

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

The Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners / Audit Finance Committee met on Thursday, December 10, 2015, 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 Patrick Carley and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to approve the minutes of the November 24, 2015 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 Patrick Carley to approve the minutes of the November 24, 2015 Closed Session Board 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 add January Organizational Meeting Date and Holiday Advertisement in Advisor and move Closed Session to 16.5 on the agenda. **It was moved** by Commissioner Larry 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”: Commissioner Craig Reiter stated that Mark Rivard, Schoolcraft County Interim Building Code Inspector, brought a concern and proposal to the Board of Commissioners regarding the Building Inspector being contracted. Mr. Rivard thought that we need to share a Building Inspector and possibly that shared inspector could be with Portage Township. Commissioner Craig Reiter also stated that he had requested an opinion from Attorney Michael Homier, Foster Swift, and it was his opinion that at this time Schoolcraft County does not have to move forward with this type of commitment. No action taken.

It was moved by Commissioner Larry Mersnick and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to approve David Maddox, Magistrate to prepare and submit an application to Plum Creek Grant Foundation for Wireless Internet within the Courthouse for security purposes. 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 accept the resignation of Laurie Jasmin from the Zoning Board of Appeals and to advertise for a replacement. Under discussion Commissioner Larry Mersnick stated a letter of appreciation should be sent to Ms. Jasmin. 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 re-appoint Gary Demers to the Schoolcraft County Public Transit Advisory Board with the term expiring December 31, 2018. 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 re-appoint Gary Demers to the Schoolcraft County Planning Commission term expiring December 31, 2018. 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 approve the Revised Emergency Management Plan and authorize Craig Reiter, Chairperson, to sign the plan. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all Board members present.

The Airport Terminal bids were opened as follows: Cross General Contracting in the amount of \$124,300; Johnson Diversified Services in the amount of \$145,900; Olsen and Olsen Building in the amount of \$131,378. **It was moved** by Commissioner Patrick Carley and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to recommend the award of the contract to Cross General Contracting in the amount of \$124,300 subject to C2AE's review of the bid documents and subject to transfer of Federal funding in 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 Mersnick to set 2016 Organizational Meeting for January 4, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Larry Mersnick and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to approve an ad in the Holiday edition of the Advisor. 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 Contract Negotiations and LMAS meeting.

Commissioner Allan Ott: None

Commissioner Larry Mersnick: attended LMAS and Six County meeting.

Commissioner Christine Rantanen: attended Road Commission meeting.

Commissioner Patrick Carley : attended Road Commission meeting and there are issues with the dam in Gulliver.

Announcements and Notices: None

Public Comment: Undersheriff Darrell Dixson gave his resignation effective December 26, 2015.

Mary Stoll of Doyle Township, Schoolcraft County, addressed weekly summer rentals.

Alan Barr, EDC Director Schoolcraft County, addressed weekly summer rentals.

Liz Douglas of Iron Mountain, Michigan addressed weekly summer rentals.

Cindy King, of Schoolcraft County addressed weekly summer rentals.

Chuck Renzie of Schoolcraft County addressed weekly summer rentals.

Dale Gould of Schoolcraft County addressed weekly summer rentals.

Jennifer Watson of Schoolcraft County addressed weekly summer rentals.

Paul Walker of Schoolcraft County addressed weekly summer rentals.

Mike Hardy of Schoolcraft County addressed weekly summer rentals.

Ellen Walters of Schoolcraft County addressed weekly summer rentals.

Patty Ragotta of Schoolcraft County addressed weekly summer rentals.

Cara Middleton of Wayne County addressed weekly summer rentals.

Alan Barr, EDC Director of Schoolcraft County, addressed forming a group regarding the weekly summer rentals.

Sheriff J. Norrington addressed weekly summer rentals.

Kathy Cook of Mackinac County addressed weekly summer rentals.

Mark Rivard, Schoolcraft County Interim Building Inspector, addressed the Planning Commission meets on January 12, 2016 and the ordinance needs to be something that is enforceable.

David Maddox, District Court Magistrate, addressed Undersheriff Dixon leaving and how much of an asset he was not only to the Jail but also the Drug Court Program.

Craig Reiter addressed the weekly summer rental ordinance in that it is not a new ordinance it simply will start to be enforced.

Christine Rantanen stated that to change the ordinance the folks would need to start with the Planning Commission.

Larry Mersnick addressed weekly summer rentals.

Patrick Carley addressed the concerns regarding the weekly summer rentals and the need for the individuals to set up a committee and bring solutions to the Planning Commission along with their concerns.

Communications: None.

At 8:00 p.m., Chairperson Craig Reiter called a short recess.

At 8:02 p.m., Chairperson Craig Reiter recalled the meeting to order with all board members being present and turned the meeting over to Larry Mersnick, Audit-Finance Chairperson;

It was moved by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to approve a budget increase request from Steve Videtich, Building and Grounds, for elevator repair in the amount of \$1,000. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Christine Rantanen to approve the claims and vouchers numbered **4368 through 4688**, inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

At 8:05 p.m., It was moved by Commissioner Allan Ott and was seconded by Commissioner Larry Mersnick to go into Closed Session to discuss negotiations with AFSCME and FOPLC Unions. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all Board members present.

At 10:15 p.m., Commissioner Craig Reiter called open session back to order with all board members being present.

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

It was moved by Commissioner Patrick Carley and Commissioner Allan Ott to adjourn. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all Board members present.

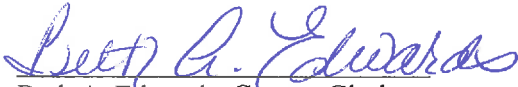
Chairperson Craig Reiter adjourned the Board and Audit Finance Meeting at 10:17 P.M.



Craig Reiter
Chairperson County Board



Larry F. Mersnick
Audit-Finance Chairperson



Beth A. Edwards, County Clerk