

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

The Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners / Audit Finance Committee met on Thursday, January 14, 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 December 29, 2015 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 Larry F. Mersnick and was seconded by Commissioner Christine Rantanen to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2016 Annual Organizational 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 7, 2016 Special Board 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 Department Heads, Manistique River Update, and Closed Session at 14.5 on the Agenda. **It was moved** by Commissioner Patrick Carley and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to approve the agenda as amended. 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 Allan Ott to approve Julie Roscioli to mail out the invoices for Maintenance to the Carpenter Dam to the Townships. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Allan Ott and was seconded by Commissioner Patrick Carley to accept the Survey and Remonumentation Grant from the State of Michigan in the amount of \$52,934.00. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Christine Rantanen and was seconded by Commissioner Patrick Carley to approve the renewal of the Agreement for the Provision of Remonumentation Services with Peterson Surveying and Mike Peterson. 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 accept the County Investment Report given 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 Patrick Carley to appoint Bobbi Ayotte, Renae Kennedy, Jennifer Watson, and Kevin Knaffla to the EDC Board. 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 and make the change to Section 14.4 Final Paycheck, of Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual as follows:

“14.4 Final Paycheck: (Change)

A. Final paycheck for retiring or disabled employees shall contain wages, all unused annual leave. Employees hired before January 14, 2016 will also receive prorated longevity pay, and 50% of unused sick leave accrued to the effective date of termination (up to a maximum of 50% of 500 hours), plus one (1) month salary at the employee’s most recent rate. Such employee who shall later become rehired shall not be entitled to these same benefits for any subsequent termination due to retirement or disability. Exempt employees will be eligible for only one month’s salary (not unused annual leave or 50% unused sick leave).

3. In the event of death, the final paycheck shall contain wages, all unused annual leave. Employees hired before January 14, 2016 shall also receive 50% of sick leave accrued to the effective date of termination (up to a maximum of 50% of 500 hours), plus one (1) month salary at the employee’s most recent rate.”

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 and make the change to Section 15.4 Sick Leave, of Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual as follows:

“15.4 Sick Leave: (Change)

F. Any non-exempt employee hired before January 14, 2016 retiring or terminating employment for reasons of disability or death shall receive fifty percent (50%) of their credited accumulated and unused sick leave up to a maximum of five hundred (500) hours (500 hours x .5 = 250 hours of payout) at the regular hourly rate of the employee affected.”

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 Larry F. Mersnick to approve and make the change to Section 15.13 Retirement Plan, of Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual as follows:

“15.13 Retirement Plan: (Add)

E. All Employees’ hired after January 14th, 2016 will be responsible for 6% of their (Michigan Employees’ Retirement Act of 1984 being MCL 38.1501 et’ seq.)) MERS Cost.”

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 accept the FY2016 Snowmobile Law Enforcement Grant in the amount of \$8,000 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 Larry F. Mersnick and was seconded by Commissioner Christine Rantanen to send Fish and Hunt Shop/CanAm a letter of appreciation for the use of a snowmobile for one year at no charge to the County. 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/accept the amended/supplemental FY2014 Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$242.33 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 Larry F. Mersnick to approve/confirm Jennifer Watson to the Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees, term expiring December 31, 2018. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Phillip Wolf, CPA gave a presentation to the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners regarding the Pension Bonding Analysis for the Schoolcraft County Road Commission MERS Liability. No action taken at this time but will be on the next agenda.

It was moved by Commissioner Christine Rantanen and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to approve the reappointment of Patrick Carley to the Planning Commission effective January 1, 2016 and term expiring December 31, 2018. Role Call Vote as follows: Christine Rantanen, yes; Allan Ott, yes; Larry F. Mersnick, no; Patrick Carley, yes; Craig Reiter, yes. The motion carried by majority aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Patrick Carley to approve one-time performance pay for Department Heads/Elected Officials in the amount of \$1,000 and prorated for part-time offices. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all Board members present.

Commissioner Craig Reiter gave an update on the rising water on the Manistique River and read the advisory that had been issued:

“ADVERSE WEATHER/WATER CONCERNS

With the unusual weather patterns that have been experienced over the past month in the Schoolcraft County area, residents may have seen some unusual river levels. The City of Manistique, Schoolcraft County

Officials along with Zellar Paper Mill employees are monitoring the situation. We have been in contract with the Army Corp of Engineers, Coast Guard, DEQ, and MSP/EMHSD. The water levels are going down at this time. As this is unusual we want residents to be aware of this situation. Please be assured that if there is a danger of flooding we will advise residents immediately. Residents are being asked to be observant and report any flooding to Law Enforcement.”

Commissioner Craig Reiter also reported that the Manistique River had receded eleven inches in the last two nights. No action was taken.

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

Commissioner Craig Reiter: Board committee changes will be completed soon.

Commissioner Allan Ott: attended Medical Care Facility meeting.

Commissioner Larry Mersnick: attended LMAS and Audit-Finance Committee meetings.

Commissioner Christine Rantanen: None.

Commissioner Patrick Carley : attended the Planning Commission meeting.

Alan Barr, EDC Director, has been busy promoting business in Schoolcraft County.

Announcements and Notices: None

Public Comment: Liz Douglas addressed short-term rentals.

Chris Frazier addressed short-term rentals.

Jennifer Watson addressed short-term rentals.

Stacia Frazier addressed short-term rentals.

Alan Barr addressed needing the process to change the ordinance.

Sheriff J. Norrington addressed short-term rentals.

Chris Frazier addressed the ordinance for camper trailers use.

Dale Gould addressed short-term rentals.

Liz Douglas further addressed short-term rentals.

Craig Reiter addressed the Planning Commission and the ordinance.

Gary Demers addressed the Planning Commission.

Communication:

Commissioner Craig Reiter read a letter from Rapid Response One EMS stating they would no longer be available in Schoolcraft County for emergency 911 calls as of January 13, 2016.

At 5:50 p.m., Chairperson Craig Reiter recessed for 10 minutes.

At 6:01 p.m., Chairperson Craig Reiter recalled the meeting and it turned over to Audit-Finance Chairperson Larry F. Mersnick.

It was moved by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Christine Rantanen to approve the claims and vouchers numbered **4858 through 5066**, inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Patrick Carley to approve the Budget Increase request from David Maddox, District Court, for \$399 in line item 101-136-730.000 for drug testing supplies. 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 refer the Budget Increase request from David Maddox, District Court, for \$800 in line item 101-136-727.000 for office supplies to Audit-Finance Committee for further review as to the amount needed. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all Board members present.

At 6:05 p.m., **it was moved** by Commissioner Christine Rantanen and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to go into closed session to discuss the FOPLC Union Contract Negotiations parameters. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all Board members present.

At 6:30 p.m., Chairperson Craig Reiter recalled the meeting to order with all Board members being present.

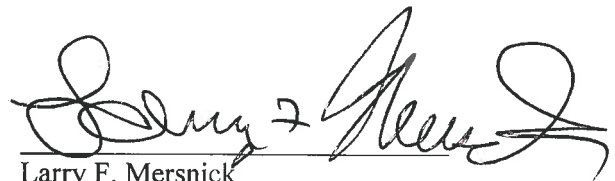
It was moved by Commissioner Larry F. Mersnick and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to allow Commissioner Craig Reiter and Commissioner Christine Rantanen to go back into negotiations with the FOPLC Union and allow Commissioner Craig Reiter and Commissioner Christine Rantanen to call in Edward Eppert for mediation services at their discretion. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all Board members present.

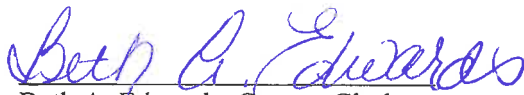
Chairperson Craig Reiter asked if there was any further business to come before the Board.

It was moved by Commissioner Larry F. Mersnick and Commissioner Allan Ott 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 6:34 P.M.


Craig Reiter
Chairperson County Board


Larry F. Mersnick
Audit-Finance Chairperson


Beth A. Edwards, County Clerk