

**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, August 11, 2022, in the District Courtroom of the Schoolcraft County Building, City of Manistique, Michigan. Chairman Paul Walker called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. The roll was called with the following members present and/or absent:

Present: Commissioner Alan Kilar
 Commissioner Allan Ott
 Commissioner Troy Bassett
 Commissioner Paul Walker
 Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik
 Schoolcraft County Clerk Beth A. Edwards

Absent: None

Chairman Paul Walker 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 Troy Bassett and was seconded by Commissioner Alan Kilar to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2022, 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.]

Chairman Paul Walker asked if there were any additions, deletions, or corrections to the printed agenda. **It was moved** by Commissioner Troy Bassett and was seconded by Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik 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":

It was moved by Commissioner Troy Bassett and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to approve the Manistique Senior Center Millage as presented.

**TAX RATE LIMITATION RENEWAL
PROPOSITION FOR MANISTIQUE SENIOR
CITIZENS CENTER**

Senior Center Operational Millage Proposal

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the County of Schoolcraft, Michigan, be renewed 0.62 mill (\$0.62 per \$1,000 of taxable value), for a period of five (5) years, 2023 to 2027, inclusive, to provide funds for purposes of providing improvement of the social, legal, health, housing, educational, emotional, nutritional, recreational, or mobility status of senior citizens ("older citizens") pursuant to Public Act 39 of 1976? It is estimated that 0.62 mill would raise approximately \$248,023 when first levied in 2023.

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

It was moved by Commissioner Troy Bassett and was seconded by Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik to approve the Manistique Area School Millage as presented.

**MANISTIQUE AREA SCHOOLS
OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL**

This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy the statutory rate of not to exceed 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its full revenue per pupil foundation allowance and renews millage that will expire with the 2022 tax levy.

Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation of 20 mills (\$20.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Manistique Area Schools, Schoolcraft County, Michigan, be renewed for a period of 8 years, 2023 to 2030, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and 18 mills are levied in 2023 is approximately \$3,463,464 (this is a renewal of millage that will expire with the 2022 tax levy)?

Roll call vote: Troy Bassett, yes; Daniel P. Hoholik, yes; Allan Ott, yes; Alan Kilar, abstain; Paul Walker, yes. Motion carried by majority aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Alan Kilar and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to appoint Dennis Wiethoff and Kristi Kusnier, M.D. to the Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital Board replacing Jim Harnes and Lynne Giles. Roll call vote: Alan Kilar, yes; Allan Ott, yes; Troy

Bassett, yes; Daniel P. Hoholik, abstain; The motion carried by a majority aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik and was seconded by Commissioner Troy Bassett to waive all fees for the Historical Society to move the building and allow inspection to be done on County time. There was discussion. Roll call vote: Daniel P. Hoholik, yes; Troy Bassett, yes; Allan Ott, yes; The motion carried by a majority aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Alan Kilar and was seconded by Commissioner Troy Bassett to publish an ad in the newspaper for the position of Emergency Manager. There was discussion. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Troy Bassett and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to approve the FY22-23 ORV Grant Application in the amount of \$10,721.50 with no local match. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Troy Bassett and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to approve the FY22-23 Snowmobile Grant Application in the amount of \$26,081.50 with a \$3,913.13 local match. There was discussion. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Troy Bassett and was seconded by Commissioner Alan Kilar to move \$80,000 from Account 101-194-725.000 Retirement - MERS to account 101-000-005.731 Designated Cash – MERS. There was discussion. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Troy Bassett and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to approve Resolution 22-4 Resolution Regarding Schoolcraft County MERS Funding.

22-4 Resolution Regarding Schoolcraft County MERS Funding

WHEREAS, the Schoolcraft County MERS is currently funded at 56.6% (based on MERS Actuarial) pursuant to the 2021 Pension Report to Michigan Department of Treasury and therefore, is considered underfunded pursuant to Public Act 202 of 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners recognize that a Waiver was approved in 2020 at which time the Schoolcraft County MERS was funded at 56.1% for the 2019 Pension Report to Michigan Department of Treasury; and

WHEREAS, the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners acknowledge that the MERS funding has improved since 2020 not including the additional Designated Cash – Retirement General Fund number 101-000-005.731, to assist with bringing the funding up to an acceptable level; and

WHEREAS, the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners recognize that there has been a separate designated account approved within the general fund several years ago to set money aside for the underfunded status of MERS and that account has a balance of \$440,000.59 as of September 30, 2021, and \$520,000.59 as of this date, based on the Attachment #5 to the 2020 Approved Waiver; and

WHEREAS, the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners recognizes that on September 30, 2021, there was \$440,000.59 in Designated Cash – Retirement General Fund, once this amount is added into the MERS Assets, the MERS for Schoolcraft County is funded at 59%.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners hereby commit to budget and increase the separate designated account (101-000-005.731 Designated Cash-Retirement) by an additional \$40,000 FY 21-22 and FY 22-23, making the commitment to the Designated Cash-Retirement to \$120,000 for FY 21-22 and FY 22-23 bringing total funding to 60.4%; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Beth A. Edwards, Schoolcraft County Clerk, has prepared for filing the Michigan Department of Treasury Form 5583, Protecting Local Government Retirement and Benefits Act, Application for Waiver: Defined Benefit Pension Retirement System, as authorized at a duly noticed meeting on August 11, 2022; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Michigan Department of Treasury Form 5583 completed and presented by Beth A. Edwards shall be filed with the Michigan Department of Treasury.

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

It was moved by Commissioner Troy Bassett and was seconded by Commissioner Paul Walker to amend the April 22, 2021, minutes to reflect the accurate motion made (“It was moved by Commissioner Troy Bassett and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to approve a \$20,000 per year stipend ~~effective January 1, 2021, to Beth A. Edwards for the duties of Fiscal Officer/Administrative Assistant Duties as set forth by personnel committee.~~ The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.”) There was discussion. Roll call vote: Troy Bassett, yes; Paul Walker, yes; Allan Ott, yes; Alan Kilar, no; Daniel P. Hoholik, yes. The motion carried by a majority aye vote of the Board members present.

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

Commissioner Alan Kilar: attended LMAS, Personnel Committee, and Mueller Township meetings.

Commissioner Allan Ott: attended Personnel Committee and Manistique City Council meetings.

Commissioner Troy Bassett: attended Audit/Finance Committee and Road Commission meetings.

Commissioner Paul Walker: attended LMAS, EDC, Audit-Finance Committee, and Manistique City Council meetings.

Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik: attended Audit-Finance Committee meeting.

Sheriff Charlie Willour new shutoff valves have been installed and Jail Inspection has been completed, there is a fix it items from that.

Announcements and Notices: None

Public Comment: Dixie Anderson addressed amending board minutes.

Commissioner's Comment: Troy Bassett addressed the amendment of the minutes. Paul Walker thanked Sheriff Willour for his help with the Honor Flight Cycle Team event yesterday.

Communications: None.

At 5:12 p.m., meeting was turned over to Daniel P. Hoholik, Audit-Finance Chairman;

It was moved by Commissioner Troy Bassett and was seconded by Commissioner Paul Walker to approve the claims and vouchers numbered **2460 Through 2612**, inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

At 5:13 p.m., the meeting was turned back over to Chairman Paul Walker. Chairman Paul Walker asked if there was any further business to come before the Board.

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

Chairman Paul Walker adjourned the Board and Audit Finance Meeting at 5:14 P.M.


Beth A. Edwards, County Clerk

Approved: 