

## SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, October 19, 2010 in District Court room of the Schoolcraft County Building, City of Manistique, Michigan, commencing at 7:00 P.M. Chairperson Gerald L. Zellar called the meeting to order. The roll was called with the following members present and/or absent:

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| Present:      | Chairperson Gerald L. Zellar<br>Commissioner Daniel J. LaFoilie<br>Commissioner George Ecclesine<br>Commissioner Allen Grimm<br>Commissioner John W. Zellar<br>Schoolcraft County Clerk Daniel R. McKinney |
| Absent:       | None   |
| Also present: | Schoolcraft County Treasurer Julie Roscioli  |

Chairperson Gerald L. Zellar 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 Grimm to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2010 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 Gerald L. Zellar asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections to the printed agenda. Commissioners asked that Letter of Authorization for Mazzali Insurance Agency be added to the Agenda under "New Business". **It was moved by** Commissioner LaFoilie and seconded by Commissioner Grimm 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 LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to index the following eleven items from the Audit Finance Meeting of August 5, 2010. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

1) **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.

2) **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.

3) **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.

4) **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.

5) **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.

6) **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.

7) **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.

8) **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.

9) **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.

10) **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 Daniel J. LaFoille Sr.

11) **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 “Old and Unfinished Business”: Commissioner Ecclesine noted that LMAS District Health Department has requested to reduce the rentable space in their lease by 590 square feet. Commissioner Ecclesine noted that this would mean LMAS would be renting 2,866 square feet and their rent would be \$43,792.48 per year, thus reducing their rent by approximately \$9,000.00 per year. **It was moved by** Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner John Zellar to approve the lease with LMAS District health Department for FY 2011 for 2,866 square feet and an annual cost of \$43,792.48. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Further under “Old and Unfinished Business”: **It was moved by** Commissioner LaFoille and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to approve a contract with Alger County for provision of Community Corrections services. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Further under “Old and Unfinished Business”: **It was moved by** Commissioner LaFoille and was seconded by Commissioner Grimm to approve a contract with Michelle Allsteadt for Community Corrections services with the addition of item #16 regarding Workman’s Compensation insurance. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Further under “Old and Unfinished Business”: **It was moved by** Commissioner LaFoille and was seconded by Commissioner Grimm to approve a contract with Mike Gray for Community Corrections services with the

addition of item #16 regarding Workman's Compensation insurance. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

No further "Old and Unfinished Business".

Under "New Business": Commissioner LaFoilie nominated Dixie Anderson for reappointment to the Department of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Board. There were no further nominations. By unanimous aye vote of the Board members present Dixie Anderson was reappointed to the Department of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Board.

Further under "New Business": Commissioner LaFoilie nominated Don Perigo for reappointment to the Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital/Woodland Meadows Board. There were no further nominations. By unanimous aye vote of the Board members present Don Perigo was reappointed to the Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital/Woodland Meadows Board.

Further under "New Business": Commissioner LaFoilie nominated Clyde Strasler for reappointment to the Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital/Woodland Meadows Board. There were no further nominations. By unanimous aye vote of the Board members present Clyde Strasler was reappointed to the Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital/Woodland Meadows Board.

Further under "New Business": Commissioner LaFoilie nominated Bob Root for reappointment to the Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital/Woodland Meadows Board. Commissioner John Zellar nominated Lynn Norton for appointment to the Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital/Woodland Meadows Board. There were no further nominations. By majority aye vote of the Board members present Bob Root was reappointed to the Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital/Woodland Meadows Board, with the voting as follows; Commissioner LaFoilie-Bob Root, Commissioner Grimm-Bob Root, Commissioner John Zellar-Lynn Norton, Commissioner Ecclesine-Bob Root, Chairperson Gerald Zellar-Lynn Norton.

Further under "New Business": Commissioner LaFoilie indicated that he had meet with members of the Board and staff from the Department of Human Services regarding the recent bomb threat at the courthouse, and also met with Public Safety Director Ken Golat. Director Golat informed Commissioner LaFoilie that he will not release any information regarding the ongoing investigation of the bomb threat at the courthouse. Further,

Commissioner LaFoilie said there are security issues being discussed but these issues are not for public knowledge at this time. Commissioner LaFoilie said the County needs to establish a policy for bomb threats and will hold a meeting to do so in the near future. Commissioner LaFoilie admitted that there was a breakdown in communication during the last bomb threat and promised that the County will do a better job of informing all employees of such occurrences in the future should this ever happen again.

Further under “New Business”: **It was moved by** Commissioner John Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Grimm to deny the request of Undersheriff Mike Gierke for a raise equal to that of the highest paid deputy. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Further under “New Business”: Commissioner LaFoilie said there is a request for approval of the Off Road Vehicle Grant from the Sheriff’s Department. Commissioner LaFoilie said financial problems plague, not only this County, but all counties, and we must focus on mandated services. Commissioner LaFoilie noted the problem of taking staff away from the jail in order to cover grant services and the possibility of this creating overtime. Chairperson Gerald Zellar also noted the issue of overtime being created by grant programs. Sheriff Harris said the ORV Grant can only be performed by MCOLES certified officers, and there is only one officer who also works in the jail that may serve on ORV patrol. Sheriff Harris said grant programs do not result in overtime. Sheriff Harris noted that Sheriff Department Staff are not paid overtime for doing ORV patrol, nor are they paid overtime for working a shift in the jail after doing ORV patrol. Sheriff Harris said he will continue to keep an eye on overtime and he asked that the Board approve the ORV grant. **It was moved by** Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Grimm to approve the Off Road Vehicle Grant for FY 2011 in the amount of \$10, 350.00. The motion carried by majority aye vote of the Board members present with the voting as follows; Commissioner Ecclesine-yes, Commissioner Grimm-yes, Commissioner John Zellar-no, Commissioner LaFoilie yes (with the Sheriff’s promise to be diligent in monitoring overtime), Chairperson Gerald Zellar-no.

Further under “New Business”: **It was moved by** Commissioner LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner John Zellar to authorize the Chairperson to sign a letter of authorization allowing Mazzali Insurance Agency to obtain rate and contract information for Blue Cross and Blue Shield regarding Schoolcraft County’s current coverage. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

No further “New Business”:

“Committee and Department Reports”:

Commissioner Daniel J. LaFoil Sr.: Attended a Mental Health Conference in Traverse City where he heard from other Commissioners that financial problems plague all Counties throughout the state and that projections indicated things are not going to get better anytime soon. Also, reported that at the County Board Meeting on November 16 there will be a presentation by GSM regarding County Jail Building costs.

Commissioner George Ecclesine: attended the U.P. Commissioners Meeting where the Commissioners heard from legislators that all stimulus money has been used up and that they feel financial problems are going to continue. Also, spoke with Mackinac County Commissioners who said their medical insurance premiums are projected to increase between 37% and 43% this year.

Commissioner Al Grimm: Attended the DHS Meeting and learned that Director Robyn Loviska is retiring soon. Commissioner Grimm offered congratulations to Mrs. Loviska. Commissioner Grimm noted he also heard concerns regarding the bomb threat from DHS staff and Board Members. Attended the Senior Citizens Board Meeting and learned they will be holding food distribution on November 18<sup>th</sup> and December 15<sup>th</sup>, and Cliff Goudreau will be transporting the food free of charge. Also, noted that the Carpenter Dam project is scheduled to begin November 1st.

Commissioner John W. Zellar: Also attended the U.P. Commissioners Meeting where Marquette County noted that they will no longer perform non-mandated services. Also, learned that there is a proposal for the County Road Commissioner Board to be represented by district.

Commissioner Gerald L. Zellar: Also noted that he attended the U.P. Commissioners Meeting and Marquette County will not perform unfunded mandates starting January 1<sup>st</sup>. Also, learned that UPCAP's funding for FY 2011 is down by 80%.

“Announcements and Notices”: None.

“Public Comment”: Robyn Loviska, DHS Director, spoke regarding the recent bomb threat and asked that the County Board adopt a delayed start for such emergencies and that DHS be contacted first since they have employees who start work early.

Doug Erickson of Manistique spoke regarding the ORV Grant.

Paul Olson of Manistique asked a question regarding the ORV Grant.

Dixie Anderson, DHS Board Member, spoke regarding the recent bomb threat.

Shirley Young, DHS employee, spoke regarding the recent bomb threat and noted that some DHS employees work on Saturday, and therefore asked that assurance be made that employees would be notified of emergency situations on Saturdays.

“Communications”: None.

**Chairperson Gerald L. Zellar** adjourned the meeting of the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners at 7:59 P.M.

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Gerald L. Zellar, Chairperson County Board

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Daniel R. McKinney, County Clerk