

SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, September 20, 2011 in 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 County Clerk Daniel R. McKinney

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 Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Zellar to approve the minutes of the August 25, 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 Community Corrections Contracts be deleted from the agenda and be put on the agenda for September 29, 2011. **It was moved by** Commissioner Ecclesine and seconded by Commissioner Reiter to adopt the amended agenda. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

“Public Hearings”: **FY 2012 Budget continued from September 8, 2011 Audit finance Meeting.**

Commissioner LaFoilie noted that Maximus came up to address indirect charge calculations and it was found that the current charges are valid. Commissioner LaFoilie noted that after adoption of the budget there will be budget adjustments for a couple of the indirect charges; Public transit will go up and one or two others will go down due to misinterpretation of the Maximus report.

“Brief Public Comment”: **None.**

“Old and Unfinished Business”: **It was moved by** Commissioner Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to index the following three items from the Audit Finance Meeting of September 8, 2011. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

1) It was moved by Commissioner Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to approve the claims and vouchers numbered **3701** through **3853** inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

2) It was moved by Commissioner Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to open the Public Hearing on the FY 2012 Budget. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

3) It was moved by Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Zellar to create Fund 273 to be used to split the money collected from ORV tickets evenly between the Road Commission and Sheriff’s Department ORV Training. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

Further under “Old and Unfinished Business”: **It was moved by** Commissioner LaFoille and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to pay the bill from GS&M in the amount of \$9,011.24. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Further under “Old and Unfinished Business”: Commissioner LaFoille asked Sheriff Harris if he had any input on the DARE funding situation. Sheriff Harris said he was gone this week as was Dianna Herlik so there is no plan yet. Sheriff Harris said DARE is priceless to the community and it is short sighted for the County Board not to fund it. Commissioner LaFoille said there is \$18,000.00 in the fund but this cannot be used for wages, and the County Board took action last year stating they would not fund DARE for FY 2012 and asked that the Dare Officer talk with Manistique Public Schools to work out an alternative arrangement for distribution of funds. Commissioner LaFoille noted that some of the groups that donated money will not allow this money to be used for wages or administrative costs. Commissioner Ecclesine noted that the Dare Officer has known about this for a year and has had every opportunity to approach the school to address a plan. Sheriff Harris said he intends to send Dianna Herlik out to do DARE work anyway and have her put it on her time sheet. Commissioner Zellar asked if Sheriff Harris intended to have the County pay her wages. Sheriff Harris said he did and stated I don’t care if you turn it over to the Attorney General or whatever threat you make I am still sending her out to do DARE work. Chairperson Grimm asked if any Board Member

wanted to make a motion to change the previous action which was to not fund DARE wages. No motion was made.

Further under “Old and Unfinished Business”: **It was moved by** Commissioner LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to Limit the Drug Court Fund to a balance of \$2,500.00, with the \$5.00 which has been going to the Drug Court Fund being placed in the General Fund until such time as this fund falls below \$2,500.00. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

No further “Old and Unfinished Business”.

Under “New Business”: **It was moved by** Commissioner LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to approve the rental lease for the Conservation District for FY 2012. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Further under “New Business”: **It was moved by** Commissioner LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to approve the rental lease for Community Action Agency for FY 2012. 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 Reiter to approve the rental lease for LMAS District Health Department for FY 2012. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Further under “New Business”: **It was moved by** Commissioner LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to approve submission of the Child Care Budget to the State of Michigan. 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 LaFoilie to approve the Emergency Preparedness Interlocal Funding Agreement for 2009. 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 approve the Emergency Preparedness Interlocal Funding Agreement for 2010. 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 LaFoilie to approve an upgrade to the Depreciation Software in the County Clerk’s Office in the amount of \$1,590.00. 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 appoint Deborah Blandford and Kristin Anderson to the Commission on Aging Board to replace Ruth Robare and Molly Bonifas respectively with term ending dates 12-31-11 and 12-31-14 respectively. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

No further “New Business”:

“Committee and Department Reports”:

Commissioner George Ecclesine: Attended the LMAS Board Meeting and they are looking at forming an urban cooperative.

Commissioner Al Grimm: Attended the MAC Conference and heard a report on Medical Care Facilities and many of them are expanding to become more of a home setting.

Commissioner Daniel J. LaFoilie Sr.: Reported that ORV & Forest Patrol have been very active and are spending a lot of time on these programs. Commissioner LaFoilie said part time employees normally get 48 hours every two weeks, but there are two employees who got 107 hours and 92 hours primarily for ORV and Forest Patrol. Sheriff Harris said the Union contract was amended to allow unlimited hours for part time employees if no other employee wants to do the work. Commissioner LaFoilie said the Board gave the Sheriff’s Department the opportunity to hire two additional part time employees because we were told they didn’t have enough people to cover the duties at the jail. Commissioner LaFoilie said it was not my intent to hire more employees to do more grant work. Commissioner LaFoilie said on the last time sheet for these two employees there was also overtime paid for MCOLES Training. Commissioner LaFoilie said I think this is an exorbitant amount of hours given the fact that other departments are looking for nickels and dimes. Commissioner LaFoilie added I would hope every entity in this County understands the fix we are in, some recoup benefits and some don’t and it is not sitting well. Sheriff Harris asked for a meeting with the Jail Committee.

Commissioner Gerald L. Zellar: Asked if the County Clerk would write a letter to the Prosecuting Attorney and invite him to the County Board Meetings.

Commissioner Craig Reiter: Attended the MAC Meeting and learned that all but two counties are having significant financial problems. Commissioner Reiter noted that projections are bleak for next year and everyone is being asked to do more with less and that is our function now.

“Announcements and Notices”: Commissioner Reiter spoke regarding a pending lawsuit regarding the North Gulliver Lake Road and the court order from Judge Carmody for the Drain Commissioner to submit a report to the court. **It was moved by** Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to have the Clerk send a registered letter to the Drain Commissioner asking him to please submit the report as directed by the 11th Judicial Circuit Court regarding the pending lawsuit. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

No further “Announcements and Notices”.

“Public Comment”: Marcy Spriks, Juvenile Officer, spoke in support of DARE.

No further “Public Comment”.

“Communications”: Schoolcraft County Treasurer Julie Roscioli informed the Board that we need to move money to cover costs for renovation of the old MSU Office Space. **It was moved by** Commissioner LaFoille and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to approve a transfer voucher in the amount of \$266.66 for renovation costs for the old MSU Office Space. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Further under “Communications”: Schoolcraft County Clerk Dan McKinney informed the Board that he has received correspondence from Tanya Peters indicating her resignation from the Zoning Board of Appeals. Commissioners ask that the Clerk advertise this appointment along with an opening for the Public Transit Board and the Community Action Agency Board.

Further under “Communications”: Schoolcraft County Clerk Dan McKinney informed the Board that he received correspondence from Oak Pointe Group which is the company that worked with Engadine Public Schools for their health insurance and they want an agreement signed and information forwarded to them regarding the county current employees and medical insurance coverage. **It was moved by** Commissioner LaFoille and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to authorize the Clerk to sign the letter of agreement with Oak Pointe Group for medical insurance premium proposals and to send them any

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

No further “Communications”.

Chairperson Allen Grimm adjourned the meeting of the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners at 8:07 P.M.

Allen Grimm, Chairperson County Board

Daniel R. McKinney, County Clerk