

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

The Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 in District Court room of the Schoolcraft County Building, City of Manistique, Michigan, commencing at 7:00 P.M. Chairperson Daniel LaFoilie 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 LaFoilie, Sr.  
                  County Clerk Beth A. Edwards

Absent:           None.

Chairperson Daniel LaFoilie 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 March 26, 2015 Board/Audit 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 LaFoilie asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections to the printed agenda. Chairperson Daniel LaFoilie asked to move the Anderson, Tackman & Company, PLC Audit Report after the first Public Comment. **It was moved** by Commissioner Larry Mersnick and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to adopt the amended agenda. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

“Public Hearings”: None

“Brief Public Comment”: None

Alan Stotz, from Anderson, Tackman & Company, PLC, presented the 2013-2014 Audit Report for Schoolcraft County. Briefly discussed what the audit contained and showed Schoolcraft County to be in relatively good shape. **It was moved** by Commissioner Christine Rantanen and was seconded by Commissioner Larry Mersnick to accept the 2013-2014 Audit Report as

presented. There was discussion. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present

“Old and Unfinished Business”: **It was moved by** Commissioner Christine Rantanen and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to index the following thirty-three (33) items from the Audit Finance Meeting of April 9, 2015. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

1. **It was moved by** Commissioner Daniel LaFoille and was seconded by Commissioner Christine Rantanen to approve a purchase requisition from the County Clerk’s Office in the amount of \$686.00 for 20 cases of copy paper from Apple Office. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.
2. **It was moved by** Commissioner Larry Mersnick and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to approve a purchase requisition from the District Court in the amount of \$489.23 for travel and meals to Michigan Association of Drug Court Professionals in Novi, Michigan from March 22, 2015 to March 25, 2015 for David Maddox. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.
3. **It was moved by** Commissioner Daniel LaFoille and was seconded by Commissioner Larry Mersnick to approve a purchase requisition from the Friend of the Court in the amount of \$503.24 for Spring Conference and Training in Traverse City for Jackie Parker and Marilyn Oas. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.
4. **It was moved by** Commissioner Larry Mersnick and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to approve a purchase requisition from the Jury Commission in the amount of \$367.55 for envelopes from the Pioneer Tribune. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.
5. **It was moved by** Commissioner Daniel LaFoille and was seconded by Commissioner Christine Rantanen to approve a purchase requisition from the Sheriff’s Department in the amount of \$130.00 for Notary Bonds for Jeremy Lester and Charity Potier. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.
6. **It was moved by** Commissioner Larry Mersnick and seconded by Allan Ott to approve a purchase requisition from District Court in the amount of \$168.00 for travel for conference in Gaylord. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.
7. **It was moved by** Commissioner Allan Ott and was seconded by Commissioner Daniel LaFoille to approve a purchase requisition from the Public Transit in the amount of \$217.57 for various Supplies from Fastenal Company. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

8. **It was moved** by Commissioner Daniel LaFoille and was seconded by Commissioner Larry Mersnick to approve a purchase requisition from the Public Transit in the amount of \$358.37 for supplies from Napa Auto Parts. 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 Daniel LaFoille to approve a purchase requisition from the Probate Court in the amount of \$311.50 for File Folders from The Ebco Company, LLC. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.
10. **It was moved** by Commissioner Allan Ott and was seconded by Commissioner Larry Mersnick to approve a purchase requisition from the Juvenile Court in the amount of \$311.50 for File Folders from The Ebco Company, LLC. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.
11. **It was moved** by Commissioner Daniel LaFoille and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to approve a purchase requisition from the Sheriff's Department/ORV in the amount of \$242.85 for UTV Roll Cage Cover for Polaris Ranger and 2-ATV Storage Covers for Honda and Polaris 4-Wheelers from Fish and Hunt Shop. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.
12. **It was moved** by Commissioner Larry Mersnick and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to approve a purchase requisition from the Sheriff's Department/Snowmobile in the amount of \$343.96 for Supplies for the Snowmobile from Fish and Hunt Shop. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.
13. **It was moved** by Commissioner Larry Mersnick and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to approve a purchase requisition from the Public Transit in the amount of \$456.25 for supplies to repair buses from Auto Value. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.
14. **It was moved** by Commissioner Christine Rantanen and was seconded by Commissioner Larry Mersnick to approve a purchase requisition from the Prosecuting Attorney in the amount of \$434.70 for travel and meals to Michigan Association of Drug Court Professionals in Novi, Michigan from March 22, 2015 to March 25, 2015 for Tim Noble. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.
15. **It was moved** by Commissioner Daniel LaFoille and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to approve the claims and vouchers numbered 1501 through 1746 inclusive. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.
16. **It was moved** by Daniel LaFoille and seconded by Larry Mersnick to approve a budget increase from the Clerk's Office in the amount of \$119.00 for advertising. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

17. **It was moved** by Allan Ott and seconded by Larry Mersnick to approve a budget increase from the Jury Commission in the amount of \$18.00 for office supplies. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.
18. **It was moved** by Larry Mersnick and seconded by Allan Ott to approve a budget increase from the Clerk's Office in the amount of \$291.00 for attorney's fees. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.
19. **It was moved** by Daniel LaFoille and seconded by Allan Ott to approve a budget increase from District Court in the amount of \$175.00 for travel mileage. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.
20. **It was moved** by Daniel LaFoille and seconded by Allan Ott to approve a budget increase from District Court in the amount of \$231.23 which is the amount necessary at this time for office supplies. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.
21. **It was moved** by Commissioner Daniel LaFoille and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to write off "Old Blue Cross Blue Shield" monies in the amount of \$825.07 and moving the funds to cash over/short account. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.
22. **It was moved** by Commissioner Daniel LaFoille and seconded by Larry Mersnick to allow LMAS to rent more square footage in the courthouse at same rate per square footage they are paying now beginning 4-9-2015. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.
23. **It was moved** by Commissioner Daniel LaFoille and was seconded by Commissioner Larry Mersnick to allow Chairperson Daniel LaFoille to sign MOE contract with Tanya Leik. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.
24. **It was moved** by Commissioner Daniel LaFoille and was seconded by Commissioner Christine Rantanen to allow Chairperson Daniel J. LaFoille to sign the proper papers at closing to purchase property that consists of Lots 33, 34, and 35 of Terrace Addition to the Village of Manistique in the amount of \$7,800.00 that was approved at the March 26, 2015 meeting and also approve the purchase of loading dock and property in the City of Manistique in the amount of \$1.00 and to allow Chairperson Daniel J. LaFoille to sign the proper papers at closing to purchase this property also. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.
25. **It was moved** by Commissioner Daniel LaFoille and seconded by Commissioner Larry Mersnick to void Sheriff John Norrington's previous request for training in Alpena. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.
26. **It was moved** by Commissioner Daniel LaFoille and seconded by Commissioner Christine Rantanen to send two deputies to next available classes for training at Bay

College pending notification of costs. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

27. **It was moved** by Commissioner Larry Mersnick and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to allow Chairperson Daniel J. LaFoille to sign Airport Block Grant for Fuel Farm. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.
28. **It was moved** by Commissioner Christine Rantanen and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to allow Chairperson Daniel J. LaFoille to sign MDOT Airport Improvement Program Sponsor Certification. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.
29. **It was moved** by Commissioner Daniel LaFoille and was seconded by Commissioner Larry Mersnick to pay \$350.00 for 2015 dues to UP Resource Conservation and Development Council. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.
30. **It was moved** by Commissioner Daniel LaFoille and seconded by Commissioner Larry Mersnick to allow John Stapleton to hire a third temporary driver as long as there is no conflict with the union, works less than 29 hours a week, and not more than 720 hours per year. Motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.
31. **It was moved** by Commissioner Larry Mersnick and seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to allow Sheriff's Department to advertise the green truck for bid with minimum bid of \$1500.00 or best offer over \$1500.00 with proceeds to go to patrol vehicle fund. Motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.
32. **It was moved** by Commissioner Daniel LaFoille and seconded by Commissioner Christine Rantanen to accept the contract. Motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.
33. **It was moved** by Commissioner Larry Mersnick and seconded by Commissioner Daniel LaFoille to allow Commissioner Daniel LaFoille to talk to neighboring counties for assistance. Motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Committee members present.

“New Business: **It was moved** by Commissioner Larry Mersnick and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to pay Paul Wood a one-time stipend of \$1,000 for the work he has done and work to be completed in the publication of the new Plat Book being made. Vote as follows: Larry Mersnick, yes; Craig Reiter, yes; Allan Ott, yes; Christine Rantanen, no; Daniel LaFoille, yes. The motion carried by majority aye vote of the Board members present.

**It was moved** by Commissioner Larry Mersnick and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to approve the move of the Friend of the Court Closed Files to the old Attorney Room

behind the District/Probate Courtroom. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

**It was moved by** Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Larry Mersnick to approve the L-4024 Personal and Real Property Tax totals for Schoolcraft County presented by Paul Wood, Equalization Director. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

**It was moved by** Commissioner Larry Mersnick and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to approve the removal of \$17,593 from Restricted Cash - telephone to pay in full the new telephone system project that has been completed. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

**It was moved by** Commissioner Larry Mersnick and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to not opt out of the Nationwide Retirement Solutions remapping of the funds and allow the funds to be mapped as Nationwide Retirement Solutions is recommending. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Commissioner Daniel LaFoille advised the Board that the Housing Commission Board has put an additional \$20,000 into their MERS Account with the total additional payments this year totaling \$40,000 and this will put the whole County in a better position as far as MERS. No Board action was needed or taken.

**It was moved by** Commissioner Larry Mersnick and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to approve Beth A. Edwards, Schoolcraft County Clerk, to advertise for the Computer Contract and the Gasoline Bids for Schoolcraft County. There was discussion. The motion and support was withdrawn.

**It was moved by** Commissioner Larry Mersnick and was seconded to by Allan Ott to approve Beth A. Edwards, Schoolcraft County Clerk, to advertise for the Computer Contract Bids. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Chairperson, Daniel LaFoille asked that the Gasoline Bids be put on the April 30, 2015 Agenda.

**It was moved by** Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Larry Mersnick to approve the Proposed Five Year State of Michigan Lease for the office space of the

Secretary of State office for \$805.54 per month totaling \$9,666.48 per year. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

**It was moved by** Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to approve the continuation of collecting the local 911 Surcharge with no change in the amount of \$.40. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

**It was moved by** Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Larry Mersnick to approve Daniel LaFoille, Chairperson of the Board to sign the State of Michigan/Secretary of State Lease as presented. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

“Committee and Department Reports”:

Commissioner Craig Reiter: attended the following meetings: Planning Commission, Airport, MAC Conference, and 911;

Commissioner Allan Ott: attended the Manistique Township Meeting;

Commissioner Larry Mersnick: attended the following meetings: Cope Bridge moving forward, LMAS and DHS;

Commissioner Christine Rantanen: attended the following meetings: Veterans Board, and Transit Board (no quorum).

Commissioner Daniel LaFoille: attended the following meetings: Several meetings regarding Paper Mill Closing, Community Action, HBH, and CUPPAD.

“Announcements and Notices”: None.

“Public Comment”: Sheriff J. Norrington addressed the additional cost charged by Elcom and asked that that matter be put on the agenda for April 30, 2015.


Alan Barr, interim Executive Director, Economic Development Corporation, gave an update to the Board as to the Closed Paper Mill and the three potential buyers are still exploring their options.

Paul Wood addressed the Computer Contract potentially being a three year contract instead of a one year contract. Also gave an update on the Carpenter Dam and the help he has received from the Road Commission.

Craig Kelso addressed the Cope Bridge project and the anticipated detour would begin on June 8, 2015.

“Communications”: Chairperson Daniel LaFoille stated that there would be a Department Head Meeting April 30, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. and that meeting would be published as an open meeting so that more than just two commissioners could attend if they so wished.

**Chairperson Daniel LaFoille** adjourned the meeting of the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners at 8:30 P.M.

  
Beth A. Edwards, Clerk of the Board

  
Daniel J. LaFoille, Sr., Chairperson