

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

**AMENDED**

The Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners / Audit Finance Committee met on Thursday, May 26, 2016, in the Circuit 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:           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 Larry F. Mersnick and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2016 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 Craig Reiter asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections to the printed agenda. Commissioner Craig Reiter asked to add Blue Cross/Blue Shield and 44 North County Designee, MISHDA Partial Lien Release, Medical Care Facility MOE Request, DTR Fund and Foreclosure Fund Vouchers, and Letter regarding Propane Tank in Thompson. **It was moved** by Commissioner Patrick Carley and was seconded by Commissioner Christine Rantanen to approve the amended agenda. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

“Public Hearings”: None

“Brief Public Comment”: **Chris Frazer addressed Short-term Rentals and voting of current Planning Commission Board members with ability to manage, operate, or profit from Short-term rentals.**

**Commissioner Craig Reiter addressed Reiter's Web Design, Inc. and closed public comment.**

**Commissioner Chris Rantanen addressed proper use of public comment.**

**Commissioner Craig Reiter withdrew his prior comments.**

"Unfinished Business": None

**"New Business"**: It was moved by Commissioner Allan Ott and was seconded by Commissioner Larry F. Mersnick to appoint Beth A. Edwards, County Clerk, as the Schoolcraft County Representative for Blue Cross/Blue Shield and 44 North. 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 authorize Craig Reiter, Chairperson to sign the Partial Release for the MISHDA Loan/Mortgage for Merton W. LaBar and Elizabeth Ann LaBar pursuant to the recommendation of our MISHDA Representative.

**It was moved** by Commissioner Larry F. Mersnick and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to approve the advertisement and publication for yearly gas bids without the gallon estimate included. 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 Patrick Carley to approve the advertisement and publication for Computer Services Bids. 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 Patrick Carley to accept the verbal and written report given by Tonya Leik of the Schoolcraft Medical Care Facility. 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 ~~Christine Rantanen~~ **Craig Reiter** to approve the release of \$120,000 Maintenance Of Effort (MOE) Money held by the County for MOE payment use by the Schoolcraft Medical Care

Facility when the CD matures. 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 the appointment of Dianne Ylinen to the Commission on Aging, term expiring December 31, 2016. 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 Larry F. Mersnick to appoint Mark Rivard as the Schoolcraft County Zoning Administrator with a yearly contract review. 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 Larry F. Mersnick to authorize Craig Reiter, Chairperson, to sign the contract for the Schoolcraft County Zoning Administrator. 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 the Zoning Ordinance Amendments Short-term Rentals (Section 6.21, Section 4.06, and Section 2.02) as presented by the Schoolcraft County Planning Commission. There was discussion. Roll Call Vote as follows: Patrick Carley, yes; Christine Rantanen, yes; Allan Ott, yes; Larry F. Mersnick, yes; Craig Reiter, abstain. The motion carried by a majority aye vote of all Board members present.

**It was moved** by Commissioner Patrick Carley and was seconded by Commissioner Larry F. Mersnick to approve the Zoning Ordinance Amendment Wind Energy Harvest Sites (Section 6.19) as presented by the Schoolcraft County Planning Commission. There was discussion. 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 ~~Patrick Carley~~ **Christine Rantanen** to approve the DTR Fund and Foreclosure Fund vouchers and checks should follow the normal process of the County including the three signature approval voucher process for emergency checks. 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 acknowledge receipt of the letter from Perry and Karen Thon regarding the Propane tank in Thompson Township with a response letter stating that the State of Michigan inspectors have looked into this matter and that there is nothing that can be done. 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 SUD meeting.

**Commissioner Allan Ott:** none

**Commissioner Larry Mersnick:** attended UP Commissioner meeting, Finance Committee meeting, and the ~~Thompson~~ Hiawatha Township meeting.

**Commissioner Christine Rantanen:** attended Medical Care Facility meeting, Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital Meeting, Public Transit meeting and Emergency Management meeting.

**Commissioner Patrick Carley :** attended the Road Commission meeting.

Julie Roscioli, County Treasurer, addressed the DTR Fund and the Foreclosure fund vouchers and checks.

Sheriff J. Norrington attended a drug conference and also addressed the need for a new patrol car.

**Announcements and Notices:** None

**Public Comment:** Dixie Anderson addressed her request to be put on the Board agenda and the resolution regarding the pipeline independent inspection across the Straits of Mackinaw.

**Communications:** None

At 8:23 p.m., Chairperson Craig Reiter calls for a short recess.

At 8:32 p.m., Chairperson Craig Reiter recalls the meeting to order with all Board members present.

Commissioner Craig Reiter addressed the permit and renewal permit fees for short-term rentals and the fact that it was not included in the motion prior. **It was moved** by Commissioner Patrick Carley and was seconded by Commissioner Christine Rantanen to set the Short-term Rental

Permit Fee at \$250 and the Renewal Permit Fee at \$50. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all Board members present.

At 8:36 p.m., meeting was turned over to Larry Mersnick, Audit-Finance Chairperson;

**It was moved** by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to approve the Budget Increase submitted by Sheriff J. Norrington for Registration Fees (101-305-809.000) in the amount of \$200 for conference. Roll Call Vote as follows: Craig Reiter, yes; Allan Ott, yes; Patrick Carley, no; Christine Rantanen, yes; Larry F. Mersnick, yes. The motion carried by a majority aye vote of the Board members present.

**It was moved** by Commissioner Christine Rantanen and was seconded by Commissioner to approve budget adjustments numbered **JR-250-16** through **JR-270-16**, inclusive and adjustments numbered **BE-1-16** through **BE 33-16**. 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 claims and vouchers numbered **6281** through **6390**, inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

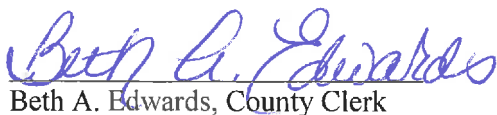
At 8: 51 p.m., Chairperson Larry F. Mersnick turned the meeting back over to Craig Reiter.

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

**Chairperson Craig Reiter** adjourned the Board and Audit Finance Meeting at 8:51 P.M.



Craig Reiter  
Chairperson County Board



Beth A. Edwards, County Clerk



Larry F. Mersnick  
Audit-Finance Chairperson