

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

The Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners / Audit Finance Committee met on Tuesday, November 29, 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: 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 Patrick Carley and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to approve the minutes of the November 10, 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.]

It was moved by Commissioner Patrick Carley and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2016 Executive (Closed) Meeting of the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Chairperson Craig Reiter asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections to the printed agenda. Commissioner Craig Reiter asked to move the Closed Session to 15.5 on the agenda and add Last Meeting of December Date, MISHDA Mortgage Discharge, C2AE Billing, and delete Public Defender. **It was moved** by Commissioner Larry F. Mersnick and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to approve the amended agenda. There was discussion. The Motion was amended further to not delete but move Public Defender to the bottom of New Business and 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 Allan Ott to increase the DHHS Budget by \$2,500 as requested. 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 Patrick Carley to approve the appointment of Keith Rochefort to the Planning Commission, term expiring December 31, 2019. 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 Patrick Carley to approve a title search of the Gulliver Lake Dam be completed to determine ownership, the cost shall not exceed \$500. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all Board members present.

Commissioner Craig Reiter addressed the 5 Year Recreation Plan. He had contacted MSU and was advised that they no longer do those projects. Also contacted CUPPAD regarding the development of a plan and he is awaiting a proposal. No Board action taken.

It was moved by Commissioner Larry F. Mersnick and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to approve the County Incentive Program Document and authorize Chairperson Craig Reiter to sign the Certification. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all Board members present.

Commissioner Craig Reiter addressed the Public Defender proposal with Alger County and further addressed Kathryn Denholm regarding the same. The information that Kathryn Denholm had received was that Alger County was not interested and the information that Craig Reiter had received was the opposite. Further information needed to be gathered. No Board action taken.

It was moved by Commissioner Larry F. Mersnick and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to change the last meeting in December to December 20, 2016 at 3 p.m. 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 approve Chairperson Craig Reiter to sign the MISHDA Mortgage Discharge and authorize Menominee-Delta-Schoolcraft Community Action Agency, Third Party Administrator, to receive payoff checks and deposit in a fund designated for Schoolcraft County and report quarterly on the account status. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Allan Ott and was seconded by Commissioner Christine Rantanen to authorize Chairperson Craig Reiter to sign the C2AE Billing for Project No. 14-0092 in the amount of \$1,166.80. 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 Personnel Committee Meeting, HBH Finance and Regular Meeting, and Mueller Township Meeting.

Commissioner Allan Ott: attended Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital Meeting.

Commissioner Larry Mersnick: attended Audit-Finance Committee meeting.

Commissioner Christine Rantanen: attended Transit Authority and Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital meeting.

Commissioner Patrick Carley : attended Road Commission Meeting.

Beth Edwards stated that the State Wide Recount is in progress and planning has started.

Jane Bridges stated the Tax Bills will be going out tomorrow.

Bruce Birr introduced himself as the new District Manager of the Soil Conservation District.

Announcements and Notices: None

Public Comment: None.

Communications: None.

At 7:58 p.m., meeting was turned over to Larry Mersnick, Audit-Finance Chairperson;

It was moved Commissioner Christine Rantanen and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to approve the Longevity Pay Vouchers. The motion was carried by unanimous aye vote fo the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Christine Rantanen and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to approve the claims and vouchers numbered **8222 through 8373**, 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 Christine Rantanen to approve budget adjustments numbered **BE-12-17** through **BE-25-17**, inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Audit-Finance Chairperson Larry F. Mersnick turned the meeting back over to Chairperson Craig Reiter.

At 8:12 p.m. It was moved by Commissioner Larry F. Mersnick and was seconded by Commissioner Christine Rantanen to go into Executive (Closed) Session to discuss the AFSCME and FOPLC Union Negotiations. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

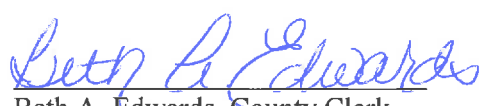
At 8:45 p.m., Chairperson Craig Reiter recalled the meeting to open session and all Board members were present.

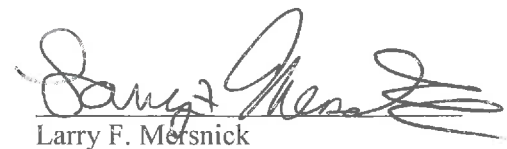
Chairperson Craig Reiter asked if there was any further business to come before the Board.

It was moved by Commissioner Patrick Carley and was seconded by Commissioner Christine Rantanen to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Chairperson Craig Reiter adjourned the Board and Audit Finance Meeting at 8:46 P.M.


Craig Reiter
Chairperson County Board


Beth A. Edwards, County Clerk


Larry F. Mersnick
Audit-Finance Chairperson