

**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 8, 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:                      July 25, 2024, Board and Audit-Finance 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  
Cell Tower Height Request – Hugh Bealka  
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. Adjournment

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

*Paul Walker*

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Paul Walker, Chairperson  
Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners

*Craig Reiter*

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Craig Reiter, Chairperson Audit-Finance  
Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners

**Public may view this meeting via zoom (listening purposes only) no public comment or interaction via zoom.**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

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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 25, 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 Paul Walker  
                      Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik  
                      Schoolcraft County Clerk Beth A. Edwards

Absent:            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 Bruce Birr to approve the minutes of the July 11, 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 Indian Lake Authority Resolution. **It was moved** by Commissioner Bruce Birr 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”: Tom Pugh addressed concerns with dredging of the Manistique River.

Lynn Mathew addressed concerns with dredging of the Manistique River.

Daniel Hoholik addressed EGLE Permits for dredging of the Manistique River.

Mary Whinnen addressed concerns with dredging the Manistique River and contaminating Lake Michigan.

“Unfinished Business”: None

**“New Business”:**

Commissioner Paul Walker gave an update on the Indian Lake/Gulliver Lake/McDonald Lake Authorities and a status report of the Court hearing to set levels and special assessment districts.

**It was moved** by Commissioner Bruce Birr and was seconded by Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik to approve Resolution 24-9 Indian Lake Authority Board Member Increase. There was discussion. Motion was withdrawn.

**It was moved** by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik to approve Resolution 24-9 Indian Lake Authority Board Member Increase by removing the City of Manistique representative and adding three members who have lakefront or private legal access to Indian Lake, initial terms are 2, 3, 4 years staggered. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

**It was moved** by Commissioner Bruce Birr and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to approve Resolution 24-10 Gulliver Lake Authority Board Member Increase by adding two members who have lakefront or private legal access to Gulliver Lake, initial terms are 3 and 4 years staggered. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

**It was moved** by Commissioner Bruce Birr and was seconded by Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik to approve Resolution 24-11 McDonald Lake Authority Board Member Increase by adding two members who have lakefront or private legal access to McDonald Lake, initial terms are 3 and 4 years staggered. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

**It was moved** by Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik and was seconded by Commissioner Bruce Birr to appoint Bobbi Freeman to the vacant seat on Commission on Aging Board, term expiring December 31, 2025. 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 Bruce Birr to advertise for the additional seats on the Indian Lake/Gulliver Lake/ and McDonald Lake Authority Boards. 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 Daniel P. Hoholik to approve the Kroger National Opioid Settlement 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 FY24/25 Snowmobile Grant in the amount of \$9,008.50 with a 15% match to be paid from donation within the Snowmobile Grant Fund. 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 pay \$7,589.89 which is ½ of the unpaid \$15,173.78 to the SOM for the Old Fuel Farm at the Schoolcraft County Airport if issue is resolved with the State of Michigan, if not resolved, Paul Walker, Board Chairman, is authorized to contact Attorney Michael Homier for a legal opinion on required payment. 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 FY25 Childcare/Basic Grant Application in the amount of \$248,746.43. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

**It was moved** by Commissioner Bruce Birr and was seconded by Commissioner Paul Walker to approve the Probate/Juvenile Court copier lease of Konica Minolta Bizhub 287 with fax and scan to email capabilities in the amount of \$78.77 per month, \$38 per month Complete Maintenance & Supply Agreement, and a one time \$99.50 origination fee. 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 not approve a clothing allowance/clothing purchase for MDOC Probation Agent. 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 a spending freeze for all departments except for essential/emergency items approved by the Audit/Finance Committee. 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 Friday Spicer Group and Medical Care Facility meetings.

**Commissioner Craig Reiter :** attended Community Mental Health, Hiawatha Behavioral Health, Community Action Finance, Audit/Finance Committee, and Community Action Board meetings.

**Commissioner Paul Walker:** attended Manistique City Council and Audit/Finance Committee meetings.

**Commissioner Bruce Birr:** None.

Corey Barr, Manistique City Manager, addressed State and Federal projects approved within the City of Manistique, a new Treasurer and Clerk have been hired.

Ashley Reitter addressed the dredging, site visits for invasive species, washing boats at the fishing derby, Soil Conservation will be hiring a Forester, and the Annual Meeting is on August 15<sup>th</sup>.

Marcy Johnson addressed the Juvenile Court review and conferences among the spending freeze.

**Announcements and Notices:** None

**Public Comment:** Tom Pugh thanked the Board for their attention to the dredging.

**Commissioner's Comment:** Craig Reiter addressed not knowing anything about the dredging by the Army Corp of Engineers until this meeting.

Paul Walker reminded everyone of Salmon Derby and Dueling Piano at Little Bear Arena this weekend.

Corey Barr thanked the county volunteers for another successful Folk Fest.

Paul Walker asked for new thoughts and ideas for Folk Fest next year.

**Communications:** None.

At 6:23 p.m., meeting was turned over to Craig Reiter, Audit-Finance Chairman.

**It was moved** by Commissioner Paul Walker and was seconded by Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik to approve the claims and vouchers numbered **8613 through 8727**, inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

**It was moved** by Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik and was seconded by Commissioner Paul Walker to approve the budget adjustments numbered **24-134 through 24-142**, inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

At 6:24 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 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 6:24 p.m.

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Beth A. Edwards, County Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

**From:** zoning schoolcraftcounty.us  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 24, 2024 9:46 AM  
**To:** clerk schoolcraftcounty.us  
**Cc:** Hugh Bealka; equalization schoolcraftcounty.us  
**Subject:** FW: Conditional Use Permit Application Package / Proposed New Wireless Communications Facility @ Blake, Kingsbury, McLaren Property- 1076 / Joint Application by The Towers, LLC ("Vertical Bridge") and Verizon Wireless / Top O Lake Vert Bridge Top O Lake (US-MI-5317)-England RL-Schoolcraft County CUP App Package 071724.pdf; Zoning Ordinance.doc

**Attachments:**

Beth,

This is the forwarded email for the new requested tower on M-77 that has been sent to me to apply for a conditional use.

Per section 6.15 (C)(e)(1) states, *"The maximum height of the new or modified support structure and antenna shall not exceed one hundred eighty (180) feet and shall be the minimum height demonstrated to be necessary for reasonable communication by the applicant and by other entities to collocate on the structure. **Additional height over one hundred eighty (180) feet may be permitted, in the sole discretion of the County Board, when it can be demonstrated by the applicant that additional height is required to permit collocation.** Evidence of collocation shall be provided by the applicant if additional height over one hundred eighty (180) feet is requested. The accessory building contemplated to enclose such things as switching equipment shall be limited to the maximum height for accessory structures within the respective district."*

The applicant would like to be added to the agenda for the County Board of Commissioners meeting set for Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup> to request this additional height. The meeting for the Conditional Use will take place Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> and they would like to have this approval prior to that hearing, if possible. I also cc'd Hugh who is working on this project and whom I have been in contact with regarding this process.

Thank you,

*Tasha Rosebush*

Schoolcraft County Zoning Administrator  
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**From:** Hugh Bealka <hughb@terraltd.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 17, 2024 3:27 PM  
**To:** zoning schoolcraftcounty.us <zoning@schoolcraftcounty.us>  
**Cc:** Pete Schau <petes@terraltd.com>; Cindi Sievertson <CindiS@terraltd.com>  
**Subject:** Conditional Use Permit Application Package / Proposed New Wireless Communications Facility @ Blake, Kingsbury, McLaren Property- 1076 / Joint Application by The Towers, LLC ("Vertical Bridge") and Verizon Wireless / Top O Lake

Hi Tasha,

The attached Conditional Use Permit Application Package and corresponding application fee were mailed out to your department today and are scheduled for arrival on Friday, July 19th. This is a Joint Application Package by The Towers, LLC ("Vertical Bridge") and Verizon Wireless for a proposed new wireless communications facility on the Blake, Kingsbury, McLaren owned property at 1076 Grant Rd, Germfask, MI 49836.

We are providing the Application Package in electronic form for ease of reference, and it includes the following documents:

- Cover Letter - We have contemplated Schoolcraft County's ordinance in the Cover Letter and hope to proactively provide answers to ordinance queries.
- Application Form for Conditional Use
- Property Owner Authorization Letter
- Preliminary Construction Drawings
- Topographic Survey
- Geotechnical Investigations Report
- FAA Determination of No Hazard Letter
- Antenna Structure Registration
- Michigan DOT Tall Structure Permit
- Maintenance Plan Letter
- Radio Frequency Propagation Map

Would you please confirm whether this application is deemed complete? Would you also please confirm the target County Board/Planning Committee dates for which this application will be considered? Please reach out to me if any questions or comments come up during your review.

Thank you and talk to you soon.

Best,



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## 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 6, 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:
  - Prosecuting Attorney Representation
  - Jail LEIN Firewall Upgrade
  - FY24/25 ORV Grant Acceptance
  - Tasha Rosebush - training not required for current job duties
  - Prior Airport Grant Match Money
  - Building/Grounds & Airport Action Items?
  - Set Dates for FY24-25 Budget Review
  - 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 1, 2024

Craig Reiter, Audit-Finance Committee Chairman  
Schoolcraft County Commissioner