

SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners / Audit Finance Committee met on Thursday, September 29, 2011 in the District Courtroom of the Schoolcraft County Building, City of Manistique, Michigan, commencing at 7:00 p.m. Chairperson Allen Grimm 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 Craig Reiter  
                              Commissioner George Ecclesine  
                              Commissioner Gerald L. Zellar  
                              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 Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner LaFoilie to approve the minutes of the September 20, 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.]

Chairperson Allen Grimm asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections to the printed agenda. Commissioners asked that Ben Bodkin from Michigan Association of Counties, Dare and Public Hearing for MISHDA Grant be added to the Agenda. **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”: The Public Hearing on the FY 2012 Budget was continued from September 20, 2011.

**It was moved** by Commissioner LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to close the Public Hearing regarding the FY 2012 Budget. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

**It was moved** by Commissioner Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to open the Public Hearing regarding the MISHDA Grant. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

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Laurie Jasmin of EDC informed the Board that it is time to renew the MISHDA Home Buyer Purchase Rehab Grant. There was discussion.

**It was moved** by Commissioner Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to close the Public Hearing regarding the MISHDA Grant. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

“Brief Public Comment”: None.

“Old and Unfinished Business”: Commissioner Reiter said he did some checking on DARE and found that when the deputy does DARE this falls under her regular duties and the Sheriff does not backfill her position when she is out doing DARE. Also, Commissioner Reiter said, the deputy stays on call when she is doing DARE and he feels doing DARE is part of her normal job description. Commissioner Reiter said Dianne Herlik does all the administrative and preparation for DARE on her own time. Commissioner Reiter said DARE doesn’t cost us anything. Dianna Herlik informed the Board that there is new research that says that DARE is effective and she has letters of support available for the Board. Commissioner LaFoilie said he does appreciate the letter of support from FOP. Commissioner LaFoilie said this is not a recent issue, we discussed this with the Sheriff’s Department about a year ago. Commissioner LaFoilie said this does cost us money because the deputy would be working in the jail if not at DARE. He said he is not opposed to DARE, but would rather see this performed by the school or volunteers. Dianna Herlik said the school told her we can use their donation to pay her wages. Commissioners noted this was the first they heard of this. Commissioner Ecclesine asked how many hours are worked in DARE each year. Dianna Herlik said approximately 96. Commissioner LaFoilie said we can look at coming up with a plan and address this again in the future.

No further “Old and Unfinished Business”.

**Under “New Business”:** Ben Bodkin from Michigan Association of Counties addressed the Board regarding issues of importance in the state right now. He did indicate that guaranteed revenue sharing is a top priority of MAC, but they are not sure what will happen with this in 2013.

**Further under “New Business”:** **It was moved by** Commissioner LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to appoint Gary DeMers to the DHS/MCF Board to replace Denny Boyd who is not

seeking another term, with a term ending date of 10-31-14. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

**Further under “New Business”:** Dave Anderson of MSU Extension and Ron Stimac of Johnson Controls gave a presentation to the Board regarding the proposed central heating plant.

**Further under “New Business”:** It was moved by Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to approve a resolution in support of guaranteed revenue replacement should the proposal to do away with personal property tax pass. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present. [See Resolutions Liber 3, Page 643]

**Further under “New Business”:** It was moved by Commissioner LaFoille and was seconded by Commissioner Zellar to approve the Community Correction Contract with Alger County with one change, to wit; “up to \$1,602.25”. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

**Further under “New Business”:** It was moved by Commissioner LaFoille and was seconded by Commissioner Zellar to approve the Community Corrections Contract starting October 1, 2011 with Michelle Allsteadt in the amount of \$995.00 every two weeks. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

**Further under “New Business”:** It was moved by Commissioner LaFoille and was seconded by Commissioner Zellar to approve the Community Corrections Contract starting October 1, 2011 with Mike Gray in the amount of \$910.00 every two weeks. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

**Further under “New Business”:** It was moved by Commissioner LaFoille and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to approve the 2% Grant application from MCF. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

**Further under “New Business”:** It was moved by Commissioner LaFoille and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to approve the FY 2012 County Budget in the amount of \$3,669,221.00 for the

general fund. 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 Reiter to approve a resolution authorizing EDC to be the Administrator for the MISHDA Home Buyer Grant. 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 Reiter to approve a resolution authorizing EDC to submit the MISHDA Home Buyer Grant Application. 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 Reiter to approve the MISHDA Home Buyer Grant Administrative agreement. 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 Zellar to approve extending the current MISHDA Home Buyer Grant through March, 2012. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

No further “New Business”.

Chairperson Grimm recessed the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Chairperson Grimm reconvened the meeting at 8:43 p.m. with all Commissioners present.

**Under Committee and Department Reports, the following matters were heard:**

**Commissioner Daniel J. LaFolle:** Reported that MCF is proceeding with their building project. DHS did interviewing for their new director. Said he appreciates all the work done by Commissioner Ecclesine, Julie Roscioli and Dan McKinney on the FY 2012 Budget. Also, thanked the employees for their understanding of the situation we are in and their dedication.

**Commissioner George Ecclesine:** Stated that he knows times are hard and that some people have been hurt in the county by decisions that have been made and he empathizes with them. Stated that the Finance Committee has concern for everyone when making budget decisions.

**Commissioner Craig Reiter:** Attended a couple meetings with the Sheriff and they are working on schedule changes to help save money.

**Chairperson Gerald Zellar:** No report.

**Commissioner Allen Grimm:** Reported that the hospital is on schedule with their building project. Also, attended EDC.

**Announcements and Notices:** Schoolcraft County Treasurer Julie Roscioli informed the Board that she received an email from MMRMA regarding the death at the jail. Julie read this email to the Board in which MMRMA is advising the Board to retain legal council through MMRMA for this matter. **It was moved by** Commissioner LaFoille and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to follow the recommendation of MMRMA to obtain legal council through MMRMA regarding the recent death at the jail. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

Further under “Announcements and Notices”: Schoolcraft County Treasurer Julie Roscioli informed the Board that she received notification from Anderson Tackman this week that the County needs to pass a resolution changing terms for certain funds. **It was moved by** Commissioner Ecclesine and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to approve a resolution authorizing the Treasurer to changing description of certain funds to comply with audit requirements. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

Further under “Announcements and Notices”: Schoolcraft County Sheriff Grant Harris requested that the Board change their previous resolution which addressed paying part-time employees at the jail \$15 per hour for certain M-COLES duties so that Sonny St. John could be paid \$15.00 per hour for investigation work done regarding the recent death in the jail. **It was moved by** Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Grimm to approve paying Sonny St. John \$15.00 per hour for investigation work done at the jail but only for this one instance. The motion **failed** with the voting as follows; Commissioner Reiter-yes, Commissioner Grimm-yes, Commissioner LaFoille-no, Commissioner Ecclesine-no, Commissioner Zellar-no.

**Public Comment:** Tim Russell of Manistique addressed the Board regarding DARE.

No further “Public Comment”.

**Under Communications:** Schoolcraft County Clerk Dan McKinney informed the Board that he has received

a request from the Sheriff's Department to change the time sheets of Mallory Nelsen and Sonny St. John for 9-3-11 and 9-10-11 from ORV Patrol to Forest Patrol. Undersheriff Bob Madden indicated that these days were originally scheduled for ORV Patrol but were changed to Forest Patrol and the employees did not get the message. Schoolcraft County Clerk Dan McKinney read a memo from Schoolcraft County Treasurer Julie Roscioli which indicated that on 9-16-11 the Sheriff's Department called to find out where ORV Patrol stood financially and she informed them that there was \$25 left in the budget so long as they did not work ORV after 9-10-11 because that is a new pay period and would not have hit the budget yet. The memo further stated that on 9-23-11 Bob Madden came to the Treasurer's office and indicated that ORV had worked after the last pay period causing the grant to be overspent and Undersheriff Madden wanted to move the amounts charged to ORV to the Forest Patrol Grant Dollars. Julie informed Bob that this could be done with a journal entry, but this needed approval of the Board of Commissioners. The memo further indicated Julie's concerns about the legality of this transfer of funds. Julie stated in the memo that she talked with the auditors who said this could be done if the duties performed meets all the criteria of the Forest Patrol Grant and they said it would depend on the wording of the grant. The memo states that Julie does not feel we should get in the habit of correcting errors after the fact, but should follow the budgets of departments and grants closely so we can stay within them. Undersheriff Madden related to the Board that the deputies were in the Forest potentially doing ORV Patrol, but the Forest Service does not care as long as they are in the Forest. Also, Undersheriff Madden said the intent was to do Forest Patrol. Commissioner LaFoilie stated that instead of suffering the indignity that may come from paying this out of Forest Patrol we should pay it out of ORV as stated on the time sheets. Commissioner LaFoilie said why take a chance, there is no need for us to take on the possibility of being scrutinized for changing time sheets. **It was moved by** Commissioner LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to deny the request of the Sheriff's Department to change the time sheets of Mallory Nelsen and Sonny St. John from ORV to Forest Patrol on 9-3-11 and 9-10-11. The motion **carried** by a majority vote with the voting as follows; Commissioner LaFoilie-yes, Commissioner Ecclesine-yes, Commissioner Zellar-yes, Commissioner Reiter-yes, Commissioner Grimm-no.

No further "Communications".

Audit Finance Chairperson Daniel J. LaFoilie called the Audit Finance Meeting to order at 9:30 P.M.

**Purchase Requisitions: It was moved by** Commissioner Grimm and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to approve a purchase requisition from Public Transit in the amount of \$134,340.00 for a new 29 passenger

lift bus with 80% of the funds coming from federal dollars and 20% of the funds coming from state dollars. 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 334-11 through 389-11, inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

**It was moved** by Commissioner Zellar and was seconded by Commissioner Ecclesine to approve the claims and vouchers numbered 3854 through 4036, 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 adjourn the Board Meeting. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present. The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 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