

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

The Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners / Audit Finance Committee met on Thursday, June 25, 2015 in the District Courtroom of the Schoolcraft County Building, City of Manistique, Michigan, commencing at 7:00 p.m. Chairperson Daniel J. LaFoille called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The roll was called with the following members present and/or absent:

Present: Chairperson Daniel J. LaFoille
 Vice-Chairperson Craig Reiter
 Commissioner Allan Ott
 Commissioner Larry Mersnick
 Commissioner Christine Rantanen
 Schoolcraft County Clerk Beth A. Edwards

Absent: None

Chairperson Daniel J. LaFoille 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 Mersnick and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2015, 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 Daniel J. LaFoille asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections to the printed agenda. Commissioner Daniel LaFoille asked to delete from the agenda Probate Court Arbitration and the Prosecuting Attorney’s Request for Assistant and add to the agenda AFSCME Letter of Understanding “Holiday Pay” and Proposed Sea Lamprey Barrier authorizing DNR to apply for permits. **It was moved** by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Christine Rantanen to approve the amended agenda. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

“Public Hearings”: None.

“Brief Public Comment”:

Marilyn Benish stated that it had been an honor working with Commissioner Daniel LaFoille.

Nancy Kounelis also stated that it had been an honor working with Commissioner Daniel LaFoille.

“Unfinished Business”: NONE

“New Business”: Julie Roscioli gave a verbal and written report on the Schoolcraft County 2015 Investments, 2015 Foreclosure Fund Report stating she would be unable to fund the one clerk in her office this year with this fund as it is not at the level it has been in the past, and the 2015 Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund. **It was moved by** Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to accept the verbal and written 2015 Investment Report, the 2015 Foreclosure Fund Report, and the 2015 Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund Report as presented. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

Julie Roscioli gave a verbal and written report on the MMRMA Liability Insurance and Refund. **It was moved by** Commissioner Larry Mersnick and was seconded by Commissioner Christine Rantanen to accept the 2015 MMRMA Liability Insurance and Refund Report as presented. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of all members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to approve Resolution 15-5, Resolution Establishing a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Policies and Guidelines, Public Summary of Procedures and Guidelines and FOIA Operational Procedures for Schoolcraft County and for Daniel LaFoille, Board Chairperson, and Beth A. Edwards, County Clerk, to sign the same. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of all members present.

DNR Director Keith Creagh requested a meeting on July 29, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. to touch base with the County regarding state land ownership. It would be determined at a later date if it would be noticed as an open meeting considering whether or not more than two commissioners will be able to attend.

It was moved by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Christine Rantanen to authorize the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to apply for all appropriate Michigan Department of Environmental Quality permits for the construction of the sea lamprey barrier project and authorize, Daniel LaFoille, Board Chairperson to sign the authorization form. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of all members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Christine Rantanen to authorize Chairperson Daniel LaFoille to sign the Letter of Understanding regarding “Article 35. Holiday Provisions” between AFSCME Union and Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners and Schoolcraft County Clerk, Prosecuting Attorney and Treasurer. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of all members present.

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

Commissioner Craig Reiter: Attended CUPPAD Meeting

Commissioner Allan Ott: None.

Commissioner Larry Mersnick: None

Commissioner Christine Rantanen: None

Commissioner Daniel J. LaFoille: Addressed the Budget process which is a line item budget addressing all revenue and expenditures. At first reading the budget was short \$225,000 without considering employee raises, medical insurance increase, and judicial issues.

Announcements and Notices: None

Public Comment:

Darrell Dixson addressed Search and Rescue and looking for ways to raise money for that cause. He will bring more information to a future meeting.

Julie Roscioli thanked Daniel LaFoille for his dedication to this county.

Marilyn Benish addressed the FOIA and how it might affect the Equalization Department.

Larry Mersnick wishes Daniel LaFoille nothing but the best in his future.

Communications:

Julie Roscioli stated that Summer Taxes have gone out to Schoolcraft County Property Owners.

Darrell Dixson thanked the whole County Board for working with the Sheriff’s Department and appreciates the newly formed working relationship.

Craig Kelso reports that dust control is being applied and the Cope Bridge is progressing. Also thanks Dan LaFoille and Larry Mersnick for attending their meetings and invites other to attend.

Craig Reiter addressed the posting for the County Commissioner, District 5 seat had left off the City of Manistique and needed to be reposted and that is why the Letters of Interest were not being opened tonight.

At 7:41 p.m. the meeting was turned over to Craig Reiter, Audit-Finance Chairperson;

Purchase Requisitions: Penny Carlson submitted a purchase requisition in the amount of \$956.00 for Certification in Lansing. There was discussion. Needed more information regarding who should be paying for this. No action taken.

It was moved by Commissioner Christine Rantanen and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to approve a purchase requisition from Dave Maddox, District Court, in the amount of \$698.60 for CER Training in Lansing. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Larry Mersnick and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to approve a purchase requisition from Dave Maddox, District Court, in the amount of \$240.00 for ink, exhibit labels and transcript fasteners. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Larry Mersnick and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to approve a purchase requisition from Dave Maddox, District Court, in the amount of \$200 for Registration for CER Training in Lansing. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Daniel LaFoille and was seconded by Commissioner Larry Mersnick to approve a purchase requisition from Penny Carlson, Veteran's Office, in the amount of \$297.40 for grave markers. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Larry Mersnick and was seconded by Commissioner Christine Rantanen to approve a purchase requisition from Diana Herlik, DARE Officer, in the amount of \$234.50 to attend the 2015 DARE Conference. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

Steve Videtich, Building and Grounds, submitted a purchase requisition in the amount of \$558.87 to replace the carpet in the mail room. There was discussion. No action taken, the matter is to be brought back up in the next Audit Finance Meeting.


Sheriff J. Norrington, submitted a purchase requisition in the amount of \$320.46 for rear wheel bearing on the 2012 Taurus with prior approval by three commissioner signatures.

It was moved by Commissioner Daniel LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Larry Mersnick to approve budget adjustments numbered JR-332-15 through JR-383-15, inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Daniel LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Christine Rantanen to approve the claims and vouchers numbered 2497 through 2633, 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 LaFoilie to adjourn.

Audit Finance Chairperson adjourned the Board Meeting at 7:50 P.M.


Daniel J. LaFoilie, Sr.
Chairperson County Board


Craig Reiter
Audit Finance Committee, Chairperson


Beth A. Edwards, County Clerk