

**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 27, 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 Daniel P. Hoholik  
                      Schoolcraft County Clerk Beth A. Edwards

Absent:            Commissioner Christine Rantanen (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 Daniel P. Hoholik to approve the minutes of the July 13, 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 remove MERS and add 911 Addressing Stipend. **It was moved** by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Larry F. 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”: VA office space for a visiting therapist was discussed and a request for a formal written recommendation for the VA Board was made. This matter will be put on the next agenda.

**New Business**: It was moved by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to approve \$7,500 per year plus mileage to Jamie Lippens for the duties of 911Addressing. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik to approve the Childcare Fund Grant Application in the amount of \$380,142.87 and authorize Allan Ott, Chairperson to sign the same. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all Board members present.

Connie Frenette, Senior Center Director, addressed the proposed Senior Center Millage. It was moved by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Allan Ott to approve the Senior Millage language submitted for the November Ballot with three changes (noted) as follows:

“This proposal will authorize a single new senior operational millage to rescind and replace the existing millage authorization of 0.4697 mill which the voters previously approved in August 2012. (~~Manistique Senior Citizens Center~~) This new senior operational millage, in the amount up to 0.62 mill, would provide funds to Schoolcraft County for the benefit of senior citizens throughout the County, including operations, services, and activities for a period of five years (2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022 inclusive). It is estimated that 0.62 mill will generate approximately \$219,507.72 when first levied in 2018.”

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 Daniel P. Hoholik to approve the a three year contract with ESET (Antivirus Software- 40 Computers) in the amount of \$1,637.50. 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 Allan Ott to approve and support the Schoolcraft Community Giving Christmas Program for Families with Children 2% Funding Request from the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and also authorize Allan Ott, Chairperson, to sign the Application and the Letter of Support. 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 Daniel P. Hoholik to accept the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) Grant Agreement for new voting machines from the State of Michigan and authorize Allan Ott, Chairperson 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 Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik to move \$26,092 from Fund 661, Restricted cash-Sheriff Car to regular cash for purchase of the new patrol car. 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 E911, Community Action, HBH, Doyle Township and EDC meetings.

**Commissioner Allan Ott:** attended Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital meeting.

**Commissioner Larry Mersnick:** attended Road Commission, LMAS, Six County, U.P. Energy Board, and VA Board meetings.

**Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik:** attended Medical Care Facility and Road Commission meetings.

**Announcements and Notices:** None

**Public Comment:**

Linda Weber addressed the \$1,500 sign on bonus for CENA's and exit interviews at Schoolcraft Medical Care Facility.

Tonya Leik addressed exit interviews.

Craig Reiter addressed the Medical Care Facility.

Penny Carlson addressed the VA Office Space request.

Connie Frenette addressed the Senior Millage language.

**Communications:** None

At 7:35 p.m., meeting was turned over to Larry Mersnick, Audit-Finance Chairperson;

Commissioner Larry F. Mersnick addressed three signatures on the Berger Chevrolet Voucher from the Sheriff's Department now that the money has been moved from Restricted Cash.

**It was moved** by Commissioner Allan Ott and was seconded by Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik to approve the claims and vouchers numbered **175071 through 175186**, inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

**It was moved** by Commissioner Allan Ott and was seconded by Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik to approve the Budget Adjustments **BE 197-17 to BE 216-17**, inclusive. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all Board members present.

At 7:37 p.m., the meeting was turned back over to Allan Ott, Board 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 Larry F. Mersnick.

**Chairperson Allan Ott** adjourned the Board and Audit Finance Meeting at 7:38 P.M.

  
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Allan Ott  
Chairperson County Board

  
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Larry F. Mersnick  
Audit-Finance Chairperson

  
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Beth A. Edwards, County Clerk