

**NOTICE OF SCHOOLCRAFT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners will meet on **Wednesday, November 6, 2024**, in the 1st Floor Conference Room of the Schoolcraft County Building, Manistique, Michigan, commencing at **3:30 P.M.** The following is the proposed Agenda:

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Minutes: October 24, 2024, Board and Audit-Finance Meeting

5. Approval of agenda
6. Brief Public Comment
7. New Business:

Closed Session – FOC Mediation Discussion

8. Public Comment
9. 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

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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, October 24, 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: 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 Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Bruce Birr to approve the minutes of the October 10, 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 Craig Reiter asked to add Information on the Appeal of MPSC's October 10, 2024, Order Wind/Solar Control. **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: Marion Enstrom addressed the additional cost for McDonald Lake Dam Authority Assessment Boundaries to go back to court.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Paul Walker, Board Chairman, gave an update on Indian Lake Authority, Gulliver Lake Authority, and McDonald Lake Authority. Commissioner Paul Walker had asked for an Opinion from Stacy Hissong regarding whether it was a conflict of interest to appoint the Dam Keeper as an authority board member. The opinion was yes that would be a conflict as the Dam Keeper will be asked to sign a contract with the Authority. There was discussion regarding bonding and the need as there has been \$112,000 paid to date. Luke Obrien was asked to address any issues that he had.

Luke Obrien addressed the Indian Lake Authority Special Assessments stating that the bonding was \$225,000 and the assessments totaled approximately \$225,700. He needs to know if the Board would like the \$700 extra assessed/collected to be refigured and new bills/refunds made or just have it receipted into the Indian Lake Authority Lake Level Fund?

It was moved by Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to place in the Contingency Fund the approximate \$700 overage in assessed/collected Indian Lake Authority Lake Level. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

The Indian Lake Authority Board appointments were tabled, and no further letters of interest will be accepted pending a recommendation from the current Authority Board.

It was moved by Commissioner Troy Bassett and was seconded by Commissioner Bruce Birr to table the Gulliver Lake Authority board appointments. 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 Craig Reiter to appoint Kenton Vaughn and Marion Enstrom to the McDonald Lake Authority Board. 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 advertise for letters of interest for three Brownfield Board members. 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 2024 Revised Apportionment Report. There was discussion. Commissioner Craig Reiter withdrew his motion

It was moved by Commissioner Troy Bassett and was seconded by Commissioner Bruce Birr to table the 2024 Apportionment Report until the next meeting to allow Dulcee Ranta to appear and explain the report. 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 authorize Michael Homier, Foster Swift, to file an appeal or other appropriate legal action to challenge the MPSC's October 10, 2024, Order concerning PA 233 on behalf of Schoolcraft Count, expenses not to exceed \$10,000 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 Community Action Lease from October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2026, in the amount of \$282.75 per month. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Bruce Birr and was seconded by Troy Bassett to approve the purchase of Acrobat Reader Program for two computers in Probate Court in the amount of \$155.88 per year for each computer. 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 Troy Bassett to approve the Cooper Copier Contract to replace the 1st Floor of the Courthouse in the amount of \$184.71 per month. 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 Michigan Indigent Defense Commission Grant in the amount of \$201,795.15 in addition to local match amount of \$36,598.45 and Attorney Contract, authorizing Paul Walker, Board Chairman, to sign both. 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 FY25 Adult Mental Health Specialty Court Grant in the amount of \$206,938, no local

match, and authorize Paul Walker, Board Chairman, to sign the document. 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 Paul Walker to increase Planning and Zoning Professional/Contractual budget in the amount of \$6,000 from fund balance. 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 Audit-Finance Committee and Indian Lake Authority Board meetings.

Commissioner Craig Reiter : attended UPCAP, Community Mental Health Association Conference, Northcare Board, Community Action Finance and Regular Board meetings.

Commissioner Paul Walker: attended Manistique City Council, Community Focus Group – Health Services, Audit-Finance Committee, and Indian Lake Authority Board meetings.

Commissioner Bruce Birr: attended Commission on Aging, Manistique City Council, Manistique Township, and Schoolcraft Transit Authority meetings.

Commissioner Troy Bassett: attended Indian Lake Authority Board, and Road Commission meetings.

Corey Barr, City Manager addressed the new City Marijuana Ordinance/Opt-In and Trick or Treating in the City 5-7 on October 31.

Keith Rochefort addressed the Zoning Board of Appeals on next Monday night.

Pat Carley, Planning Commission, is working on the new campground ordinance.

Sheriff Charlie Willour stated the Jail had it's annual inspection last Wednesday with zero infractions. There are 11 inmates.

Announcements and Notices: None

Public Comment: Pat Carley thanked the Board for agreeing to join the Lawsuit/Appeal keeping local control.

Commissioner's Comment: Craig Reiter stated that he has a meeting on the 28th with the School Superintendent regarding the BOTVIN Program.

Paul Walker gave an update on the fires in Schoolcraft County.

Communications: None.

At 6:17 p.m., meeting was turned over to Craig Reiter, Audit-Finance Chairman.

It was moved by Commissioner Bruce Birr and was seconded by Commissioner Paul Walker to approve the claims and vouchers numbered **9497 through 9587**, 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 **25-1 through 25-7**, inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

At 6:18 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 6:18 p.m.

Beth A. Edwards, County Clerk

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