

**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, August 10, 2017, in the District Courtroom of the Schoolcraft County Building, City of Manistique, Michigan. Chairperson Allan Ott called the meeting to order at 4:02 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 Larry F. Mersnick and was seconded by Commissioner Daniel Hoholik to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2017 Board and Audit-Finance Meeting of the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners. Roll call vote: Larry F. Mersnick, yes; Daniel Hoholik, yes; Christine Rantanen, abstain; Craig Reiter, yes; Allan Ott, yes. The motion carried by majority 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 Acceptance of MSHDA Blight Grant and SMH Speed Limit Reduction Support Letter. **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”: **It was moved** by Commissioner Craig Reiter and seconded by Commissioner Larry F. Mersnick to allow the VA Counselor to use the Survey and Remonumentation office one day a week for counseling. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

**It was moved** by Commissioner Daniel Hoholik and was seconded by Commissioner Larry F. Mersnick to approve effective December 31, 2018 to mandatorily freeze the MERS defined benefit for elected commissioners and adopt a MERS defined contribution plan for elected commissioners with a minimum 1% employee contribution and no employer match. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

**“New Business”:**

Dulcee Atherton and Colleen Maki gave a six week report on the Equalization Department and the new software progression. Dulcee Atherton requested Team Viewer be purchased to allow herself and Colleen Maki access the data from outside the office. The employment contract provided a laptop to Dulcee Atherton and she would use her own laptop if this program could be purchased (approximate cost of \$300). **It was moved** by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Daniel Hoholik to approve the purchase of Team Viewer for the Equalization Department. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

**It was moved** by Commissioner Larry F. Mersnick and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to allow the Judges to purchase life insurance through the County policy at their own cost with no cost to the County. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

**It was moved** by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Christine Rantanen to authorize Allan Ott, Chairperson, to sign the two MSHDA Grant Mortgage Discharges presented as paid in full. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

**It was moved** by Commissioner Christine Rantanen and was seconded by Commissioner Larry F. Mersnick to authorize Allan Ott, Chairperson, to sign USDA-RD \$13,000 Grant Money Request for the Sheriff’s Department’s new Tahoe. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

Sally Schuetter addressed the Senior Center Millage Language that was passed at the July 27, 2017 meeting and Dianne Ylinnen addressed the Public Act associated with the language.

**It was moved** by Commissioner Larry F. Mersnick and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to approve Senior Center Millage Language as follows for the November Election:

“Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the County of Schoolcraft, Michigan, be increased by 0.62 mill (\$.62 per \$1,000 of taxable value), for a period of five (5) years, 2018 to 2022, inclusive, as new additional millage to provide funds for purposes of providing improvement of the social, legal, health, housing, educational, emotional, nutritional, recreational, or mobility status of senior citizens (“older citizens”) pursuant to Public Act 39 of 1976? It is estimated that 0.62 mill would raise approximately \$219,508 when first levied in 2018.”

The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

**It was moved** by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Christine Rantanen to rescind the previously approved millage language on July 27, 2017 for the Senior Citizens. 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 Allan Ott to Accept the MISHDA Blight Elimination Grant in the amount of \$106,000 presented by Julie Roscioli. 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 Christine Rantanen to approve a the letter of support to MDOT for the speed reduction in front of the SMH entrance and authorize Allan Ott, Chairperson, to sign the same. 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 HBH, VA, and Regional Jail/Mental Health Center proposal meetings.

**It was moved** by Commissioner Larry F. Mersnick to allow Commissioner Craig Reiter to pursue further the Regional Jail/MH Center proposal. (No second and no action taken.) A meeting of the Whole will be set up for August 25, 2017 to further discuss the regional jail/mental health center proposal.

**Commissioner Allan Ott:** None

**Commissioner Larry Mersnick:** attended Six County, LMAS, County Road Commission, and VA meetings.

**Commissioner Christine Rantanen:** attended DHHS.

**Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik:** attended County Road Commission.

Karen McDougale, Mental Health Grant Coordinator, updated the board on the status of the grant.

Penny Carlson, VA Director, addressed the VA Benefits brought into Schoolcraft County by her department.

Darrell Dixson, Undersheriff, addressed the Life Tracker System progress and the Sheriff's Department.

Connie Frenette addressed the ballot language sent to her by Miller Canfield.

**It was moved** by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Larry F. Mersnick to adopt the millage heading of "Senior Center Operational Millage Proposal" for the Ballot Language approved at this meeting. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all Board members present.

**Announcements and Notices:** None

**Public Comment:** Dianne Ylinnen addressed the Mental Health Center and Jail Beds for females.

Tina Burnis addressed concern with getting nurses for the Mental Health Facility.

**Communications:** None

At 5:35 p.m., meeting was turned over to Larry Mersnick, Audit-Finance Chairperson;

**It was moved** by Commissioner Allan Ott and was seconded by Commissioner Christine Rantanen to approve the claims and vouchers numbered **175187 through 175350**, inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

At 5:36 p.m., the meeting was turn back over to Chairperson Allan Ott.

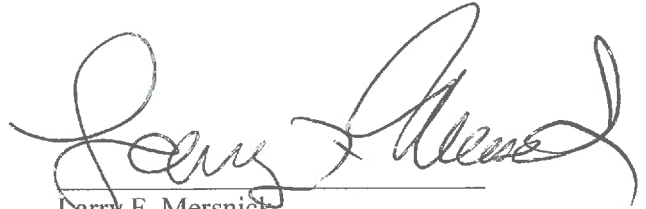
Chairperson Allan Ott asked if there was any further business to come before the Board.

**It was moved** by Commissioner Christine Rantanen and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to adjourn.

**Chairperson Allan Ott** adjourned the Board and Audit Finance Meeting at 5:37 P.M.



Allan Ott  
Chairperson County Board



Larry F. Mersnick  
Audit-Finance Chairperson



Beth A. Edwards, County Clerk