

**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, July 13, 2017, in the District Courtroom of the Schoolcraft County Building, City of Manistique, Michigan. Chairperson Allan Ott 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 Daniel P. Hoholik  
                      Schoolcraft County Deputy Clerk Donna LaFoille

Absent:            Schoolcraft County Clerk Beth A. Edwards

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 Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Daniel Hoholik to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2017 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 Allan Ott asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections to the printed agenda. Commissioner Allan Ott asked to add the BS & A Contract. **It was moved** by Commissioner Christine Rantanen and was seconded by Commissioner Larry Mersnick 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 Mersnick and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to accept the Annual Audit Report for 2016 from Alan Stotz, Anderson, Tackman and Company, LLC. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

**The VA Requested** available space so that a Clinical Specialist may meet with veterans in private. This matter will be rescheduled for the next meeting to allow the Commissioners time to check on available space within the courthouse.

**It was moved** by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to accept the MERS Clarification to change the retirement benefit for new elected commissioners and the current commissioners. The roll call vote was as follows: Craig Reiter, yes: Allan Ott, yes: Larry Mersnick, no: Christine Rantanen, no: Daniel P. Hoholik, no: The motion failed by a majority vote of all members present.

**It was moved** by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Daniel P. Hoholik to accept the MDOT (Airport) Contract Extension (Contract No. 214-0771/A1) and to approve Chairperson Allan Ott to sign the contract. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

**It was moved** by Commissioner Larry Mersnick and was seconded by Christine Rantanen to accept the resignation of Paul Wood from the 911 committee. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of all members.

**It was moved** by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Christine Rantanen to accept the Folk Fest Resolution naming Stan Zellar as the 2017 Folk Fest Hero. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of all members.

**It was moved** by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Christine Rantanen to accept the BS & A Contract and to approve Chairperson Allan Ott to sign the contract. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

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

**Commissioner Craig Reiter:** 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit Mtg (Defense Plan) Executive Committee, Germfask/Mueller Comm. Mtg,

**Commissioner Allan Ott** - Six County

**Commissioner Larry Mersnick** – Six County, LMAS, Road Commission, UPCAP

Commissioner Christine Rantanen: Sr. Center – working on amount of renewal on millage  
Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik: EPC, Road Commission

Sheriff Department: Jail overcrowded. Undersheriff wants to have a Media Day when supplies come in for Life Tracker Program. Has been speaking with Ashley at the Tribune to set up.

Clerk's Office: None

Treasurer: Would like to reschedule MERS Regional meeting. Was cancelled due to weather earlier in year.

Announcements and Notices: None

Public Comment: Don Rochefort commented on the Veteran's request for meeting space


Communications: Commissioner Craig Reiter addressed the Recreation Plan. The Master Plan has to be updated.

At 5:07 p.m., meeting was turned over to Larry Mersnick, Audit-Finance Chairperson;

**It was moved** by Chairperson Allan Ott and was seconded by Commissioner Christine Rantanen to approve the claims and vouchers numbered **174895 through 175070**, inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Chairperson Larry Mersnick asked if there was any further business to come before the Board.

**Chairperson Larry Mersnick** adjourned the Board and Audit Finance Meeting at 5:12 P.M.

  
Allan Ott  
Chairperson County Board

  
Beth A. Edwards, County Clerk

  
Larry F. Mersnick  
Audit-Finance Chairperson