

**SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**1<sup>ST</sup> SEMI MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**

The Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, January 20, 2015 in District Court room of the Schoolcraft County Building, City of Manistique, Michigan, commencing at 7:00 P.M. Chairperson Daniel LaFoille called the meeting to order. The roll was called with the following members present and/or absent:

Present:       Commissioner Craig Reiter  
                  Commissioner Allan Ott  
                  Commissioner Larry Mersnick  
                  Commissioner Christine Rantanen  
                  Commissioner Daniel LaFoille, Sr.  
                  County Clerk Beth A. Edwards

Absent:         None.

Chairperson Daniel 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 Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to approve the minutes of the December 23, 2014 Board/Audit Meeting, January 2, 2015 Organizational Meeting, and January 12, 2015 Special Board Meeting of the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners as printed. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all Board Members present. [Copies of minutes are available at the Office of the Schoolcraft County Clerk.]

Chairperson Daniel LaFoille asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections to the printed agenda. Commissioner Craig Reiter asked that the Airport and Commission on Aging Cell Phone be added to the agenda. **It was moved by** Commissioner Craig Reiter and seconded by Commissioner Larry Mersnick to adopt the amended agenda. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

“Public Hearings”: NONE

“Brief Public Comment”: Jim Lucas, District Coordinator for MSU Extension, stated that the MSU Extension has been out of Schoolcraft County for approximately four years and he will be exploring the possibility of bringing those services back to the county and what services are wanted by the residence.

“Old and Unfinished Business”: **It was moved** by Commissioner Christine Rantanen and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to index the following fifteen (15) items from the Audit Finance Meeting of January 8, 2015. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

- 1) **It was moved** by Commissioner Allan Ott and was seconded by Commissioner Daniel LaFoilie to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2014 Audit Finance Committee Meeting. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all Committee Members present.
- 2) **It was moved** by Commissioner Daniel LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Christine Rantanen to approve a purchase requisition from Julie Roscioli, County Treasurer, in the amount of \$550 for Training and Travel Expense. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.
- 3) **It was moved** by Commissioner Allan Ott and was seconded by Commissioner Larry Mersnick to approve a purchase requisition from John Norrington, Sheriff, in the amount of \$205.00 for 2 Hitches for the Humvee’s with the understanding that there will be a refund for the hitches that were purchased prior. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.
- 4) **It was moved** by Commissioner Daniel LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to approve a purchase requisition from Donald Wood, Airport Manager, in the amount of \$600 for diesel fuel for the plow truck. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.
- 5) **It was moved** by Commissioner Christine Rantanen and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to approve a purchase requisition from Eric Perrollaz, Public Transit, in the amount of \$300.00 for delivery charge for new minivan to Riverside Chrysler in Escanaba, MI. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.
- 6) **It was moved** by Commissioner Christine Rantanen and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to approve a purchase requisition from Eric Perrollaz, Public Transit, in the amount of \$244.44 for miscellaneous items from Napa. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.
- 7) **It was moved** by Commissioner Daniel LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Christine Rantanen to approve a purchase requisition from John Norrington, 911 Administrator, in the amount up to \$11,100 for tower inspections for the repeaters on the Ashford Lake, Gould City, and Garden Towers. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

- 8) **It was moved** by Commissioner Daniel LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to approve a purchase requisition from Eric Perrollaz, Public Transit, in the amount of \$805.00 for a module kit for Bus #6. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present. John Stapleton, Public Transit Director asked for clarification on the amount. There was discussion. **It was moved** by Commissioner Daniel LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to amend the approval of the module for bus #6 to \$220.36 instead of the \$808.00 as previously stated. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.
- 9) **It was moved** by Commissioner Christine Rantanen and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to approve a purchase requisition from Eric Perrollaz, Public Transit, in the amount of \$576.98 for miscellaneous items from Autovalue. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.
- 10) **It was moved** by Commissioner Christine Rantanen and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to approve a purchase requisition from Eric Perrollaz, Public Transit, in the amount of \$808.00 for Body Repair to Bus #4. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.
- 11) **It was moved** by Commissioner Daniel LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to approve a purchase requisition from Beth A. Edwards, Accounts Payable Department, in the amount of \$307.00 plus shipping for computer checks. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.
- 12) **It was moved** by Commissioner Christine Rantanen and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to approve a purchase requisition from John Norrington, 911 Administrator, in the amount of \$372.00 for a building permit for the radio tower placed at the Sheriff's Department. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.
- 13) **It was moved** by Commissioner Daniel LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to approve the claims and vouchers numbered **326 through 479** inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.
- 14) **It was moved** by Commissioner Daniel LaFoilie and was seconded by Commissioner Christine Rantanen to request Terra Langham to seek a deeper explanation from MERS regarding the Actuarial and the required split of this division by MERS. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.
- 15) **It was moved** by Commissioner Larry Mersnick and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to authorize Chairperson Daniel LaFoilie to sign the warranty deed for the sale of the Harbor Lights Subdivision, Lot 11 to Le Roy and Lois Robbert. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

“Unfinished Business”: **It was moved** by Commissioner Christine Rantanen and was seconded by Commissioner Larry Mersnick to ask MERS for more complete information regarding the C-1 Old 2% COLA increase. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

“Unfinished Business:” **It was moved** by Commissioner Christine Rantanen and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to approve the training at the Correction Officer Academy for three Sheriff’s Department employees at NMU at a cost of \$1950. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

“Unfinished Business:” **It was moved** by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Larry Mersnick to approve money from the Phone Card Revenue to the Sheriff Department Training Line item if additional funds are needed to cover the cost for the three individuals who will be attending the Correction Officer Academy. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

“New Business: **It was moved** by Commissioner Christine Rantanen and was seconded by Commissioner Larry Mersnick to appoint Craig Reiter to the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals as the common board member. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

“New Business”: **It was moved** by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to appoint Allen Barr to the EDC Board as a City Designee. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

“New Business”: **It was moved** by Commissioner Christine Rantanen and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to appoint Scott Hoezee to the EDC Board as a City Designee. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

“New Business”: Fuel Farm Bids were opened; Northwest Petroleum Service for \$197,699.25, Great Lakes Petroleum for \$158,850; Sparling Corporation for \$188,724. **It was moved** by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to accept Great Lakes Petroleum bid in the amount of \$158,850 contingent upon c2ae confirming the bid meets the specifications required and the money is transferred into an account by Aeronautics in March. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Craig Reiter, Yes; Commissioner Allen Ott, Yes; Commissioner Larry Mersnick, Yes; Commissioner Christine Rantanen, No; Commissioner Daniel LaFoilie, Yes. The motion carried by a majority vote.

“New Business”: Transit Bus #2 Bid is opened and only one bid was received. Roger Koski bid in the amount of \$3,103.00 for Bus #2 - 2007 Ford E-450. **It was moved** by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Larry Mersnick to take the one bid to the Public Transit Board for recommendation. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

“New Business”: **It was moved** by Commissioner Christine Rantanen and was seconded by Larry Mersnick to approve CUPPAD to write and apply for a \$15,000 Grant for the Schoolcraft County Veteran’s Office from the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

“New Business”: 2015 Standing Committees for Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners were presented to the Board Members by Chairperson Daniel LaFoille and he also asked if anyone would like to sit on the Indian Affairs Board Committee and the Veterans Board.

“New Business”: **It was moved** by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Larry Mersnick to approve the broken fuel pump to be looked at and get an estimate to fix broken pump if estimate is no more than \$500 it could be repaired. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

“New Business”: **It was moved** by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Larry Mersnick to approve the payment of \$500 to pay for the hanger door to be hung and not to have new hardware installed at this time and also to secure an estimate from others to have the door fixed. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

“New Business”: **It was moved** by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Christine Rantanen to have Commission on Aging enter into a contract for a cell phone for Connie Frenette if they so choose and not be a part of the County Plan. Roll Call vote: Commissioner Craig Reiter, Yes; Commissioner Christine Rantanen, Yes; Commissioner Larry Mersnick, No; Commissioner Allan Ott, Yes; Commissioner Daniel LaFoille, Yes. The motion carried by a majority vote.

“New Business”: It was moved by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Christine Rantanen to make Beth A. Edwards, County Clerk, the authorizing party

on the AT&T cell phone account and then confirm what phones are under contract. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

“Committee and Department Reports”:

Commissioner Craig Reiter: attended Veterans meeting yesterday and Josh Brewster’s hours will be Monday 1 to 5, Thursday 9 to 5, and Friday 9 to 5 and will be advertised in the paper.

Commissioner Allan Ott: None.

Commissioner Larry Mersnick: None.

Commissioner Christine Rantanen: attended Commission on Aging meeting.

Commissioner Daniel LaFoilie: Michigan Association of Counties conference March 20 to April 1 in Lansing. Medical Care Facility Maintenance of Effort fund balance and Medical Care Facility wants to purchase the Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital building by the facility.

“Announcements and Notices”: None.

“Public Comment”:

“Communications”:

**It was moved** by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to adjourn to closed session to discuss attorney communication regarding the lawsuit filed by Heritage Sustainable Energy at 8:20 p.m. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board member present.

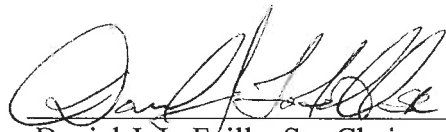
At 8:30 p.m., **It was moved** by Commissioner Christine Rantanen and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to go back to the open meeting. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

**It was moved** by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Christine Rantanen to accept the answer filed today by Attorney Bonnie Toskey in the 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court regarding the lawsuit filed by Heritage Sustainable Energy. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote by the Board members present.

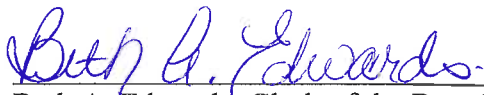
It was moved by Commissioner Christine Rantanen and was seconded by Craig Reiter to continue with Attorney Homier to move forward with the revisions of the Wind Ordinance. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote by the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Craig Reiter and seconded by Commissioner Larry Mersnick to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote by the Board members present.

**Chairperson Daniel LaFoilie** adjourned the meeting of the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners at 8:35 P.M.



Daniel J. LaFoilie, Sr., Chairperson



Beth A. Edwards, Clerk of the Board