

**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 22, 2024**, 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: August 8, 2024, Board and Audit-Finance Meeting
 August 13, 2024, Special Board Meeting

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

Indian Lake/Gulliver/McDonald Lake Authority Update
Accept Planning Commission Resignation – place ad
Materials Management Committee Appointment -2 members
Treasurer’s Office Hire (Personnel Committee Notes)
Audit/Finance Committee Recommendations/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. Budget Adjustments
- 17. 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

Craig Reiter _____
Craig Reiter, 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, August 8, 2024, 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 Bruce Birr
 Commissioner Troy Bassett
 Commissioner Paul Walker
 Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik
 Schoolcraft County Clerk Beth A. Edwards

Absent:

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.

Chairman Paul Walker asked for a moment of silence in recognition of the passing of Rick Demers.

It was moved by Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik and was seconded by Commissioner Troy Bassett to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2024, 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. Commissioner Paul Walker asked to add Bond Counsel. **It was moved** by Commissioner Troy Bassett and was seconded by Commissioner Bruce Birr to approve the amended agenda. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

“Public Hearings”: None

“Brief Public Comment”: Alan Kilar addressed Gulliver Lake Dam.

“Unfinished Business”: None

“New Business”:

It was moved by Commissioner Paul Walker and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to retain Dickinson-Wright to serve as finance counsel and Bendzinski & Co. to serve as municipal as municipal finance advisor with respect to lake level special assessments for Indian Lake, Gulliver Lake, and McDonald Lake. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Commissioner Paul Walker gave an update on the Indian Lake Authority/Gulliver Lake Authority/McDonald Lake Authority.

It was moved by Commissioner Troy Bassett and was seconded by Commissioner Bruce Birr to approve the cell tower height exception request on M-77 by Terra Consulting Group pursuant to Planning Commission approval of the Conditional Use Permit Application filed by Terra Consulting Group. There was discussion. 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 Bruce Birr to approve hiring of legal counsel for purpose of representing and/or providing legal advice to county officials while performing their official duties pursuant to MCL 49.73 and authorize reimbursement to Mr. Timothy Noble in the amount of \$8,000 with supporting documentation. 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 approve the LEIN Firewall Upgrade at the Schoolcraft County Jail, in the amount of \$2,118.53. 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 Bruce Birr to approve the FY25 ORV Grant in the amount in \$5,608 with no local match. 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 Daniel P. Hoholik to approve the payment of \$15,173.78 to MDOT for past fuel farm grant match. Roll call

vote: Paul Walker, yes; Daniel P. Hoholik, no; Troy Bassett, yes; Bruce Birr, yes; Craig Reiter, yes. The motion carried by a majority aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Paul Walker and was seconded by Commissioner Troy Bassett to approve the I-Beam Sliding Door for the hangar/storage building at the airport in the amount of \$23,933 to be paid from ARPA Funds. 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 Bruce Birr to approve the MDOT Airport Obstruction Grant Contract No. 2024-0728 in the amount of \$352,369 with a 5% match (\$17,619) and authorize Paul Walker, Board Chairman, to sign the necessary documents. 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 Bruce Birr to approve the purchase of (2) new computers and monitors in the amount of \$2,499.78 for Probate Court to be paid from ARPA Funds. 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 Bruce Birr to approve the request from MI-Works to sublease a cubical area to Small Business Development Centers (SBDC). The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Reports, the following matters were heard:

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

Commissioner Craig Reiter : attended CMH, LMAS, HBH Personnel, Audit/Finance Committee, UPWARD Talent Council, and Community Action meetings.

Commissioner Paul Walker: attended LMAS and Audit/Finance Committee meetings.

Commissioner Bruce Birr: attended CUPPAD meeting.

Commissioner Troy Bassett: attended Building/Grounds and Airport Committee meeting.

Steve Videtich stated that the well has been pulled and capped at Merwin Creek, CUP Race went well, pumps for Carpenter Dam will be put out on bids on Monday, and Map in Equalization Department from FAA for height of towers.

Announcements and Notices: None

Public Comment: Alan Kilar addressed cost of bonding.

Marion Enstrom addressed McDonald Lake Circuit Court Order, lake level, and special assessment is a tax.

Paul Walker addressed the Court Orders and methodology.

Ron Goudreau addressed the special assessment and why not the whole county.

Robert Pauliot addressed compliance with EGLE.

Corey Barr addressed the special assessment is needed before any grants would be given.

Bonnie Elliot congratulated everyone on moving to the November Ballot.

Troy Bassett addressed the funding mechanism.

Daniel P. Hoholik addressed county liability.

Commissioner's Comment: None

Communications: None.

At 6:33 p.m., meeting was turned over to Craig Reiter, Audit-Finance Chairman.

It was moved by Commissioner Troy Bassett and was seconded by Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik to approve the claims and vouchers numbered **8728 through 8893**, inclusive. There was discussion. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

At 6:33 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 Bruce Birr 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 6:34 p.m.

Beth A. Edwards, County Clerk

Approved: _____

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

The Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioner’s Board met on Tuesday, August 13, 2024, in the District Courtroom of the Schoolcraft County Building, City of Manistique, Michigan. Chairman Paul Walker called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. The roll was called with the following members present and/or absent:

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

Absent: Commissioner Craig Reiter (excused) and Commissioner Bruce Birr (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 Troy Bassett and was seconded by Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik to approve the agenda as printed. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

“Brief Public Comment”: Trisha Noble, Operations Director, addressed it being a struggle to get numbers from Equalization Department.

“Unfinished Business”: None

“New Business”:

It was moved by Commissioner Troy Bassett and was seconded by Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik to approve the millage language presented by the Schoolcraft County Transit Authority and authorized it to be placed on the November 2024 Ballot. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Public Comment: None

Commissioner's Comment: None

It was moved by Commissioner Troy Bassett 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 12:06 p.m.

Beth A. Edwards, County Clerk

Approved: _____

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Robin A. LaCroix
315N Sunset Beach Dr.
Manistique, MI 49854

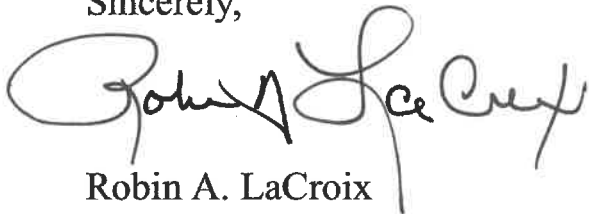
Beth A Edwards, Clerk
300 Walnut St.
Manistique, MI 49854

Dear Ms. Edwards,

Please accept this letter of resignation from the Schoolcraft County Planning Committee. I appreciate the opportunity to serve on this board but feel my knowledge would be better served elsewhere.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robin A. LaCroix". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and "L".

Robin A. LaCroix

**SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners Personnel Committee met on Friday, August 9, 2024, in the 1st Floor Conference Room, of the Schoolcraft County Building, City of Manistique, Michigan, commencing at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order and roll was taken:

Present: Commissioner Troy Bassett
 Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik
 Beth A. Edwards, Clerk

Commissioner Troy Bassett led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions: None

Discussion:

The Personnel Committee accepted the resignation of the Zoning Administrator, Tasha Rosebush, advised the County Clerk to post an ad in the Pioneer Tribune, website and facebook.

RECOMMENDATION to send the wage portion of the Zoning Administrator to Audit/Finance Committee for discussion.

Temporary Summer Help was discussed for Building/Grounds & Airport. Position would be for a college enrolled student, position would be less than 90 days/ \$14 to \$15 per hour with a max expense of no more than \$10,000. RECOMMENDATION to be looked at in the budget process.

Jane Cowlter-Bridges and Heather LaLonde, Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer, requested an early hire by November 1, 2024. Maddy will be out on FMLA starting sometime near November 1 for 12 weeks. They would like a new hire put in place so that individual could be trained as Jane will be retiring on December 31, 2024. There would be money in the budget as Maddy would not be paid while she was off. RECOMMENDATION to move to the full board approval to advertise and for a November 1, 2024 hire of the new person.

Abby Burton, Mental Health Specialty Court also advised that her department will be short staffed for 12 weeks and she is looking to hire a part-time individual already working with the Drug Court through Alger County. This will be covered by the Grant.

Public Comment: None

Next meeting: TBD

Adjournment: Committee meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that there will be a meeting of the *Audit-Finance Committee* of the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners on **Tuesday, August 20, 2024, at 3:30 p.m.** in the 1st Floor Conference Room, Schoolcraft County Courthouse, Manistique, Michigan.

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Discussion:
 - CVR Grant Acceptance
 - Zoning Administrator Wage
 - Budget Review
 - Any other matter brought to the Committee.
5. Public Comment
6. Adjournment

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

Craig Reiter _____ Dated: August 13, 2024

Craig Reiter, Audit-Finance Committee Chairman
Schoolcraft County Commissioner