

**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, November 9, 2017, in the District Courtroom of the Schoolcraft County Building, City of Manistique, Michigan. Chairperson Allan Ott called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. The roll was called with the following members present and/or absent:

Present: Commissioner Allan Ott
 Commissioner Craig Reiter
 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 Larry F. Mersnick and was seconded by Commissioner Daniel Hoholik to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2017 Board and Audit-Finance Meeting of the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners. Vote as follows; Larry F. Mersnick, yes; Daniel Hoholik, yes; Christine Rantanen, abstain; Craig Reiter, yes; Allan Ott, yes. The motion carried by majority 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 add Gulliver Lake Update. **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”: None

“New Business”: It was moved by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Larry Mersnick to move Equalization Update to November 30, 2017 meeting. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote by all board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Larry F. Mersnick and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Retier to accept the snow plow bid from Graphos Year Round for the 2018 winter in the amount of \$85.00 per push. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote by all board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Christine Rantanen and was seconded by Commissioner Larry F. Mersnick to approve the Indigent Defense Plan Standards 1-4 and authorize Allan Ott, Chairperson to sign the plan. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote by all board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Daniel Hoholik to transfer the use of the Sheriff’s Department Black and White to the District Court Probation with the gas, oil, and maintenance to be paid from the 220 Fund. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote by all board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Christine Rantanen to approve the renewal of the Blue Cross Blue Shield plan as presented by 44North and authorize Allan Ott, Chairperson to sign the Letter of Understanding with the AFSCME and FOPLC. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote by all board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Daniel Hoholik to Opt Out of PA 152 for 2018. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote by all board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Daniel Hoholik and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to approve the contract of Byce & Associates in the amount of \$19,500 for a Schoolcraft County Feasibility Study for the Jail, B/A Project #17100252 and authorize Allan Ott, Chairperson, to sign the contract. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote by all board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Daniel Hoholik to authorize Allan Ott, Chairperson to sign the Gulliver Lake Dam Easements, nunc pro tunc. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote by all board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Larry F. Mersnick and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter for Schoolcraft County to not take ownership of the Gulliver Lake Dam as previously approved, approve CUPPAD to apply for the MDNR Grant for the Gulliver Lake Dam, Schoolcraft County commitment of 10% matching funds of grant amount no more than \$8,995, special assessment to Gulliver Lake Property Association, and get a final bill from John Wood for his services. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote by all board members present.

Commissioner Craig Reiter gave an update on Gulliver Lake Dam Project the grant did not require Schoolcraft County to assume ownership of this dam, once the grant is turned in the 10% commitment could be paid by \$2,500 commitment from Doyle Township and the remainder could be absorbed by the County or it could be assessed thru a special assessment district which could include the attorney fees of Mr. Wood.

It was moved by Commissioner Larry F. Mersnick and was seconded by Commissioner Christine Rantanen to move the closed session after Audit Claims and Vouchers on the Agenda. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote by all board members present.

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

Commissioner Craig Reiter: attended LMAS, Budget meeting for Michigan Association of Community Mental Health, Community Action, and EDC meetings.

Commissioner Allan Ott: attended EDC/Schoolcraft Tourism and Commerce meeting.

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

Commissioner Christine Rantanen: attended employee appreciation lunch today.

Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik: attended Audit-Finance Committee, Road Commission, Jail feasibility work, and employee appreciation lunch.

Beth A. Edwards, County Clerk, the election is complete with the new voting equipment. Actual voting went smoothly with a little trouble with some townships submitting their results, but will work on those issues to get them fixed.

Bruce Birr, Soil Conservation District, stated that he is disappointed about the election results but the Soil Conservation District is here to help in any way they can.

Darrell Dixon, Under Sheriff, stated that the residential checks have started and they have had a great response to the program.

Beth Edwards, County Clerk, thanked the Building and Grounds Department for their help with the recent changes in the Clerk/ROD office.

Announcements and Notices: None

Public Comment: Rob Bosanic addressed the recent jail talks as to the proposal being just Schoolcraft County or a regional concept.

Keith Rochefort addressed the Gulliver Lake Dam and ownership.

Communications: None

At 5:03 p.m., meeting was turned over to Larry F. Mersnick, Audit-Finance Chairperson;

It was moved by Commissioner Allan Ott and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to approve the claims and vouchers numbered **176056 through 176217**, inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

At 5:05 p.m., meeting was turned back over to Chairperson Allan Ott.

It was moved by Commissioner Larry F. Mersnick and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to go into Closed Session to discuss the Legal Opinion from Attorney Michael Homier regarding McDonald Lake Dam.

At 5:06 p.m., Board of Commissioners went into Closed Session.


At 5:40 p.m., Chairperson Allan Ott recalled the Board and Audit-Finance Meeting back to Open Session.

It was moved by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik to authorize Attorney Michael Homier to respond to Attorney Bruce Plackowski's letter regarding the McDonald Lake Dam, Schoolcraft County's responsibility, and special assessment district being established consistent with Attorney Michael Homier's opinion. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all Board members present.

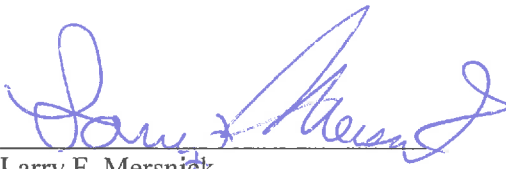
Chairperson Allan Ott asked if there was any further business to come before the Board.

It was moved by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to adjourn the meeting.

Chairperson Allan Ott adjourned the Board and Audit Finance Meeting at 5:42 P.M.


Allan Ott
Vice-Chairperson County Board


Beth A. Edwards, County Clerk


Larry F. Mersnick
Audit-Finance Chairperson