any corrections, additions or deletions to the Agenda. Commissioners asked that GSM Acting as Intermediary be added to the Agenda under "New Business". **It was moved** by Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Grimm to adopt the amended agenda. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

Purchase Requisitions: **It was moved** by Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Gerald Zellar to approve a purchase requisition from District Court in the amount of \$651.00 for Office Supplies. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

**It was moved** by Commissioner Grimm and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to approve a purchase requisition from the Treasurer's Office in the amount of \$209.50 for attendance at a workshop. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

**It was moved** by Commissioner Grimm and was seconded by Commissioner Gerald Zellar to approve a purchase requisition from Public Transit in the amount of \$156.00 for attending a conference. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

**It was moved** by Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner John Zellar to approve a purchase requisition from the Airport in the amount of \$2,400.00 for a circuit board. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

**It was moved** by Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner John Zellar to approve a

purchase requisition from the Airport in the amount of \$350.69 for filters and gaskets for the fuel pumps. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

**It was moved** by Commissioner Gerald Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to approve the claims and vouchers numbered **4311** through **4368** inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

Old Business: **None.**

New Business: **It was moved** by Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Grimm to deny the option to approve a cost of living increase for retirees for retirement because the cost is not affordable at this time. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

Further under "New Business": **It was moved** by Commissioner Grimm and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to select "Option A" for the FY 2011 County Jail Reimbursement Program. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

Further under "New Business": Chairperson LaFoilie opened the meeting for "Public Comment" because he was aware the audience members were interested in commenting on the next agenda item which is the Secondary Road Patrol Grant.

Under "Public Comment": Craig Reiter of Gulliver read a letter regarding support of the Road patrol Grant.

Further under "Public Comment": Jean Anderson of Cooks spoke regarding the Road patrol Grant.

Further under "Public Comment": Kathy Skok of Manistique spoke regarding the Road Patrol Grant.

Further under "Public Comment": Doug Erickson of Manistique spoke regarding the Road Patrol Grant.

Commissioner Gerald Zellar noted that there is a \$9,311.00 local match on the Road Patrol Grant and stated that he believes this grant will cost the County much more than this.

**It was moved** by Commissioner Gerald Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to deny acceptance of the Secondary Road Patrol Grant. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

Further under "Public Comment": Craig Reiter of Gulliver asked if Road Patrol had to be done during the day. Further under "Public Comment": Ken Rautiola of Manistique stated that he would like to know how much the County spends on keeping people in jail and indicated it would be better to spend money on keeping them out of jail.

Further under "Public Comment": Dixie Anderson of Manistique indicated that there is a citizen watch of sorts in Germfask and this could work in other areas.

Commissioner John Zellar noted that other counties are doing away with all unfunded mandates and he believes Schoolcraft County should do the same starting January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Chairperson LaFoilie called for the vote and the motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

Further under "New Business": **It was moved** by Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Gerald Zellar to approve an agreement with GSM to act as intermediary between the County and MDOC for required jail repairs in an amount not to exceed \$6,000.00. The motion carried by a majority aye vote of the Committee members present, with the voting as follows; Commissioner Ecclesine-yes,

Commissioner Gerald Zellar-yes, Commissioner John Zellar-no, Commissioner Grimm-yes, Chairperson LaFoilie-yes.

There was no further "New Business".

Public Comment: Dale DuFour of Manistique spoke regarding an audience member walking out of the meeting.

Further under "Public Comment": Doug Erickson of Manistique spoke regarding the County Budget and the Airport.

No further "Public Comment".

Communications: Chairperson LaFoilie informed the Board that the special meeting to discuss County Jail Construction Cost Proposals, which had been scheduled for October 25<sup>th</sup>, is now rescheduled for November 16<sup>th</sup> which is the regular County Board Meeting.

Further under "Communications": Chairperson LaFoilie informed the Board that an organizational Meeting for Carpenter Dam Repairs has been held and repairs are scheduled to begin November 1<sup>st</sup> at which time the gates will be removed and draw down of the Indian Lake water level will commence.

Further under "Communications": Schoolcraft County Clerk Dan McKinney informed the Board that they have all received a letter from USDA indicating that Schoolcraft County has been turned down for the Telecommunications Grant but we have an option to seek a loan for this project.

Further under "Communications": Schoolcraft County Clerk Dan McKinney informed the Board that we have been notified that our Medical Insurance Premium for 2011 is projected to increase by 35.48%. Mr. McKinney said he received a call from Mazzali Insurance Agency of Munising asking if the Board would be seeking bids for medical insurance for County Employees.

**It was moved** by Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner John Zellar to advertise for bids for medical insurance coverage for County Employees. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

Further under "Communications": Chairperson LaFoilie informed the Board that October will be the last month that Deputy Treasurer Cindy Nelson receives pay for the increased duties she has been providing in the wake of the retirement of Terri Evonich. Chairperson LaFoilie said the services of Mrs. Nelson have been invaluable and are greatly appreciated.

Audit Finance Chairperson Daniel J. LaFoilie adjourned the meeting of the Schoolcraft County Audit Finance Committee at 7:55 P.M.

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Audit Finance Chairperson Daniel J. LaFoilie

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Daniel R. McKinney, County Clerk