

**SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

The Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners met on Thursday, January 7, 2016, in District Courtroom of the Schoolcraft County Building, City of Manistique, Michigan, commencing at 7:00 P.M. Chairperson Craig Reiter 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 Patrick Carley
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.

Chairperson Craig Reiter asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections to the printed agenda. **It was moved by** Commissioner Allan Ott and seconded by Commissioner Larry F. Mersnick to adopt the agenda as printed. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

“Brief Public Comment”: none

“Public Hearing”: **It was moved by** Commissioner Larry F. Mersnick and was seconded by Patrick Carley to open the Public Hearing on the expansion of the Road Commission Board to a five member board. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all Board members present.

Commissioner Craig Reiter called for public comment on the expansion of the Schoolcraft County Road Commission Board.

Terri Poniatoski from Seney, Michigan, thinks that the expansion would be a good idea as they live on the other end of the county and they have no representation there.

Commissioner Craig Reiter called for comment on the Public Hearing two more times. No other comments were given.

It was moved by Commissioner Allan Ott and seconded by Commissioner Patrick Carley to close the Public Hearing. 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 Allan Ott to create two additional seats on the Schoolcraft County Road Commission Board creating a 5 member board. 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 Allan Ott to make the terms of the two additional seats as follows: one seat will be a four (4) year term and the second seat will be a six (6) year term from the general election in November 2016. There was discussion. 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 Patrick Carley to advertise for letters of interest for the two seats to be filled by appointment of the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners until the November 2016 General Election. There was discussion as follows:

**“NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
FOR SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION BOARD”**

Please take notice that on January 7, 2016 the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners after Public Hearing voted to expand the Schoolcraft County Road Commission Board from a Three (3) member to a Five (5) member board and will be accepting letters of interest for appointment to the Schoolcraft County Road Commission Board filling the two (2) newly created seats until the General Election November 8, 2016 at which time the seats would be filled by election for the remainder of the specified term.

Interested persons must be residents of Schoolcraft County. Letters of Interest must submit by 12:00 P.M. February 3, 2016 to the following address:

Beth A. Edwards
Schoolcraft County Clerk
300 Walnut Street, Room 164
Manistique, MI 49854

Envelopes should be sealed and marked
“COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION BOARD”

On February 3, 2016, at 1:00 p.m. all letters of interest will be opened at the Counter of the Schoolcraft County Clerk.”

The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all Board members present.

Under “New Business: Chairperson Craig Reiter addressed the planning commission and the need for reappointment of Joan Brown and one other vacant seat.

It was moved by Commissioner Patrick Carley and was seconded by Commissioner Christine Rantanen to reappoint Joan Brown to the Schoolcraft County Planning Commission, term ending 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 Christine Rantanen to appoint Patricia A. Rogola to the Schoolcraft County Planning Commission, term ending December 31, 2017. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all Board members present.

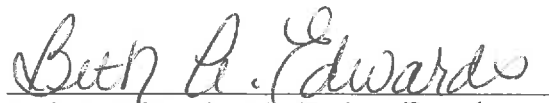
“Public Comment”: Bill Poniatoski addressed the procedure for filling the two additional seats on the Schoolcraft County Road Commission Board.

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

Chairperson Craig Reiter adjourned the meeting of the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners at 7:20 P.M.



Craig Reiter, Chairperson



Beth A. Edwards, Clerk of the Board