

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

The Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners / Audit Finance Committee met on Thursday, July 28, 2016 in the District Courtroom of the Schoolcraft County Building, City of Manistique, Michigan. Chairperson Craig Reiter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The roll was called with the following members present and/or absent:

Present:           Chairperson Craig Reiter  
                      Vice-Chairperson Larry Mersnick  
                      Commissioner Allan Ott  
                      Commissioner Patrick Carley  
                      Commissioner Christine Rantanen  
                      Schoolcraft County Deputy Clerk Donna LaFoille

Absent:            Beth A. Edwards, Schoolcraft County Clerk

Also Present:    Schoolcraft County Deputy Treasurer Jane Couwlier-Bridges

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 Larry Mersnick and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to approve the minutes of the July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 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 offered to move the EDC Millage language to the August 11, 2016 date and to update under old and unfinished business Police Cars. **It was moved** by Commissioner Larry Mersnick and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to approve the amended agenda. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

**“Public Hearings”:** None.

**“Brief Public Comment”:** James Wayne, Disabled American Veteran 6<sup>th</sup> Commander, commended the Council for updating the situation for Service Officer Penny Carlson. They will offer any support and assistance that they can.

**“Old and Unfinished Business”:** Commissioner Craig Reiter addressed Fleet Gas Cards for county vehicles. Lakeshore Shell Gas has suggested setting up local account. **It was moved by** Commissioner Allan Ott and was seconded by Commissioner Larry Mersnick to allow Commissioner Craig Reiter to sign an agreement with Lakeshore Shell to charge the fuel and the county will be billed bi-weekly.

Sheriff John Norrington presented expenses for the Ford Taurus from January 2016 to July 14, 2016 which totaled \$3,392.24. Vehicle is back on the road as of July 22, 2016. Also discussion on purchase of two 2010 Crown Victoria vehicles thru EBay. Purchase was approved by all commissioners. Total purchase price was \$17,400.00.

USDA Grant is for \$13,000.00. Sheriff Norrington spoke to Mr. Yoder today in regards to Grant for new vehicle and won't know anything until September 2016.

Sheriff Norrington also presented price of \$31,286.00 for new 4 door Explorer from Renze Ford. If new vehicle is purchased will need decals. He has light bars. Can use radios from Rapid Response vehicles.

**“New Business”:** **It was moved by** Commissioner Christine Rantanen and was seconded by Commissioner Patrick Carley to approve the Veterans Service Office and Veterans Relief Fund Millage increase from 0.1 to 0.2 for 5 years. The fund will be used to allow fulltime operation of the VA Service Officer and Relief Fund, and has been approved by the Veterans Council. Will be on the November ballot. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

Jackie Jenerou gave Coalition Presentation. Ms. Jenerou is the Prevention Coordinator at Great Lakes Recovery and Coalition Coordinator for North Care. The program is called Schoolcraft County Community that Cares and is a 5 phase period program, evidence based and community driven. Program will be tailored made for each community. Data collected from CTC survey can be used for grants by anyone. Funding is from North Care.

**It was moved by** Commissioner Patrick Carley and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to approve the Snowmobile Law Enforcement Grant Application in the amount of \$9,291.00. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

**It was moved by** Commissioner Christine Rantanen and was seconded by Commissioner Patrick Carley to approve the ORV Law Enforcement Grant Application in the amount of \$4,618.00. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

**It was moved by** Commissioner Christine Rantanen and was seconded by Commissioner Patrick Carley to approve the Resolution to Adopt Ordinance 4, Ordinance to Amend the County Zoning Ordinance Regarding Bed and Breakfasts. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

**It was moved by** Commissioner Patrick Carley and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to approve and to sign the C2AE Billing contract which is signed monthly. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

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

**Commissioner Patrick Carley:** attended Road Commission Meeting

**Commissioner Christine Rantanen:** attended Commission on Aging, Public Transit, and Medicare.

**Commissioner Larry Mersnick:** None.

**Commissioner Allan Ott:** attended Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital Meeting

**Commissioner Craig Reiter:** MAC Regional Summit.

Sheriff John Norrington, will make calls on scrapping the Expedition vehicle.

Mike Hickey, Soil Conservation, efforts focused on invasive species around the local lakes.

Penny Carlson, Veterans Office, reported since October retro pay of \$43,000.00 paid out to veterans. More veterans coming into office since she has regular hours.

Paul Walker for City, spoke in regards to the millage for the Senior Center in November and to remind everyone of Salmon Derby and Schoolcraft County Fair this weekend

**“Announcements and Notices:”** None

**“Public Comment:”** Wilbur LaBar on behalf of the Veterans of Schoolcraft County wanted to thank the Board for their support.

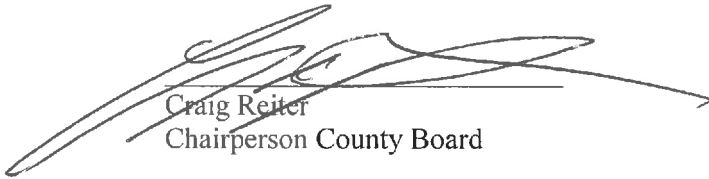
Melody Joy Patterson spoke in regards to campaigning for Representative for the 109<sup>th</sup> District

**“Communications:”** None


**It was moved** by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to approve the claims numbered **6961 through 7119**, inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

**It was moved** by Commissioner Patrick Carley and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter Rantanen to approve vouchers numbered **BE 76-16 to BE 130-16** inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.


Audit Finance Chairperson Craig Reiter adjourned the Board Meeting at 7:45 P.M.



Craig Reiter  
Chairperson County Board



Larry F. Mersnick  
Audit Finance Committee, Chairperson



Beth A. Edwards, County Clerk



Donna Sullivan, Deputy