

**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, February 13, 2025**, 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: January 23, 2025, Board and Audit-Finance Meeting
February 6 & 7, 2025, FY23-24 Annual Reports
5. Approval of agenda
6. Public Hearings:
7. Brief Public Comment:
8. Old and unfinished business:
9. New Business:
 - Indian Lake/Gulliver Lake/McDonald Lake Authority's Update
 - Jury Board Appointment (1)
 - Schoolcraft County Board of Veteran's Affairs Board Appointments (3)
 - Hiawatha Behavioral Health Board Appointment (1)
 - Accept February 7, 2025, written and oral FY 23-24 Annual Reports
 - 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

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, January 23, 2025, 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
 Schoolcraft County Clerk Beth A. Edwards

Absent: Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik (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 Craig Reiter to approve the minutes of January 9, 2025, 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 USDA Unified Branding Grant Q4 Reports for Signature. **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

Public Comment: Peter Hood addressed the proposed Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital Board Appointments.

George Price addressed the variance hearing just held and the planning commission meeting in the future.

Victor Vanderville addressed the variance hearing just held.

Pat Carley addressed the variance hearing just held.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Commissioner Paul Walker gave an update on the Indian Lake Authority, McDonald Lake Authority, and Gulliver Lake Authority. Indicating that the Gulliver Lake Dam Keeper position is still open.

It was moved by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Troy Bassett to appoint Kristi Kusiner, Samantha Hedberg, and Dustin Denkins to the Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees, terms expiring December 31, 2030. 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 table the Road Commissioner Appointment to the next Board meeting allowing the Personnel Committee to meet with the candidates and make a recommendation. There was discussion. 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 Troy Bassett to appoint Boris Martysz and Greg Schuetter to the Schoolcraft County Economic Development Corporation Board, terms expire December 31, 2029. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Commissioner Paul Walker reviewed the ARPA Expenditure Update, indicating benefits to the community with the ARPA Funds. There was discussion. The update will be posted to the County Facebook page.

It was moved by Commissioner Troy Bassett and was seconded by Commissioner Bruce Birr to approve the USDA Unified Branding Grant Q4 Reports and authorize Paul Walker, Board Chairman, to sign the documents for submission. 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 Troy Bassett to approve the VA Millage Language as presented:

Tax Renewal for operation of the Schoolcraft County Veterans Relief Fund and the Full Time Operation of the Veterans Service Office.

Shall the millage rate renewal of 0.2000 Mills (Which is equal to twenty cents per one thousand dollars of taxable value) be assessed against all taxable value of real and tangible personal property in Schoolcraft County for a period of five years (2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, and 2030 inclusive) for the purpose of funding the Schoolcraft County Veterans Relief Fund and the Full Time Operation of the Schoolcraft County Veterans Service Office. It is estimated that this renewal of 0.2000 Mills will generate revenue of approximated \$87,089 during the first calendar year of the millage renewal.

to be placed on the 2026 August Primary Election, August 4, 2026. 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 Craig Reiter : attended Hiawatha Behavioral Health Retreat and Community Action meetings.

Commissioner Paul Walker: attended Manistique City Council, Community Round Table regarding Truancy, and Audit-Finance Committee meetings.

Commissioner Bruce Birr: attended Conservation District Annual Meeting, Manistique City Council, Manistique Township, Schoolcraft Transit Authority, CUPPAD – Materials Management, and Community Round Table regarding Truancy meetings.

Commissioner Troy Bassett: attended Schoolcraft County Road Commission, and Community Round Table regarding Truancy meetings.

Keith Rochefort discussed the Schoolcraft County Road Commission.

Jane Kopecky discussed the Historical Society and the building move.

Corey Barr further addressed the status of the building move.

Undersheriff Schlabach addressed business as usual at the Sheriff's Department.

Corey Barr, City Manager, gave a copy of the draft Audits for the City addressed the MOU for another Resouce Officer at the School, New Ambulance certification, Updated the water/sewer projects, Manistique River Dam project.

Pat Carley addressed the Planning Commission working on campgrounds and data mining.

Peter Hood, Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital is looking for a new CEO and they are expanding their Specialty Clinics.

Announcements and Notices: None

Public Comment: Samantha Hedberg thanked the Board for the appointment to the Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital Board.

Bruce Birr spoke on behalf of Ashley Reitter stating that he will be **retiring** and there is a job posting for a full-time position at Soil Conservation District Website.

Commissioner's Comment:

Craig Reiter addressed the Fish & Game came to the County 2011 and said the Manistique River plotting would take 2 to 3 years and it has just been completed.

Paul Walker addressed the cyber-attack in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan and the need for all employees to be diligent to not open emails that look suspicious.

Communications: None.

At 6:10 p.m., meeting was turned over to Craig Reiter, Audit-Finance Chairman.

It was moved by Commissioner Troy Bassett and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to approve the claims and vouchers numbered **1195 through 1298**, inclusive. The motion carried by 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 budget adjustments numbered **25-32 through 25-42**, inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

At 6:11 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 Craig Reiter 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 6:11 p.m.

Beth A. Edwards, County Clerk

Approved: _____

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Munising, MI 49862
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STATE OF MICHIGAN



Luce County
407 West Harrie Street
Newberry, MI 49868
906-293-5521

Schoolcraft County
300 Walnut St., Rm 104
Manistique, MI 49854
906-341-3655

11TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT

HON. BRIAN D. RAHILLY

Mackinac County
100 S. Marley Street
St. Ignace, MI 49781
906-643-7300

February 7, 2025

Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners
c/o Schoolcraft County Clerk
300 Walnut Street
Manistique, MI 49854

Re: Schoolcraft County Jury Board Reappointment


Dear Commissioners:

The term of office for the following member of the Schoolcraft County Jury Board expires on April 30, 2025:

Ms. Barbara Reiter (R)
3934W U.S. Hwy 2
P.O. Box 87
Gulliver, MI 49840
(906) 286-3229

Ms. Reiter has served well and faithfully and has indicated to me her willingness to serve another term. Therefore, I respectfully recommend that she be re-appointed for a term to expire April 30, 2031.

Very truly yours,


Hon. Brian D. Rahilly
Circuit Judge

BDR/jp

From: Barbara A <gulliverbarb@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 7, 2025 9:24 AM
To: clerk schoolcraftcounty.us
Subject: Jury Board

Hi Beth,
I would like to continue on the jury board.
Have a great day.
Barb

Ewe's Have It Farm
Breeder of Shetland Sheep
Barbara A. Reiter

Character is what you are in the dark. - D.L.Moody
Forgive others, as quickly as you expect God to forgive you. - MT [6:15](#)

January 1, 2025

Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners
300 Walnut Street
Manistique, MI 49854

Subject: Letter of Interest for Re-appointment to the Schoolcraft County Board of Veterans' Affairs

Dear County Commissioners,

I am requesting re-appointment to the Schoolcraft County Board of Veterans' Affairs. I meet all of the requirements for a position on the board and most recently served as the board chairman.

I bring many years of experience and knowledge and would be honored to be re-appointed.

Sincerely,

s John Sundbeck

John Sundbeck

January 1, 2025

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300 Walnut Street
Manistique, MI 49854

Subject: Letter of Interest for Re-appointment to the Schoolcraft County Board of Veterans' Affairs

Dear Commissioners,

I would like to be considered for a re-appointment to the board of the Schoolcraft County Veterans' Affairs. I enjoy working with this group and giving back to the veteran community. I meet the requirements for this position.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Nikole Messer

Nikole Messer

January 1, 2025

Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners
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County Board of Commissioners

Please be advised that my term ended and I am interested in continuing to sit on the County Board of Veterans' Affairs. I meet all the requirements and am honored to be involved in our veteran community.

Please consider my re-appointment to this board.

Best Regards,

s Sam Pfeiffer

Sam Pfeiffer

George M. Ecclesine
201 Cattaragus Street
Manistique, MI 49854

January 23, 2025

Beth A. Edwards
Schoolcraft County Clerk
300 Walnut Street, Rm. #164
Manistique, MI 49854

Re: Position Opening – HBH Board

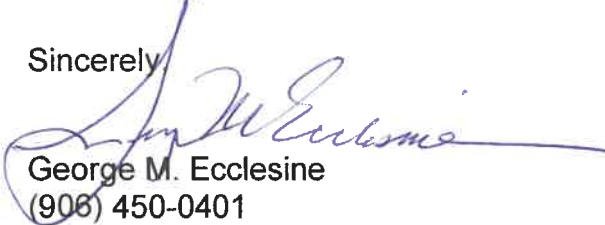
Dear Beth,

Currently I've been serving on the Board of Hiawatha Behavioral Health for the past twelve years. It is my understanding that my term on the HBH Board will expire as of March 31st of this year.

I am asking that the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners please consider my request to be re-appointed to the Board of Hiawatha Behavioral Health. I understand the importance of the various mental health services/programs provided by Hiawatha Behavioral Health and would like to continue to serve my community as a member of the HBH Board.

Please thank the Board of Commissioners for their consideration of my request.

Sincerely,



George M. Ecclesine
(906) 450-0401

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Cc: Dan McKinney, CEO
Hiawatha Behavioral Health