

**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, May 11, 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 Clerk Beth A. Edwards

Absent:           None

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 Christine Rantanen to approve the minutes of the April 27, 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 delete the Medical Care Facility Annual Report from the agenda. **It was moved** by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik 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”: **It was moved** by Commissioner Christine Rantanen and was seconded by Commissioner Larry F. Mersnick to approve the Millage Language:

“CONSOLIDATED BALLOT EXPLANTION FOR A HIGHER  
REPLACEMENT MILLAGE PROPOSAL TO TAKE AFFECT IN 2017  
BEFORE TH 2017 ALREADY AUTHORIZED MILLAGE HAS EXPIRED.

This proposal will authorize a single new consolidated Schoolcraft Conservation District millage to rescind and replace the existing millage authorization of 0.0535 mills which voters previously approved in August of 2012 and which would otherwise expire with the 2017 millage levy. The additional revenue would be used for outreach and staffing, forestry assistance for private land owners, scholarships, and educational programs in the local school districts and at the Environmental Lab. In addition, the ability to research, acquire, fund and implement resource conservation grants would be enhanced along with the resulting increase in revenues brought into our county.

CONSAERTION DISTRICT MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the County of Schoolcraft, Michigan, be increased to 0.22 mills (22 cents per thousand dollars of taxable value) for a period of ten (10) years, 2017 to 2026 inclusive, to provide funding for conservation, forestry and education purposes by the Schoolcraft Conservation District. It is estimated that the proposal, if approved by the voters, would raise approximately \$78,240 when first levied in 2017.”

presented by the Schoolcraft County Soil Conservation for the November 2017 Election ballot.

The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all Board members present.

**“New Business”:** It was moved by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Christine Rantanen to designate “May 2017 Community Action Month” and authorize Chairperson Allan Ott to sign the proclamation. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Christine Rantanen and was seconded by Commissioner Larry F. Mersnick to accept the resignation of Father Ben Paris as a member of the Economic Development Corporation Board and thank him for his service to the community. 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 allow EDC to receive the 911 addresses free of charge from the Equalization Department without paying the \$250 fee for the purpose of determining the feasibility of Broadband Internet throughout the County through Northern Michigan University. 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 approve the Resolution for Purchase of New Voting System - Grant Agreement (Grant will cover purchase of equipment and first five years of maintenance contract and Schoolcraft County would be responsible for years six through ten of the maintenance contract) and authorize Allan Ott, Chairperson, to sign the Resolution. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all Board members present.

**It was moved** by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik to purchase APEX Sketch 6 Pro Assessor Single License Software in the amount of \$595. 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 Christine Rantanen to 44 North Resolution to Provide Employees with continued benefits and authorize Chairperson Allan Ott to sign the Resolution. 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 CUPPAD, CAA, EDC, Executive Committee, LMAS, 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit Judicial Meeting, HBH, and Germfask and Mueller Township meetings.

**Commissioner Allan Ott:** attended CUPPAD, Executive Committee, and Six County meetings.

**Commissioner Larry Mersnick:** attended LMAS, 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit Judicial, Six County, and Road Commission meetings.

**Commissioner Christine Rantanen:** None.

**Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik:** attended MCF, DHHS, and Road Commission meetings.

Sheriff Paul Furman stated the jail is full and also at the last meeting it was approved that Paul Wood would continue the 911 addressing and mapping for mileage pending the 911 Board approval. The 911 Board has approved that and Paul Wood will be continuing as discussed.

Darrell Dixson addressed Laurie Jasmin, Schoolcraft County Community Foundation, presented a check to himself and Sheriff Furman in the amount of \$1,000 for support of the Life Tracker System and also received a check from the Women's Club. He also put a Press Release regarding a Drone Demo for water rescue.

Tim Noble stated the jail is full and he is busy.

Tom White thanked Commissioner Christine Rantanen for her help and the whole board for the millage language approval.

Bruce Birr the Soil Conservation District gave a Scholarship for Trees for Tomorrow program to Mason Santi.

Alan Barr stated he has been busy with several things including the broadband project.

**Announcements and Notices:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**Communications:** None

At 4:45 p.m., meeting was turned over to Larry Mersnick, Audit-Finance Chairperson;

**It was moved** by Commissioner Christine Rantanen and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to approve District Court budget increase Drug Testing line item 101-136-730.000 in the amount of \$1,200 from over revenues. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

**It was moved** by Commissioner Allan Ott and was seconded by Commissioner Christine Rantanen to approve Building and Grounds Department budget increase Parking Lot Repair line item 496-901-974.100 in the amount of \$3,000 and approve the funds be transferred from Restricted Fund line item. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.


**It was moved** by Commissioner Christine Rantanen and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to approve the claims and vouchers numbered **174297 through 174492**, inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.


At 4:54 p.m., the meeting was turned back over to Chairperson Allan Ott.


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 Christine Rantanen to adjourn. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all Board members present.

**Chairperson Allan Ott** adjourned the Board and Audit Finance Meeting at 4:56 P.M.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Allan Ott  
Chairperson County Board

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Larry F. Mershick  
Audit-Finance Chairperson

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Beth A. Edwards, County Clerk