

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

The Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioner's Board Meeting / Audit Finance Meeting met on Thursday, April 27, 2017, in the District Courtroom of the Schoolcraft County Building, City of Manistique, Michigan. Chairperson Allan Ott called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 Daniel P. Hoholik  
                  Schoolcraft County Clerk Beth A. Edwards

Absent:           None

Chairperson Allan Ott 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 Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Christine Rantanen to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2017 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 Allan Ott asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections to the printed agenda. Commissioner Allan Ott asked to add Airport Engineering Consultant. **It was moved** by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Christine Rantanen 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”:** It was moved by Commissioner Craig Reiter to approve the National Association of Counties membership in the amount of \$450.00. The motion failed for lack of support.

**It was moved** by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Daniel Hoholik to maintain the 911 Surcharge a \$.30 for collection year July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all Board members present.

**It was moved** by Commissioner Larry Mersnick and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to authorize Paul Wood to update the 911 Addressing Maps at no charge by December 31, 2017 and also authorize Paul Wood to continue the 911 Addressing for a mileage charge until someone else is trained, both are contingent on the 911 Board approval. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all Board members present.

Beth A. Edwards on behalf of Schoolcraft County presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Angie Peirce for 20 years of service and Paul Wood for 32.5 year of service to Schoolcraft County.

**It was moved** by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to accept the Veterans Administration Grant in the amount of \$5,800 to upgrade technology and VCAT participation. 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 Christine Rantanen to discontinue MERS participation for the elected Board of Commissioners who are not vested at this time effective immediately as long as there is not a legal challenge presented. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all Board members present.

Soil Conservation District presented Millage Proposal Language for approval for the 2017 August Election or the November Election whichever election has something on the ballot. There was discussion and was moved to the next Board meeting agenda.

**It was moved** by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to approve to move forward with the purchase of the Life Tracker System after the \$5,000 donation funds from the Creighton Trust are available. 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 Daniel P. Hoholik to approve hiring Herbert and Wood Law Firm to pursue Quiet Title action to the Gulliver Lake Dam for Schoolcraft County and authorize CUPPAD to apply for the grant to fix the dam as soon as the property is owned by Schoolcraft County. Roll call vote: Craig Reiter, yes; Daniel P. Hoholik, yes; Larry F. Mersnick, no; Christine Rantanen, no; Allan Ott, yes. The motion carried by a majority aye vote of all Board members present.

**It was moved** by Commissioner Larry F. Mersnick and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to name QOE Consulting, PLC of Lansing, Michigan as the Schoolcraft County Airport Engineer of record. 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 meetings for Seney and Doyle Township, HBH, Equalization Department interview and Northcare (stating that there is \$172,896.81 out there to be spent for substance abuse issues in Schoolcraft County).

**Commissioner Allan Ott:** attended Manistique Township meeting.

**Commissioner Larry Mersnick:** attended UP Energy meeting.

**Commissioner Christine Rantanen:** attended Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital and Commission on Aging meetings.

**Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik:** attended Road Commission, Equalization Department interview meeting.

Beth Edwards stated the State of Michigan will replace the polycom systems in the courtrooms in the near future with new equipment at no cost to the county.

Timothy Noble stated he will look into the Northcare grants and what the \$172,896.81 can be used for in Schoolcraft County.

Sheriff Paul Furman stated the jail is full and he would be willing to apply for whatever Northcare grant money his department would be eligible for. He also would like to sell the Black and White care the Sheriff's Department has and purchase a used all-wheel drive Taurus from Mackinac County for \$4,500.

Bruce Birr from Soil Conservation stated that the annual tree sale is April 28 and 29, 2017 and there are extra trees available.

Julie Roscioli addressed 38 parcels were foreclosed on this year for back taxes (12 with structures, one in good condition, and two were occupied).

**Announcements and Notices:** None

**Public Comment:** Lynn Norton thanked Craig Reiter and the rest of the Board for moving forward on the Gulliver Lake Dam.

Terry Brooks addressed the Gulliver Lake Dam.

Allan Klrar addressed the Gulliver Lake Dam.

**Communications:** None

At 8:52 p.m., meeting was turned over to Larry Mersnick, Audit-Finance Chairperson;

**It was moved** by Commissioner Allan Ott and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to approve budget adjustments numbered **BE-97-17** through **BE-128-16**, inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

**It was moved** by Commissioner Allan Ott and was seconded by Commissioner Christine Rantanen to approve the claims and vouchers numbered **174201 through 174296**, inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

At 8:55 p.m., meeting was turned back over to Chairperson Allan Ott.

Chairperson Allan Ott asked if there was any further business to come before the Board.

**Chairperson Allan Ott** adjourned the Board and Audit Finance Meeting at 8:57 P.M.

  
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Allan Ott  
Chairperson County Board

  
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Larry F. Mersnick  
Audit-Finance Chairperson

  
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Beth A. Edwards, County Clerk