

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

AMENDED

The Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioner's Board Meeting / Audit Finance Meeting met on Thursday, November 30, 2017, in the District Courtroom of the Schoolcraft County Building, City of Manistique, Michigan. Vice-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 Larry F. Mersnick
 Commissioner Christine Rantanen
 Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik
 Schoolcraft County Clerk Beth A. Edwards

Absent: Commissioner Allan Ott (excused)

Vice-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.

Vice-Chairperson Craig Reiter asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections to the printed agenda. Vice-Chairperson Craig Reiter asked to add approval of the November 9, 2017, Executive Board Minutes, Equalization Director's Quarterly Report to Old Business, and County Incentive Program Submission and signature to New Business. **It was moved** by Commissioner Christine Rantanen 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.

It was moved by Commissioner Larry F. Mersnick and was seconded by Commissioner Christine Rantanen to approve the minutes of the November 9, 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.]

It was moved by Commissioner Christine Rantanen and was seconded by Commissioner Larry F. Mersnick to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2017 Executive (Closed) Meeting of the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

“Public Hearings”: None

“Brief Public Comment”: None

“Unfinished Business”: Dulcee Ranta, Schoolcraft County Equalization Director, gave the quarterly Equalization report with positive outlook and how things are moving within her department.

“New Business”:

It was moved by Commissioner Christine Rantanen and was seconded by Commissioner Larry F. Mersnick to approve the 2107 County Incentive Program and authorize Craig Reiter, Vice-Chairperson, to sign the same. 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 Application for Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program by David Robere and authorize the submission to MDARD. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik and was seconded by Commissioner Larry F. Mersnick to approve the DNR land trade proposal for “The Shack” property in Hiawatha Township. 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 a 3.5% increase in pay for extra duties by Steve Videtich, Julie Roscioli and Beth Edwards. 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 and accept the Local Corrections Officer Training Grant

Contract/Advanced & Basic Corrections Training in the amount of \$17,554. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all Board members present.

Sheriff Paul Furman addressed the Inmate Medical Coverage. He is working on coverage with a doctor from Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital, would like to hire a nurse for 10 hours per week being an employee of Schoolcraft County, talking with Putvin Drug Store for prescriptions, and no longer paying the contracted company for these services. He will bring this to the Audit Finance Committee.

It was moved by Commissioner Christine Rantanen and was seconded by Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik to appoint Dianne Bowler to the Commission on Aging Board, term expiring December 31, 2019. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all Board members present.

At 7:33 p.m., Commissioner Craig Reiter removed himself from the quorum at the table and sat in the audience as he has a conflict of interest regarding the legal representation of the zoning issue in Thompson Township. Meeting was turned over to Audit-Finance Chairperson, Larry Mersnick.

It was moved by Commissioner Christine Rantanen and was seconded by Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik to allow Tim Noble, Schoolcraft County Prosecutor, to move forward with representation of Schoolcraft County on Zoning questions regarding the Thompson Township's large propane tank. There was discussion. **Commissioner Christine Rantanen and Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik restated the motion as follows:** allow Tim Noble, Schoolcraft County Prosecutor, to move forward with representation of Schoolcraft County on Zoning questions regarding the Thompson Township's large propane tank as long as he is agreeable and comfortable doing so and if he is not, then this matter would be referred to Attorney Michael Homier. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all Board members present.

At 7:42 p.m., Commissioner Craig Reiter returned to the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners quorum at the table.

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

Commissioner Craig Reiter: attended HBH and CUPPAD meetings.

Commissioner Larry Mersnick: attended County Road Commission, LMAS, and Six County meetings.

Commissioner Christine Rantanen: attended MCF and Transit meetings.

Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik: attended MCF meeting.

Mark Rivard addressed replacement of Marilyn Benish prior to her retirement in the Building Code Department.

Sheriff Paul Furman the Jail Architect will be here for a meeting on the 11th or 12th of December.

Keith Rochefort addressed the Road Commissioner and the purchase of two new pickups and a new loader.

Undersheriff Darrell Dixson addressed the new House Check Program and there are 21 houses on the list already. Report given on the Life Tracker Program.

Announcements and Notices: None

Public Comment: Mark Rivard thanked Marilyn Benish for her service.

Marilyn Benish thanked everyone and would like the secretarial position stay a union position.

Communications: None

It was moved by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Christine Rantanen to approve the budget adjustments *9-18 through 18-18*, inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Christine Rantanen and was seconded by Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik to approve the claims and vouchers numbered *176218 through 176380*, inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

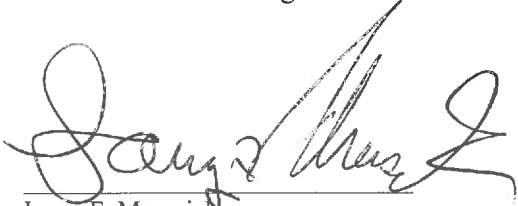
Audit-Finance Chairperson Larry Mersnick asked if there was any further business to come before the Board.

It was moved by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Christine Rantanen to adjourn.

Chairperson Larry Mersnick adjourned the Board and Audit Finance Meeting at 7:53 P.M.



Allan Ott
Chairperson County Board



Larry F. Mersnick
Audit-Finance Chairperson



Beth A. Edwards, County Clerk