

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

The Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners / Audit Finance Committee met on Thursday, February 11, 2016, in the District 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 January 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.]

It was moved by Commissioner Patrick Carley and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2016 Day 1 Annual Reports Meeting of the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Patrick Carley and was seconded by Commissioner Larry F. Mersnick to approve the minutes of the January 29, 2016 Day 2 Annual Reports Meeting of the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Chairperson Craig Reiter asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections to the printed agenda. Commissioner Craig Reiter asked to remove the Court Officer from the agenda and add Budget Increase for Community Corrections/Probation Services Worker Budget, Sheriff's Department Patrol Car, and 911 Authority Appointment to new business, and Closed Session

after 14 to the agenda. **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”: None.

“Unfinished Business”: None.

“New Business”: Chairperson Craig Reiter called for nomination for the appointment to the Road Commissioner position, 6 year-term, filling the position until the November 2016 Election. Commissioner Patrick Carley nominates Dan LaFoille, Commissioner Craig Reiter nominates Bill Poniatoski, no other nominations were given. Commissioner Christine Rantanen made it clear that because the election is near this should go to the vote of the people and not an appointment. Commissioner Larry F. Mersnick stated that the commissioners just need to go with who they think would do best and if someone doesn't get the appointment put their name in for the election in November. Commissioner Craig Reiter thanked everyone for putting their name in for the positions. Roll Call Vote as follows: Commissioner Larry F. Mersnick, Daniel LaFoille; Commissioner Allan Ott, Bill Poniatoski; Commissioner Christine Rantanen, abstained; Commissioner Patrick Carley, Daniel LaFoille; Commissioner Craig Reiter, Bill Poniatoski. Chairperson Craig Reiter stated there was not a majority so there will be another vote. Commissioner Larry F. Mersnick addressed that the person that is not nominated to this position can be appointed to the 4 year-term. Second Roll Call Vote as follows: Commissioner Larry F. Mersnick, Daniel LaFoille; Commissioner Allan Ott, Bill Poniatoski; Commissioner Christine Rantanen, Daniel LaFoille; Commissioner Patrick Carley, Daniel LaFoille; Commissioner Craig Reiter, Bill Poniatoski. Chairperson Craig Reiter congratulates Daniel LaFoille on the appointment to the Schoolcraft County Road Commission.

Chairperson Craig Reiter called for nomination for the appointment to the Road Commissioner position, 4 year-term, filling the position until the November 2016 Election. Commissioner Christine Rantanen nominates Rick Demers, Commissioner Patrick Carley nominates Keith Rochefort, and Commissioner Larry F. Mersnick nominates Bill Poniatoski. Roll Call Vote as follows: Commissioner Patrick Carley, Keith Rochefort; Commissioner Christine Rantanen, Rick Demers; Commissioner Allan Ott, Bill Poniatoski; Commissioner Larry F. Mersnick, Bill

Poniatoski; Commissioner Craig Reiter, Bill Poniatoski. Chairperson Craig Reiter congratulates Bill Poniatoski on the appointment to the Schoolcraft County Road Commission.

It was moved by Commissioner Larry F. Mersnick and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to approve Commissioner Craig Reiter and Commissioner Larry F. Mersnick to talk to Luce County regarding housing Luce County Inmates in Schoolcraft County Jail based upon availability of beds. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of all Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Christine Rantanen and was seconded by Commissioner Patrick Carley to approve Beth A. Edwards, County Clerk, to seek bids for a new copier for the upstairs copy room in the Courthouse. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of all Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Patrick Carley and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to approve the appointment of Terry Brooks to the Zoning Board of Appeals filling the vacant seat, term ending December 31, 2017. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of all Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Larry F. Mersnick and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to accept the Veteran's Administration Grant in the amount of \$10,000 to continue the 4th day of office hours in one week, and to authorize Chairperson Craig Reiter to sign the letter of explanation regarding the grant funds. 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 Craig Reiter to accept the 2015-16 Childcare Fund Annual Plan and Budget in the amount of \$445,481.24. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of all Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Christine Rantanen and was seconded by Commissioner Larry F. Mersnick to approve William Carmody, 11th Circuit Court Judge, to advertise for the replacement of the part-time clerk/Court Recorder with a start date of May 1, 2016. The motion carried by 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 overtime which would be paid for from the automation fund for the Register of Deeds Clerk for entry of historic records in the computerized system to enable an

accurate and reliable historic search of land records. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of all Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Larry F. Mersnick and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to approve Resolution 16-1, Resolution in Opposition to Public Act 269 and authorize Chairperson Craig Reiter to sign the same. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of all Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Larry F. Mersnick and was seconded by Commissioner Patrick Carley to adopt the Personnel Policy Change to 15.5 as follows:

“15.15 Retirement Payment:

All full-time, part-time employees and the following elected officials hired or elected before January 1, 2016, otherwise pursuant to Michigan Compiled Laws Annotated §28.602(f):

County Commissioners, Prosecuting Attorney, County Clerk/Register of Deeds, County Treasurer, and Sheriff, shall receive a retirement payment based on the formula of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) for each year of service rendered by the retiree. However, a retiree shall not be entitled to more than one (1) payment under this section even though that same retiree may be later rehired by the County and then retires again from reemployment.”

The motion carried by 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 C2AE Billing in the amount of \$9,990.00 for the Airport Plan and authorize Chairperson Craig Reiter to sign the same. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of all Board members present.

Paul Walker, City Council Member, appeared before for the Board to present the plan of having the American Wind Symphony Orchestra with a cost of \$25,000 to appear again in the Manistique Harbor this summer and asked for any financial help the County could provide. Chairperson Craig Reiter stated that the Finance Committee would look into this matter. No formal action was taken.

Alan Barr, EDC Director, appeared before the Board to present the “Great Waters Brochure” and ask the County to pay one-third of the ad cost in the publication in the amount of \$666.67. Total cost of the add is \$2,000. He further stated that he has commitment from the City and he will be going to the Tourism Council next week. Chairperson Craig Reiter stated that the Finance

Committee would look into this as he is not sure the County can pay for an ad of this type. No formal action was taken.

It was moved by Commissioner Christine Rantanen and was seconded by Commissioner Patrick Carley to approve a budget increase in the amount of \$824.00 to Community Correction/Probation Service Worker line items as follows: 220-136-713.000, \$380.00; 220-136-714.000, \$90.00; 220-136-723.000, \$354.00. 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 settlement option number 1 for the wrecked Sheriff's Department car as follows: Accept the ACV value of the vehicle which is \$5,600.00 and MMRMA will follow up with the highest bidder of the salvage and sell the total loss vehicle to them. The money collected from the salvage will be applied to Schoolcraft County account. 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 Patrick Carley to appoint Craig Reiter to the UP 911 Authority. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of all Board members present.

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

Commissioner Craig Reiter: attended Planning Commission and 11th Circuit Court Judicial Council.

Commissioner Allan Ott: None

Commissioner Larry F. Mersnick: attended LMAS, Six County, and 11th Circuit Court Judicial Council.

Commissioner Christine Rantanen: attended personnel Committee, Road Commission, and FOPLC Union Negotiations.

Commissioner Patrick Carley: attended Road Commission and Planning Commission.

Sheriff J. Norrington stated his department is very busy, there have been some serious accidents on snowmobiles, and he is renewing the new copier request for his department which is paid for out of 911 funds.

Lisa Kleeman, Interim Road Commission Manager, stated that there has been communication that a memo is in the works from MDOT regarding the MERS Bonding issue.

Paul Walker stated that the City has a very busy summer planned for the residents.

Alan Barr, EDC Director, stated that there is a lot in the works.

Jill Maddox thanked the Board for letting the 11th Circuit Court advertise and train for the position that will be vacated when she retires.

Gary Demers stated that he was at the water front in 2009 when the orchestra was here last and it was well worth it.

Jill Maddox also stated she attended the last time the orchestra was here and they were great.

Announcements and Notices: None

Public Comment: None

Communications: None

At 5:20 p.m., meeting was turned over to Larry F. Mersnick, Audit-Finance Chairperson;

Chairperson Larry F. Mersnick addressed three signatures on the voucher for Timothy Noble for expenses to attend a conference.

Chairperson Larry F Mersnick addressed a voucher from Julie Roscioli for Cindy Nelson in the amount of \$218.75 and the need for the signed contract to be filed with the Clerk before any further vouchers can be paid.

It was moved Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to approve the Budget Increase request from David Maddox, District Court, for Office Supplies, line item 101-136-272.000, in the amount of \$1,158.45. 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 approve the claims and vouchers numbered **5211 through 5415**, inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Audit-Finance Chairperson Larry F. Mersnick stated there was no further audit-finance business to come before the board and turned the meeting back over to Chairperson Craig Reiter.

At 5:25 p.m. Chairperson Craig Reiter called for ten minute recess.

At 5:36 p.m. Chairperson Craig Reiter recalls the meeting to order, with all Board members present, and calls for further business.

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

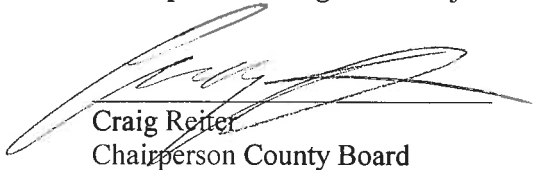
At 5:38 p.m. the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners went into Closed Session.

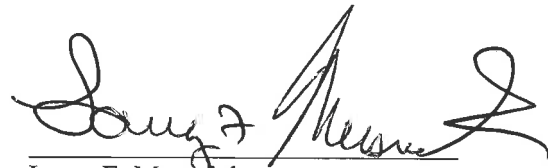
At 6:11 p.m. Chairperson Craig Reiter recalled the meeting from Closed Session with all Board members present.

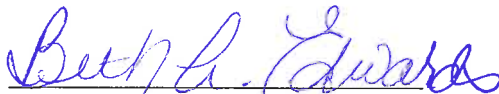
Chairperson Craig Reiter asked if there was any further business to come before the Board.

It was moved by Commissioner Christine Rantanen and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to adjourn.

Chairperson Craig Reiter adjourned the Board and Audit Finance Meeting at 6:14 P.M.


Craig Reiter
Chairperson County Board


Larry F. Mersnick
Audit-Finance Chairperson


Beth A. Edwards, County Clerk