

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

The Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners met for the Annual Organizational Meeting on Tuesday, January 3, 2017, in the District Court Room of the Schoolcraft County Building, City of Manistique, Michigan, commencing at 10:00 A.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 P. Hoholik
 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, asked the preference of the board members present as to verbal vote or secret ballot for the Chairperson's position. It was a consensus of all board members present that it be verbal vote. Beth A. Edwards called for nominations for the office of Chairperson of the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners for 2017.

Commissioner Craig Reiter nominated Commissioner Allan Ott.

Beth A. Edwards made second call for nominations for Chairperson.

Commissioner Christine Rantanen nominated Commissioner Larry F. Mersnick.

Schoolcraft County Clerk, Beth A. Edwards called for nominations for Chairperson for the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners for 2017 one more time. No further nominations were heard.

Beth A. Edwards called for roll call vote as follows:

Commissioner Craig Reiter voted for Allan Ott
Commissioner Allan Ott voted for Allan Ott
Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik voted for Allan Ott
Commissioner Christine Rantanen for Larry F. Mersnick
Commissioner Larry F. Mersnick voted for Larry F. Mersnick

Commissioner Allan Ott was declared Chairperson of the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners for 2017. County Clerk, Beth A. Edwards congratulated Chairperson Allan Ott and turned the meeting over to the new Chairperson.

Chairperson Allan Ott asked for nominations for the office of Vice-Chairperson of the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners for 2017.

Commissioner Christine Rantanen nominated Commissioner Larry F. Mersnick as Vice-Chairperson. Commissioner Larry F. Mersnick declined to accept the nomination.

Chairperson Allan Ott nominated Commissioner Craig Reiter as the Vice-Chairperson.

Chairperson Allan Ott called one more time for nominations for Vice-Chairperson. No further nominations were heard.

Roll call vote as follows:

Commissioner Allan Ott voted for Commissioner Craig Reiter.
Commissioner Larry F. Mersnick voted for Commissioner Craig Reiter.
Commissioner Christine Rantanen voted for Commissioner Craig Reiter.
Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik voted for Commissioner Craig Reiter.
Chairperson Craig Reiter voted for Commissioner Craig Reiter.

Commissioner Craig Reiter was declared Vice-Chairperson of the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners for 2017.

New Business:

Commissioners discussed meeting dates and times for 2017. It was the consensus of the board to continue with the meeting schedule as it has been with the meeting dates for 2017 as follows: The Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners will meet for Regular Board and Audit-Finance Meetings on the second Thursday of each month commencing at 4:00 P.M. and fourth Thursday of each month commencing at 7:00 P.M. in the District Courtroom of the Schoolcraft County Courthouse, City of Manistique, Michigan, unless otherwise indicated by Public Notice.

It was moved by Commissioner Christine Rantanen and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to appoint James Harmes, Donald Perigo, and Clyde Strasler to the Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital Board, terms ending December 31, 2022. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Allan Ott and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to set the Annual Report Dates for Department Head for February 2, 2017 and February 3, 2017. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all Board members present.


Public Comment: None.

It was moved by Commissioner Christine Rantanen and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter 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 10:19 A.M.



Allan Ott, Chairperson



Beth A. Edwards, Clerk of the Board