

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

The Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners Board / Audit Finance Committee met on Thursday, August 11, 2016, in the Circuit 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 Allan Ott and was seconded by Commissioner Patrick Carley to approve the minutes of the July 28, 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 Auditor Bid and Panic Buttons. **It was moved** by Commissioner Larry F. Mersnick 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”: Sheriff J. Norrington addressed the Life Tracker System and stated he will be seeking donations for the purchase and possibly will be back before the Board asking for matching funds. No Action taken at this time.

It was moved by Commissioner Larry F. Mersnick and was seconded by Commissioner Christine Rantanen to appoint Robert Ryan to Public Transit Advisory Committee, term ending December 31, 2018. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Allan Ott and was seconded by Commissioner Christine Rantanen to approve the MERS Defined Benefit Plan Adoption Agreement (i.e. Deputy Sheriff after 1/1/16) 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 Christine Rantanen to approve the Resolution Submitting Consolidated Senior Services Millage Proposal for .90 Mills on the November 8, 2016 Ballot. 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 approve the Resolution to Approve Economic Development Millage Ballot Proposal for .319 Mills on the November 8, 2016 Ballot. Roll call vote as follows: Allan Ott, Yes; Larry F. Mersnick, Yes; Christine Rantanen, Yes; Patrick Carley, No; Craig Reiter, 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 Christine Rantanen to accept and approve the Bid by Anderson, Tackman & Company, PLC for Independent Auditing Services for fiscal years ending September 30, 2016, 2017 and 2018 in the amount of \$28,000 fee and \$1,000 audit each year. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all Board members present.

Commissioner Christine Rantanen addressed the additional Duress Buttons needed. No Action taken at this time and move this matter to the August 25, 2016 meeting.

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

Commissioner Craig Reiter: attended LMAS, EDC, Planning Commission, Personnel Committee

Commissioner Allan Ott: attended Medical Care Facility Meeting and DHHS

Commissioner Larry Mersnick: attended LMAS and Audit-Finance Committee

Commissioner Christine Rantanen: missed the Public Transit meeting but was informed the Personnel Policy and Job descriptions are completed and approved by the board. Attended Security Council Meeting.

Commissioner Patrick Carley : attended Planning Commission, addressed Homestead Exemption being revoked for anyone renting their property for more than 14 days in one given year.

It was moved by Commissioner Patrick Carley and was seconded by Commissioner Christine Rantanen to place an ad in the paper regarding the Homestead Exemption on Property Taxes being revoked for renting of property for more than 14 days in any year. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all Board members present.

Sheriff J. Norrington advised that he had received the two patrol cars that had been purchased, and he had hired one new part-time employee.

Julie Roscioli, County Treasurer, got the two patrol cars insured today, Foreclosure Fund Auction is tomorrow, been 72 days since cut an employee in her office and invites the Board to stop into her office and see how that is going.

Connie Frenette thanked the Board for their support on the Millage Proposal for the Senior Center.

Paul Walker the City of Manistique broke ground on the New Campground this week.

Diana Ylinen the Senior Center has outgrown the current facility and thanked the Board for support.

Alan Barr thanked the Board for passing the Resolution for Millage Proposal and stated the Feeding America Truck has found a permanent home.

Announcements and Notices: None

Public Comment:

Paul Walker addressed Unemployment and Poverty in Schoolcraft County.

Jennifer Watson thanked the Board for passing the EDC Resolution and addressed the current EDC Board and need to work together.

Communications: None.

At 5:42 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 **7120 through 7290**, inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

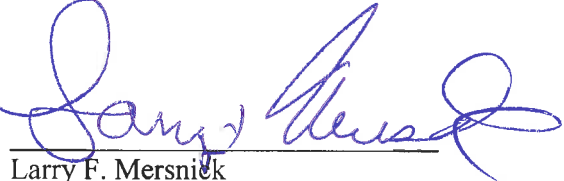
At 5:44 p.m., Audit-Finance Chairperson Larry Mersnick turned the meeting back over to Chairperson Craig Reiter.

It was moved by Commissioner Christine Rantanen and was seconded by Commissioner Patrick Carley to adjourn. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all Board members present.

Chairperson Craig Reiter adjourned the Board and Audit Finance Meeting at 5:45 P.M.


Craig Reiter
Chairperson County Board


Beth A. Edwards, County Clerk


Larry F. Mersnick
Audit-Finance Chairperson