

**SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING and AUDIT/FINANCE MEETING**

The Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners / Audit Finance Committee met on Thursday, April 14, 2016, in the District Courtroom of the Schoolcraft County Building, City of Manistique, Michigan. Chairperson Craig Reiter called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. The roll was called with the following members present and/or absent:

Present: Commissioner Craig Reiter
 Commissioner Allan Ott
 Commissioner Larry F. Mersnick
 Commissioner Christine Rantanen
 Commissioner Patrick Carley
 Schoolcraft County Clerk Beth A. Edwards

Absent: None

Chairperson Craig Reiter 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 Larry F. Mersnick and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2016, Board and Audit-Finance 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 Craig Reiter asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections to the printed agenda. Commissioner Craig Reiter asked to remove Closed Session from the agenda and to move Alan Barr, EDC update to the top of the New Business list. **It was moved** by Commission Patrick Carley and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to approve the amended agenda. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

“Public Hearings”: None

“Brief Public Comment”: None

“Unfinished Business”: None

“New Business”: Alan Barr gave an EDC update and discussed the current status of the paper mill, Feeding America food truck, potential lumber company coming to Schoolcraft County, Renze Ford’s new garage, potential anodizing and metal company coming to Schoolcraft County, potential for the alternative school and vocational education to move to the old camp Manistique building, CUPPAD looking into housing growth, patterns, and needs in Schoolcraft County, broadband internet possible expansion, disk golf coming to Manistique and the possibility of tournaments which would bring people to the community, a large lakeshore development is being explored, EDC board has been expanded to 14 members including 2 student members, and money smart week together with a job fair at the high school next week. Chairperson Craig Reiter thanked Alan Barr for the update.

Nicole Robinson from LMAS Health Department ~~appeared to~~ presented Schoolcraft County with a check in the amount of \$12,225, ~~for a return~~ of which is approximately 16% of the appropriation given to LMAS in FY2015 by Schoolcraft County.

It was moved by Commissioner Larry F. Mersnick and was seconded by Commissioner Patrick Carley to approve the LMAS Lease and authorize Craig Reiter, Chairperson, to sign the same. 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 Patrick Carley to approve the MERS Defined Benefit Plan for New Hires (effective January 1, 2016) with an employee contribution for Non-Union and AFSCME Union new hire employees of 6% and authorize Craig Reiter to sign the same. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Patrick Carley and was seconded by Commissioner Christine Rantanen to appoint David Huddleston to the Veteran’s Board, term expiring December 31, 2019. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Larry F. Mersnick and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to appoint Lisa Holbrook to the Risk Control Safety Committee, term expiring December 31, 2018. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Christine Rantanen and was seconded by Commissioner Patrick Carley to approve the Personal and Real Property Totals, Equalized Values, and Assessed Values

for 2016 and authorize Craig Reiter, Chairperson to sign the L-4024 for Tax Equalization. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Larry F. Mersnick and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to approve the C2AE bill for airport project no. 14-0092 (terminal building) in the amount of \$5,517.20 and authorized Craig Reiter, Chairperson to sign the same. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Larry F. Mersnick and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to approve the C2AE bill for airport project no. 14-0093 (fuel farm) in the amount of \$3,065.20 and authorize Craig Reiter, to sign the same. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Larry F. Mersnick and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to approve the C2AE bill for airport project no. 14-0093 (fuel farm) in the amount of \$766.30 and authorize Craig Reiter, to sign the same. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Patrick Carley and was seconded by Commissioner Larry F. Mersnick to approve the new Abierto Network Credit Card system implementation for the fuel farm at the airport with an annual fee of \$551.40, on-time activation fee of \$69.95, and a monthly fee of \$45.95 per month, and authorize Craig Reiter, Chairperson, to sign the agreement. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Patrick Carley and was seconded by Commissioner Christine Rantanen to approve Beth A. Edwards, County Clerk, to advertise for the vacant board seats. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Larry F. Mersnick and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to approve 911 Secretary, Marilyn Benish, to receive \$1,300 annual stipend for services to the 911 Board effective immediately noting Ms. Benish would no longer be eligible to receive overtime pay for those duties. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Patrick Carley and was seconded by Commissioner Christine Rantanen to accept the resignation of Omer Doran from the 911 Committee. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all Board members present.

Lisa Kleeman, Interim Road Commission Manager, gave an update on the MERS status stating that the bonding issue has been stalled and they are currently looking at additional avenue to solve the underfunding of MERS.

It was moved by Commissioner Christine Rantanen and was seconded by Commissioner Larry F. Mersnick to make the Probate Register position a department head/salary position with a starting wage of \$35,225 per year with no sick time payout and B2 MERS retirement, effective immediately. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Patrick Carley and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to approve the Deputy Probate Register/Diversion Officer starting wage to be \$14.77 and follow the deputy wage scale effective immediately. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Larry F. Mersnick and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to approve a five year lease for a New Konica Minolta Bizhub 554e Digital Copier/Printer/Color Scanner in the amount \$138.00 per month including scan to email capabilities and \$.0065 per copy, invoiced quarterly. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all Board members present.

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

Commissioner Craig Reiter: attended LMAS meeting, VA Meeting, Planning Commission Meeting and Meeting regarding a countywide millage to enhance the Senior Center.

Commissioner Allan Ott: attended Medical Care Facility Meeting and Road Commission meeting.

Commissioner Larry Mersnick: attended Finance Committee Meeting, EDC Meeting and UP Community Advisory Group meeting.

Commissioner Christine Rantanen: none.

Commissioner Patrick Carley: attended Road Commission Meeting.

Sheriff J. Norrington addressed a copier for his department and accepted a donation of \$1225 from the Long Riders for the vests.

John Stapleton, Transit Director, addressed the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws should be ready for County Board review very soon.

Julie Roscioli, County Treasurer, addresses why the current credit card system is not being used for the Airport.

David Maddox, Magistrate, the Mental Health Treatment Court Team just returned from Lansing observing the specialty Court there and also Manistique will be hosting a Drug Treatment Court training in the near future.

Announcements and Notices: None

Public Comment:

Isaac Swisher addressed the Smart Money Program, who was appointed to Veteran's Board and what seats are available for appointment.

Les Henry addressed Darrell Dixson and Penny Carlson's training.

Mary Stohl addressed short-term rentals.

Kevin Knaffla addressed short-term rentals.

Connie Diller addressed short-term rentals.

Mike Hardy addressed short-term rentals and clarification of the check to the Sheriff's Department from the Long Riders.

Russell Poole addressed short-term rentals.

Kathy Pink addressed short-term rentals.

Chris Spettel addressed short-term rentals.

Brenda Fleck addressed short-term rentals.

Ann Johnson addressed short-term rentals.

Judy Zerilli addressed short-term rentals.

Jennifer Watson addressed short-term rentals.

Ellen Walters addressed short-term rentals.

Dale Gould addressed short-term rentals.

Bob Forry addressed short-term rentals.

Molly Gregurash addressed short-term rentals.

Craig Reiter addressed short-term rentals.

At 5:40 p.m., a recess is called by Chairperson Craig Reiter.

At 5:50 p.m., Chairperson Craig Reiter recalled the meeting to order.

Communications: None.

At 5:51 p.m., meeting was turned over to Larry Mersnick, Audit-Finance Chairperson;

It was moved by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Allan Ott to approve the Budget Increase for the Schoolcraft County Sheriff's Department, line item 101-351-980.000, in the amount of \$260 for a new fax machine with a total purchase price of \$325. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Patrick Carley to approve the claims and vouchers numbered **5811 through 6027**, inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Audit-Finance Chairperson Larry F. Mersnick stated hearing no objection to the budget adjustments numbered **JR-118-16** through **JR-154-16**, inclusive. The budget adjustments are approved by signature of the Board.

At 5:54 p.m. Commissioner Larry Mersnick turned the meeting back over to Commissioner Craig Reiter.

Chairperson Craig Reiter asked if there was any further business to come before the Board.

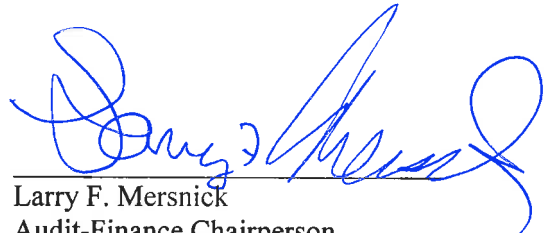
It was moved by Commissioner Larry F. Mersnick and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to adjourn. Hearing no objection **Chairperson Craig Reiter** adjourned the Board and Audit Finance Meeting at 5:55 p.m.



Craig Reiter
Chairperson County Board



Beth A. Edwards, County Clerk



Larry F. Mersnick
Audit-Finance Chairperson