

**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 24, 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
 Schoolcraft County Clerk Beth A. Edwards
- Absent: Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik (excused)

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 Craig Reiter to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2017 Board and Audit-Finance Meeting of the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners with the addition of vote by Craig Reiter and Allan Ott to Page one approving minutes from the July 27, 2017 meeting. 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 creation of new fund for Mental Health Court Grant and delete one of the CUPPAD grant applications. **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 Larry F. Mersnick and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to accept the resignation of Ron Patten and appoint Dale DuFour to the Schoolcraft County Veterans Affairs Board for the remainder of the term ending 12/31/2017. 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 Christine Rantanen to authorize support letters for the DNR Grant Applications for Snowmobile Trail #2 Bear Creek Swamp Maintenance Project and Sunken Lake Bridge Snowmobile Trail and Allan Ott, Chairperson to sign the same. 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 approve the BS&A Delinquent Tax Software Contract and authorize Allan Ott, Chairperson to sign the contract as presented. 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 extend the current computer contract with Manistique Computers, LLC until September 30, 2018, and authorize Allan Ott, Chairperson to sign the extension contract. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Christine Rantanen to approve the written Letter of Agreement with MSU Extension for 500 copies per month (6,000 annually), correct the Chairperson’s name on the Letter and authorize Chairperson Allan Ott to sign the Agreement. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Christine Rantanen to authorize Allan Ott, Chairperson, to sign the MISHDA Mortgage Discharge for Cross. 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 authorize the Mental Health Court Coordinator to move into the Commissioner’s Office until there is something else available. 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 Allan Ott to approve a month to month rental agreement with UPWARD Talent Council in the amount of \$364.42 per month for a period of six months ending February 28, 2018 and authorize Allan Ott, Chairperson to sign an agreement. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Allan Ott to support without comment the CUPPAD Grant application for Head Start Program. 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 Christine Rantanen to approve a new fund be created for the Mental Health Court Grant. 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 Substance Abuse Meeting in Marquette, CFI and CUPPAD meetings.

Commissioner Allan Ott: attended Emergency Management and City of Manistique Board meetings.

Commissioner Larry Mersnick: is pleased with the Life Tracker System and stated he will not be at the Meeting of the Whole.

Commissioner Christine Rantanen: none

Bruce Birr, Conservation District, addressed there Audit for the last two years has been completed, 2 tire collection dates had happened, and working on Deer Habitat Grant.

Paul Furman addressed eight individuals now in Alger County due to the current drug busts.

Darrell Dixson addressed as of August 22, 2017 the Life Tracker System is available for anyone in need.

Dave Maddox, District Court Magistrate, addressed the getting ready for the Mental Health Court to become active on October 2nd and there had been another trip to Gratiot County to meet with their Mental Health Court once again.

Keith Rochefort addressed the hiring of 3 full-time truck drivers at the County Road Commission.

Announcements and Notices: None

Public Comment: Keith Rochefort addressed the wild parsnip.

Communications: None.

At 7:38 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 Budget Adjustments **BE 217-17 to BE 245-17**, inclusive. 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 claims and vouchers numbered **175351 through 175445**, inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

At 7:42 p.m., the meeting was turned back over to Allan Ott, Chairperson.

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

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

Chairperson Allan Ott adjourned the Board and Audit Finance Meeting at 7:43 P.M.



Allan Ott
Chairperson County Board



Larry F. Mersnick
Audit-Finance Chairperson



Beth A. Edwards, County Clerk