

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

The Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners / Audit Finance Committee met on Thursday, September 22, 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 September 8, 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 USDA Rural Development Patrol Car Grant and delete Gulliver Lake Dam Grant. **It was moved** by Commissioner Larry F. Mersnick and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott 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”:

Steve Sutton, of DNR, and team including Jessica Barber of US Fish and Wildlife Service addressed the Manistique River Dam Sea Lamprey Project Barrier. There was discussion. There was no action as this was information only.

It was moved by Commissioner Allan Ott and was seconded by Commissioner Christine Rantanen to approve and accept the 2017 Michigan Mental Health Court Grant Program-Planning Grant in the amount of \$59,917, authorize Chairperson Craig Reiter to sign the grant, approve the posting/filling of the current part-time position that will be vacated by Ms. Karen McDougle, and authorize the purchase of a computer not to exceed \$850. 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 Resolution 2016-6, Resolution to approve MERS Joint Transfer Agreement and authorize Chairperson Craig Reiter to sign the necessary MERS documents. 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 the Lease Agreement between Schoolcraft County and UPWARD talent Council effective September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2017 in the amount of \$4,373.04 per year in monthly installments. 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 Craig Reiter to deny the request by Terry Jones to transfer 40 hours of sick time to KayDean Zellar as there is no need at this time. 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 not take action on the 2% funding request by the Chamber of Commerce pending Chamber Board action. 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 USDA Rural Development Grant for a patrol car in the amount up to \$13,000 and authorize Vice Chairperson Larry F. Mersnick to sign the agreement. 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 Larry F. Mersnick to make the Patrol Car Restricted Fund whole with \$26,092 for the match funds for the patrol car grant. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all Board members present.

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

Commissioner Patrick Carley : attended Audit-Finance Committee meeting, discussed the future indirect charges for Public Transit. The auditor opinion was the Cost Allocation Plan simply is a mechanism to collect for indirect costs during the any given year where services are rendered. Also discussed the MOE account for Schoolcraft Medical Care Facility where Julie Roscioli was inquiring if the County could just place the CD money in their fund with the County instead of handing them a check as previously voted upon by the Board.

It was moved by Commissioner Patrick Carley and was seconded by Commissioner Christine Rantanen to accept the auditor's opinion and not make any charges to Public Transit for Indirect Charges moving forward into fiscal year 2016/2017.

Commissioner Craig Reiter: attended Mental Health meeting, Jail meeting, and MAC Conference.

Commissioner Allan Ott: attended DHHS, Manistique Township, and EDC Meeting.

Commissioner Larry Mersnick: attended Six County, LMAS, and Audit-Finance Committee meeting.

Commissioner Christine Rantanen: attended Transit Authority and Commission on Aging meeting.

Sheriff J. Norrington stated he had attended 1st term Sheriff training in Colorado and MMRMA meeting. Working on getting the Expedition scrapped and looking into getting rid of the Humvees. He had been contacted by Jason DesJarden regarding the storage of the Search and Rescue trailers. Where they currently are they want \$125 per bay per six months for storage. If we don't want to store them there we need to get them moved.

Mike Hickey stated it is a busy time of year for Soil Conservation with soil erosion permits and evasive species treatment. He was wondering if Schoolcraft County has anyone handling the household hazardous waste and if there was a need here?

Paul Walker stated that the City just got a new ambulance and the campground is proceeding.

Announcements and Notices: None

Public Comment:

Terry Brooks addressed the new grant approved and the unemployment cost to the County.

Sheriff J. Norrington thanked David Maddox for the Mental Health Court work he has done.

Communications: None.

At 8:43 p.m., meeting was turned over to Larry Mersnick, Audit-Finance Chairperson;

It was moved by Commissioner Allan Ott and was seconded by Commissioner Christine Rantanen to approve budget adjustments numbered **BE-169-16** through **BE-212-16**, inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

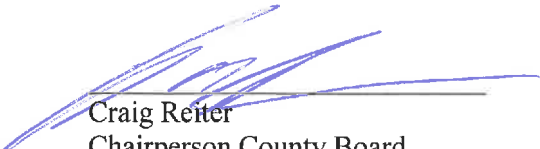
It was moved by Commissioner Patrick Carley and was seconded by Commissioner Christine Rantanen to approve the payroll vouchers September 4 through September 17. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Christine Rantanen and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to approve the claims and vouchers numbered **7582 through 7773**, inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Audit-Finance Chairperson Larry Mersnick turned the meeting back over to Chairperson 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 8:46 P.M.


Craig Reiter
Chairperson County Board


Beth A. Edwards, County Clerk


for Larry F. Mersnick
Audit-Finance Chairperson