

**NOTICE OF SEMI-MONTHLY COUNTY BOARD MEETING
And AUDIT/FINANCE MEETING**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners will meet on **Thursday, August 10, 2023**, in the District Courtroom of the Schoolcraft County Building, Manistique, Michigan, commencing at **5:00 P.M.**

The following is the proposed Agenda:

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Minutes: July 27, 2023, Board and Audit-Finance Meeting

5. Approval of agenda
6. Public Hearings:
7. Brief Public Comment:
8. Old and unfinished business:
9. New Business:

Ambulance Service Contract
Letter to SCAO
MIFSM Letter of Support
Audit-Finance Committee Report and Action Items

10. Committee and department reports
11. Announcements and notices
12. Public Comment
13. Commissioner's Comments
14. Communications
15. Audit Claims and Vouchers
16. Adjournment

And, to take up and consider any other matter which may lawfully come before the Board at this time.

Paul Walker
Paul Walker, Chairperson
Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners

Daniel P. Hoholik
Daniel P. Hoholik, Chairperson Audit-Finance
Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners

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**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, July 27, 2023, in the District Courtroom of the Schoolcraft County Building, City of Manistique, Michigan. Chairman Paul Walker called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. The roll was called with the following members present and/or absent:

Present: Commissioner Craig Reiter
 Commissioner Paul Walker
 Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik
 Schoolcraft County Clerk Beth A. Edwards

Absent: Commissioner Bruce Birr - excused
 Commissioner Troy Bassett - excused

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 Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2023, 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 Daniel P. Hoholik and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to approve the agenda as printed. 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”:

Bethany Leiter, Highline Community Relations Manager, gave an update on the fiber optic internet cable that is being installed in rural areas of Schoolcraft County. By sometime in September there should be several areas online and installed into residences. There was discussion, no action.

It was moved by Commissioner Paul Walker and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to approve FY 23/24 Snowmobile Grant Application in the amount of \$28,094. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Paul Walker and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to commit \$115,000 for two (2) additional patrol cars from ARPA Funds. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Paul Walker and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to approve \$6,100 from ARPA Funds for one-third of the \$18,300 contract to Sanders & Czapski Associates, PLLC for condition assessment, drone consultant and engineering of the historic water tower repairs. There was discussion. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

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

Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik: attended Planning Commission and Audit-Finance Committee meetings.

Commissioner Craig Reiter : attended Community Mental Health Association Board and Officer’s Meeting, Doyle Township, HBH Finance Committee and Board, CAA Finance and Board meetings.

Commissioner Paul Walker: attended Invest UP event, Manistique Township, Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital, City Council, and Audit-Finance Committee meetings.

Prosecutor, Tim Noble, addressed the Meth problem and there will be no deal cut for dealers. Corey Barr stated that the City of Manistique appreciates the ARPA Funds given to them.

Announcements and Notices: None

Public Comment: None

Commissioner's Comment: Craig Reiter thanked Bethany Leiter for the update from Highline regarding the fiber optic internet cable.

Paul Walker addressed the Forgotten Eagles will be in town and Vietnam Moving wall will be at the Marina August 10-14.

Communications: Paul Walker read a letter from Clayton Graham regarding hiring Josh Freed to replace Bruce Cranham as Friend of the Court at the end of the year.

At 5:36 p.m., meeting was turned over to Daniel P. Hoholik, Audit-Finance Chairman.

It was moved by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Paul Walker to approve the claims and vouchers numbered **5307 through 5408**, inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Paul Walker to approve transfer voucher 279 for Title Check payment. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Paul Walker to approve the budget adjustments numbered **23-127 through 23-142**, inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

At 5:38 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 Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik 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 5:38 P.M.

Beth A. Edwards, County Clerk

Approved: _____

**INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF AND PAYMENT
FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES**

THIS INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT (the "Agreement") for the provision and payment of ambulance services is entered into between the County of Schoolcraft (the "County") and the City of Manistique (the "City") as of the ____ day of _____, 2023.

WHEREAS, the voters of the County have approved an extra voted millage of 2.25 mills (the "Millage") for a period of five (5) years, 2023 to 2027, inclusive, for the purpose of providing ambulance services within the County; and

WHEREAS, the Urban Cooperation Act, Act 7, Public Acts of Michigan, 1967 (Ex Sess), as amended ("Act 7"), authorizes two or more public agencies to jointly exercise any power, privilege, or authority that the agencies share in common and that each might exercise separately; and

WHEREAS, both parties to this Agreement are authorized to provide ambulance services for their respective constituents; and

WHEREAS, the City has agreed to provide ambulance services throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, the County will transfer the Millage revenues to the City for the provision of ambulance services in the County.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, the parties hereby agree as follows:

1. Provision of Services. The City shall provide transportation; basic life support, limited advanced life support, and advanced life support; and any other services required of emergency medical service providers under applicable law (the "Ambulance Services"), including but not limited to, the provisions of Part 209 of the Public Health Code, Act 368, Public Acts of Michigan, 1978, as amended (the "Code"), within and throughout the County.

2. Payment for Services. In consideration for the Ambulance Services provided by the City, the County will pay the City solely from funds collected through the levy of the Millage.

The County agrees to levy the full amount of the Millage, or such lesser amount if the Millage has been rolled back due to the Headlee Amendment to the Michigan Constitution, on December 1 in each the years 2023 to 2027, inclusive.

The County shall make payments to the City on the 1st and the 15th of each month based on the Millage levy received during that period. The final payment to the City shall be no later than June 30 immediately following the levy.

3. Term. The term of this Agreement shall be five (5) years, commencing on December 1, 2023, and remaining in full force and effect until November 30, 2028.

4. Annual Reporting. The City will make reasonable use of the Millage revenue as authorized by MCL 41.711 and annually report to the County an accounting of expenses to which the Millage revenue is applied. The City will first provide this report within 90 days of the close of its fiscal year end, which is June 30th of each year. These documents will be provided throughout the term of the agreement. The Annual Audit will also be provided as soon as available for review.

5. Indemnification. The City will hold the County harmless and indemnify the County for any and all claims relating to the services the City provides under this Agreement.

6. Amendments. This Agreement may only be revised or amended in writing with the approval of the governing body of both parties.

7. Severability. If any provision of this Agreement is held invalid or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, the other provisions of this Agreement will remain in full force and effect. Any provision of this Agreement held invalid or unenforceable only in part or degree will remain in full force and effect to the extent not held invalid or unenforceable.

8. No Third-Party Beneficiaries. This Agreement is not intended to and shall not be construed to give any third party any interest or rights (including, without limitation, any third-party beneficiary rights) with respect to or in connection with any agreement or provision contained herein or contemplated hereby, except as otherwise expressly provided for in this Agreement.

9. Entire Agreement. This Agreement sets forth the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes any and all prior agreements or understandings between them in any related to the subject matter of this Agreement. It is further understood and agreed that the terms and conditions of this Agreement are contractual and are not a mere recital and that there are no other agreements, understandings, contracts, or representations between the parties in any way related to the subject matter of this Agreement, except as expressly stated in this Agreement.

10. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original and all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. The exchange of copies of this Agreement and of signature pages by facsimile or electronic transmission shall constitute effective execution and delivery of this Agreement as to the parties hereto and may be used in lieu of the original Amendment for all purposes. Signatures of the parties hereto transmitted by facsimile or electronic shall be deemed to be their original signatures for all purposes.

11. The City agrees to move forward with an EMS Advisory Board with diverse representation for local units of government and appropriate medical professionals within Schoolcraft County. This will be a priority to have completed before the end of this agreement.

12. Notices. All notices by one party to the other shall be either hand delivered or mailed by certified mail to the receiving party at the following addresses:

Schoolcraft County Courthouse
300 Walnut Street, Room 164
Manistique, Michigan 49854
Attn: County Clerk

City of Manistique
300 N. Maple
Manistique, MI 49854
Attn: City Manager

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

COUNTY OF SCHOOLCRAFT

By: _____

Its: Chairperson _____

By: _____

Its: County Clerk _____

CITY OF MANISTIQUE

By: _____

Its: Mayor _____

By: _____

Its: City Clerk _____

To whom it may concern:

We write this letter in support of the Michigan Institute of Forensic Science and Medicine (MIFSM)!

Since making the critical decision to contract with MIFSM in an effort to streamline our medical examiner services within Schoolcraft County, they have exceeded ALL expectations. As you know, we as counties are constantly faced with budget decisions in an ever-changing economic environment. From unfunded mandates by the State of Michigan in addition to other economic factors, our constituents expect efficiency.

MIFSM was able to come in and carefully demonstrate not only how we can be more efficient with our dollars, but also to show how a good public/private partnership is supposed to work.

MIFSM's efforts don't just start and stop with their **full menu of medical examiner services**. They care about our constituents. They work hard to educate our citizens and provide much needed trust within our own government process. They are often represented and present at regular county meetings.

It is for that reason, among others, why we fully endorse MIFSM and encourage you to learn more about what they can do for your county.

Sincerely,

Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners

(Can have the whole board sign or just the chairperson)

To be placed on Schoolcraft County letterhead if approved.