

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

The Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners / Audit Finance Committee met on Thursday, April 28, 2016, in the Circuit Courtroom of the Schoolcraft County Building, City of Manistique, Michigan. Chairperson Craig Reiter 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 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 Patrick Carley and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to approve the minutes of the April 14, 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 add a Closed Session for FOPLC Union Negotiations with the Sheriff's Department Union to the Agenda at 13.5 and Commissioner Allan Ott asked to add the June 1st Deadline for Short-term Rental enforcement. Chairperson Craig Reiter added the June 1st Deadline for Short-term Rental enforcement to Unfinished Business. **It was moved** by Commissioner Allan Ott 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”: Mike Hardy addressed short-term rentals.

Gerald Reese read a statement regarding short-term rentals.



Cindy King addressed short-term rentals and also remembering everyone in our community is neighbors.

“Unfinished Business”: It was moved by Commissioner Allan Ott and was seconded by Commissioner Christine Rantanen to extend the June 1st deadline on short-term rental enforcement six months. There was discussion. Roll call vote: Allan Ott, yes; Christine Rantanen, no; Patrick Carley, no; Larry F. Mersnick, no; Craig Reiter, no. The motion failed.

“New Business”: It was moved by Commissioner Christine Rantanen and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to approve the 2016-3 Resolution Adopting Articles of Incorporation of the Schoolcraft County Transit Authority and Bylaws and also authorize Chairperson Craig Reiter to sign the documents. 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 send the discussion regarding employee attendance at Committee Meetings to Personnel Committee. 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 move the General Ledger to the Clerk’s Office as it is the County Clerk’s mandated duties. Roll call vote: Patrick Carley, yes; Christine Rantanen, yes; Larry F. Mersnick, no; Allan Ott, yes; Craig Reiter, yes. The motion carried by majority aye vote of all board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Christine Rantanen and was seconded by Commissioner Patrick Carley to not fill the Assistant Accounting Clerk Position in the Treasurer’s Office at this time. 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 Larry F. Mersnick to appoint James Terrian, M.D. as Interim Medical Examiner of Schoolcraft County. 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 the C2AE billing in the amount of \$766.30 for the Airport Terminal Project No. 14-0093. 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 Larry F. Mersnick to approve a resolution to lower the Schoolcraft County monthly 911 Surcharge levy to \$.30 per month. Roll call vote: Craig Reiter, yes; Larry F. Mersnick, no; Allan Ott, yes; Christine Rantanen, no; Patrick Carley, yes. The motion carried by a majority aye vote of all board members present.

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

Commissioner Craig Reiter: attended Six County, Planning Commission, CUPPAD Executive Judicial Committee meeting.

Commissioner Allan Ott: attended Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital and Medical Care Facility meeting.

Commissioner Larry F. Mersnick: nothing.

Commissioner Christine Rantanen: nothing.

Commissioner Patrick Carley : attended Road Commission meeting.

John Stapleton, Public Transit Director, thanked the Board for their support, stated there is still lots of work to be done, and also, stated the transit road needs some work this spring.

Sheriff J. Norrington attended training this past week, Michigan State Police has two drones state wide and they are used mainly on fires. He is in need of an undersheriff and he would like to hire one full-time.

Julie Roscioli, Treasurer, presented the Board with a written statement and read the same. The statement addressed her disappointment in the Board's decision to not fill the position in her office, expressed the need for three full-time employees in her office, without the three employees she will not be able to write grants and do projects (GIS Mapping and a County Land Bank) as she was planning which would benefit Schoolcraft County. After April 30, 2016, her office will not be responsible for the General Ledger and as of May 6, 2016 she will no longer be Schoolcraft County Fiscal Officer. Effective immediately Ms. Roscioli stated she will not be a member of the Finance Committee, be the contact person for telephone system maintenance and repairs, no longer compile and submit the County Incentive Plan, no longer be the MMRMA Insurance Representative, and no longer would she be the contact person for problems with our Fund Balance software. Ms. Roscioli assured the Board of Commissioners that she will continue to fulfill her statutory duties to the best of her ability.

Announcements and Notices: None

Public Comment: Paul Walker addressed short-term rentals.

Bob Boyle addressed short-term rentals.

Sue Cameron addressed the position that is not being filled in the Treasurer's Office.

Stephanie Reese addressed the County Website.

Connie Diller addressed

Gerald Reese addressed snowmobiling in the County and being a tourism friendly community.

Eric Sherbinow addressed short-term rentals.

Rob Bosonic addressed the position that is not be filled in the Treasurer's Office.

At 8:33 p.m., Chairperson Craig Reiter called for a recess.

At 8:40 p.m., Chairperson Craig Reiter recalls the meeting to order with all Board members being present.

It was moved by Commissioner Larry F. Mersnick and was seconded Commissioner Allan Ott to go into Closed Session to discuss the FOPLC Union Negotiations. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all Board members present.

At 8:41 p.m., the board went into closed session.

At 8:51 p.m., Chairperson Craig Reiter recalls the meeting to order with all Board members being present.

It was moved by Commissioner Christine Rantanen and was seconded by Commissioner Patrick Carley to ratify the FOPLC Union contract pending no changes upon return of the written contract from the Union Representative. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all Board members present.

Communications: None.

At 8:53 p.m., meeting was turned over to Larry F. Mersnick, Audit-Finance Chairperson;

It was moved by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to approve the claims and vouchers numbered **6028 through 6154**, inclusive. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Christine Rantanen and was seconded by Commissioner to approve budget adjustments numbered **JR-192-15** through **JR-249-15**, inclusive. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to approve a Budget Increase request from Beth A. Edwards, Schoolcraft County Clerk, in the amount of \$1,000 for Training/Education Costs – 101-219-810.000. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Christine Rantanen and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to approve a Budget Increase request from Jill Maddox, Court Administrator-11th Circuit Court, in the amount of \$750 for JIS User Fee & Communication – 101-131-850.050. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to approve a Budget Increase request from Steve Videtich, Building and Grounds, in the amount of \$400 for Lawn & Garden/Flowers – 101-265-931.000. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Patrick Carley and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to approve a Budget Increase request from Jill Maddox, Court Administrator-11th Circuit Court,

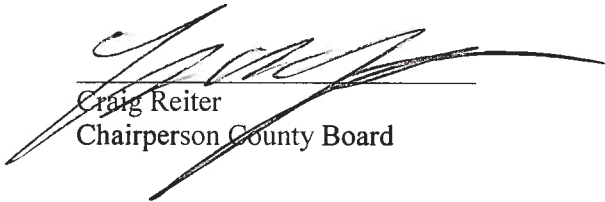
in the amount of \$1,350 for Retirement – 101-131-725.000. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to approve a Budget Increase request from Marilyn Benish, Zoning Department, in the amount of \$1,000 for Planning Commission Per Diems – 101-400-710.000. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

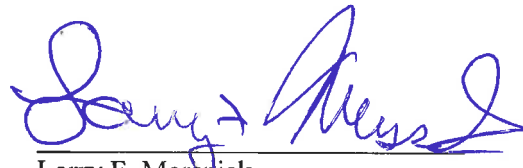
Chairperson Craig Reiter asked if there was any further business to come before the Board.

Beth A. Edwards, County Clerk, stated that Vince Babcock from 44N had contacted her and National General Insurance had declined to quote for Health Insurance for Schoolcraft County. At this time Mr. Babcock has been asked to inquire as to another quote and to compile other options for the Insurance Committee to look at as well as the Commissioners.

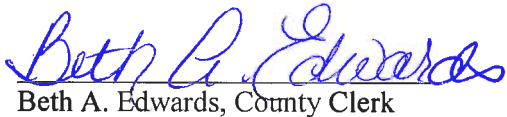
Chairperson Craig Reiter adjourned the Board and Audit Finance Meeting at 9:02 P.M.



Craig Reiter
Chairperson County Board



Larry F. Mersnick
Audit-Finance Chairperson



Beth A. Edwards, County Clerk