

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

The Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioner’s Board Meeting / Audit Finance Meeting met on Thursday, September 14, 2017, in the District Courtroom of the Schoolcraft County Building, City of Manistique, Michigan. Chairperson Allan Ott called the meeting to order at 4:00 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 Daniel P. Hoholik
 Schoolcraft County Clerk Beth A. Edwards

Absent: None

Chairperson Allan Ott 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 Daniel P. Hoholik to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2017 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.]

Chairperson Allan Ott asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections to the printed agenda. Commissioner Allan Ott asked to add District Court Job Posting and delete Mental Health Grant Acceptance. **It was moved** by Commissioner Larry F. Mersnick and was seconded by Commissioner Christine Rantanen 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”: Jim Lucas, MSU Extension, gave an update on the Schoolcraft County Office and its accomplishments this past year. Mr. Lucas announced his retirement as of October 6, 2017, and there is not a replacement as of this date. Mr. Lucas introduced Jill Connin as the worker here in Schoolcraft County. If anything is needed contact Ms. Connin. No board action.

It was moved by Commissioner Christine Rantanen and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to accept the MDOT Airport Project Block Grant (Contract No. 2017-0664) for snow removal equipment and rehabilitate runway in the amount of \$61,200 and authorize Allan Ott, Chairperson to sign the MDOT Contract together with the FAA Certification Forms 5100-130, 5100-134, and 5100-135. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Larry F. Mersnick and was seconded by Commissioner Christine Rantanen to appoint Sandy Wodzinski to the Board of Canvassers Democratic Seat term expiring October 31, 2021. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik to apply for the 2018 Survey and Remonumentation Grant in the amount of \$87,519. 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 Daniel P. Hoholik to create fund 244 for the Blight Elimination Grant. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Christine Rantanen to approve the Resolution Opposing Proposed Senate Bill 386 and authorize Allan Ott, Chairperson, to sign the same. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all Board members present.

The E911Memorandum of Understanding Dispatch with Michigan State Police Negaunee was approved by the Schoolcraft County 911 Board and three commissioners for a three year contract. No action taken.

It was moved by Commissioner Christine Rantanen and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to accept Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$3,569 and authorize Allan Ott, Chairperson, to sign the grant. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik to create a Jail Concept Committee and appoint Craig Reiter, Daniel Hoholik, Bob Crumb, Dan McKinney, Paul Furman, Darrell Dixson, and Paul Walker as committee members. Vote as follows: Craig Reiter, yes; Daniel P. Hoholik, yes; Christine Rantanen, yes; Larry F. Mersnick, no; Allan Ott, yes. The motion carried by majority aye vote of all Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Larry F. Mersnick and was seconded by Commissioner Christine Rantanen to allow District Court to advertise for a part-time position for a Court Clerk/Court Recorder. 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 HBH meeting.

Commissioner Allan Ott: attended Emergency Management Preparedness meeting.

Commissioner Larry Mersnick: attended Building and Grounds Committee, UPCAP, and Audit-Finance Committee meetings.

Commissioner Christine Rantanen: attended Conservation District meeting.

Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik: attended Building and Grounds Committee meeting.

Sheriff Paul Furman addressed currently eight inmates in Alger County Jail and there were no bids received on the black and white car.

Undersheriff Darrell Dixson stated the Care Tracker System is up and running and there are three units spoken for.

Julie Roscioli, County Treasurer, thanked the Board for opposing Senate Bill 386.

Announcements and Notices: None

Public Comment: Paul Walker thanked the Board for taking on the jail issue.

Jill Connin addressed MSU Extension possibly having some training for various board members.

Communications: None.

At 4:49 p.m., meeting was turned over to Larry Mersnick, Audit-Finance Chairperson;

It was moved by Commissioner Allan Ott and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to approve the claims and vouchers numbered **175446 through 175694**, inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

At 4:50 p.m., Commissioner Larry F. Mersnick turn the meeting back over to Chairperson Allan Ott.

Chairperson Allan Ott asked if there was any further business to come before the Board.

It was moved by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to adjourn the meeting.

Chairperson Allan Ott adjourned the Board and Audit Finance Meeting at 4:51 P.M.



Allan Ott
Chairperson County Board



Larry F. Mersnick
Audit-Finance Chairperson



Beth A. Edwards, County Clerk