

**SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

The Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners met for the Annual Organizational Meeting on Friday, January 2, 2015, in the District Court Room of the Schoolcraft County Building, City of Manistique, Michigan, commencing at 4:01 P.M. Beth A. Edwards, County Clerk, called the meeting to order. The roll was called with the following members present and/or absent:

Present: Commissioner Craig Reiter
 Commissioner Allan Ott
 Commissioner Larry Mersnick
 Commissioner Christine Rantanen
 Commissioner Daniel LaFoilie, Sr.
 County Clerk Beth A. Edwards

Absent: None.

Beth A. Edwards, County Clerk, led the Board Members and audience in the pledge of allegiance.

Public Comment: None.

Schoolcraft County Clerk, Beth A. Edwards, called for nominations for the office of Chairperson of the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners for 2015.

Commissioner Craig Reiter nominated Daniel LaFoilie, Sr. for Chairperson and it was seconded by Commissioner Larry Mersnick.

Schoolcraft County Clerk, Beth A. Edwards called for nominations for Chairperson for the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners for 2015 one more time. No further nominations were heard.

The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board and the roll was called as follows:

Commissioner Craig Reiter voted for Commissioner Daniel LaFoilie, Sr..
Commissioner Larry Mersnick voted for Commissioner Daniel LaFoilie, Sr..
Commissioner Allan Ott voted for Commissioner Daniel LaFoilie, Sr..
Commissioner Christine Rantanen voted for Commissioner Daniel LaFoilie, Sr..
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It was declared that Commissioner Daniel LaFoilie, Sr. was elected as the Chairperson of the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners for 2015. County Clerk, Beth A. Edwards congratulated Chairperson Daniel LaFoilie, Sr. and turned the remainder of the meeting over to the new Chairperson.

Chairperson Daniel LaFoilie, Sr. asked for nominations for the office of Vice-Chairperson of the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners for 2015.

Commissioner Larry Mersnick nominated Commissioner Craig Reiter as Vice-Chairperson and was seconded by Allan Ott.

Chairperson Daniel LaFoilie, Sr. called two more times for nominations for Vice Chairperson. No further nominations were heard.

The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board and the roll was called as follows:

Commissioner Larry Mersnick voted for Commissioner Craig Reiter.

Commissioner Allan Ott voted for Commissioner Craig Reiter.

Chairperson Christine Rantanen voted for Commissioner Craig Reiter.

Commissioner Craig Reiter voted for Commissioner Craig Reiter.

Commissioner Daniel LaFoilie, Sr. voted for Commissioner Craig Reiter.

It was declared that Commissioner Craig Reiter was elected as the Vice-Chairperson of the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners for 2015 and also the Chairperson of the Audit-Finance Committee.

New Business:

Commissioners discussed meeting dates and times for 2015. **It was moved** by Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Mersnick to keep the 2015 meeting dates as follows: The Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners will meet on the Third Tuesday and last Thursday of each month in the District Courtroom of the Schoolcraft County Courthouse, City of Manistique, Michigan, commencing at 7:00 P.M., EST, unless otherwise indicated by Public Notice, and further, that the Schoolcraft County Audit Finance Committee meets on the Second Thursday of each month beginning at 4:00 P.M. and meets again on the last Thursday of each month beginning at 7:00 P.M., in the District Courtroom of the Schoolcraft County Courthouse, City of Manistique, Michigan, unless otherwise indicated by Public Notice. There was

discussion about possibly moving the meeting time to 6 p.m. but no change was made. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Mersnick and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter to set the Annual Report Dates for January 29, 2015 and January 30, 2015 starting at 9 a.m. each day. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

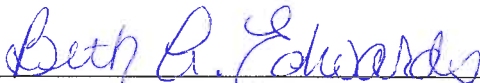
Chairperson LaFoille addresses the lawsuit that had been filed against the County by Heritage Sustainable Energy which was served on December 23, 2014 upon the County Clerk. When the agenda was made service had not been completed and thought that we would go into executive session to discuss the potential service but at this point I don't believe that we need to do that. A packet has been given to each commissioner regarding the suit and documents sent to Ms. Toskey, the County's attorney of record so a plan can be made going forward regarding the lawsuit. There was discussion. **It was moved** by Commissioner Craig Reiter to authorize the board to work with Attorney Michael Homier and Attorney Bonnie Toskey with regard to the lawsuit. Commissioner Daniel LaFoille stated that up to this point Ms. Toskey is not charging Schoolcraft County to determine best action by the County. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Public Comment: None.

It was moved by Commissioner Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Ott to adjourn the Organizational Meeting of the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board. The meeting was adjourned at 4:24 P.M.



Daniel J. LaFoille, Sr., Chairperson



Beth A. Edwards, Clerk of the Board