

**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 13, 2026**, in the District Courtroom of the Schoolcraft County Building, Manistique, Michigan, commencing at **5:30 P.M.**

The following is the proposed Agenda:

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Minutes: July 23, 2026, Board and Audit-Finance Meeting
5. Approval of agenda
6. Public Hearings:
7. Brief Public Comment:
8. Unfinished business:
9. New Business:
 - Indian/McDonald/Gulliver Lake Authority Updates
 - Schoolcraft County Motorized Trails Association – Proposed Trail Extension the Kewadin Casino
 - Personnel Committee Report and Action Items
 - 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.

Daniel P. Hoholik .

Daniel P. Hoholik, 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, July 23, 2026, in the District Courtroom of the Schoolcraft County Building, City of Manistique, Michigan. Chairman Daniel P. Hoholik called the meeting to order at 5:30 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 Sara MacGregor
 Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik
 Schoolcraft County Clerk Beth A. Edwards

Absent: None

Chairman Daniel P. Hoholik 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 July 9, 2026, Board/Audit 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 Daniel P. Hoholik asked if there were any additions, deletions, or corrections to the printed agenda. Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik asked to add McDonald Lake Assessments – New Bank Account, Library Millage Language, 4-H Millage Language, VA Millage Language, and Soil Conservation District Millage Language. **It was moved** by Commissioner Bruce Birr and was seconded by Commissioner Sara MacGregor to approve the amended agenda. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Public Hearings: None

Public Comment: Susan King addressed the Soil Conservation District Millage language.

Unfinished Business: None

“New Business”: No Lake Authority updates.

It was moved by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Troy Bassett to approve Heather LaLonde, County Treasurer, to open a new Bank Account at Limestone Federal Credit Union for the McDonald Lake Authority Assessment District. The motion was 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 Resolution 26-18 – Resolution in Support of House Bill 6105 (Lake Level Assessment Funding Reform). The motion was carried by 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 3-year contract with Dulcee Atherton as Equalization Director. The motion was carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Troy Bassett and was seconded by Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik to approve the ORV Enforcement Grant Application in the amount of \$11,844, no county matching dollars. The motion was carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Troy Bassett and was seconded by Commissioner Sara MacGregor to approve the Snowmobile Enforcement Grant Application in the amount of \$15,576, with a 15% county match. The motion was carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Bruce Birr and was seconded by Commissioner Sara MacGregor to accept the Federal Forest Grant in the amount of \$3,969.24, no county match. The motion was carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Troy Bassett and was seconded by Commissioner Sara MacGregor to approve the Crime Victims Right Grant Application in the amount of \$12,319. The motion was carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Sara MacGregor and was seconded by Commissioner Bruce Birr to approve the PFN carrier for the county fax lines and authorize Beth Edwards to sign the needed documents. The motion was carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Bruce Birr to approve the 4 separate proposed millage proposals that ran on the August Ballot (Library, Soil Conservation District, VA Services, and 4-H Services) for the November Ballot if they do not pass on the August 4, 2026 Election. The motion was carried by 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 Land Bank Authority meetings.

Commissioner Craig Reiter : attended Audit/Finance Committee and Community Action Finance/Board meetings.

Commissioner Sara MacGregor: attended Audit/Finance Committee as a non-participant and Manistique City Council meetings.

Commissioner Bruce Birr: attended no meetings since the last Board meeting.

Commissioner Troy Bassett: attended Planning Commission, and Hiawatha Township meetings.

Jan Hooker addressed the Opioid Task Force and a possible website.

Susan King addressed Soil Conservation Annual meeting at the Flat Iron Brewery on July 28, 2026.

Announcements and Notices: None

Public Comment: Susan King addressed updating the Building Directory.

Jan Hooker addressed the permit fee for the Historical Society entry and ramp for the building.

Commissioner's Comment: None.

Communications: None.

At 6 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 **6218 through 6355**, 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 Daniel P. Hoholik to approve the budget adjustments numbered **26-86 through 26-106**, inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

At 6:01 p.m., the meeting was turned back over to Chairman Daniel P. Hoholik. Chairman Daniel P. Hoholik 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 Daniel P. Hoholik adjourned the Board and Audit Finance Meeting at ____ P.M.

Beth A. Edwards, County Clerk

Approved: _____

Kewadin Casino ORV/Snowmobile Trail Project Steering Committee Kick-Off Meeting August 4, 2026

Wanda Barbeau and David Grabski Co-Chairs

Welcome and Introductions – Wanda Barbeau

Project Overview – David Grabski

Sub – Committees

1. Communications – Keep Public, Local Business and Media informed
2. Grants – This project initial cost is projected to be \$1.7M and will be funded via grants and donations
3. Law Enforcement – Working with City, County, Townships and State agencies
4. Landowner Legal Access – Obtain written permission to cross Private and Government Lands for periods of 5 years or more.
5. Trail Construction – Work with Canadian Northern and Contractors for building the trail extension.

Open Discussion

Next Steps

Kewadin Casino Manistique and Schoolcraft County Motorized Trails Association City Trail Extension Proposal

The Kewadin Casino (Casino) and Schoolcraft County Motorized Trails Association (SCMTA) have partnered in proposing the City Trail be extended 5 miles from Tannery Road to the Kewadin Casino property.

Project Benefits

The development of this trail connection would provide significant benefits not only to Kewadin Casino, but also to neighboring communities and counties throughout the region. As tourism trends continue to evolve and recreational vehicle and ORV usage increases, improved trail access presents an opportunity to attract additional visitors and encourage longer stays within the area.

This summer, Kewadin Casino will begin renovations to its RV park, including the installation of full-service hookup sites. Establishing direct trail access to the property would complement these improvements by making the casino and RV park more accessible to outdoor recreation enthusiasts traveling throughout the region.

In addition to enhancing visitor access, the trail would support local commerce by increasing traffic to nearby businesses, including restaurants, lodging establishments, fuel stations, retail stores, and other service providers. The resulting economic activity would generate additional revenue for neighboring businesses while strengthening regional tourism efforts and promoting long-term economic growth throughout the area.

Project Administration

- A Steering Committee with two Co-Chairs, Wanda Barbeau representing the Kewadin Casino and David Grabski representing Schoolcraft County Motorized Trails Association. These two individuals have overall responsibility for the project completion and compliance with all ordinances and permits.
- Responsible for managing selected bid award contractors work product and schedule.

Create a Steering Committee

- The role of this group is to represent their groups interests and coordinate with internal staff subject experts that can aid in engineering and contract terms and conditions to create (multiple) Statements of Work (SOW's),
- Recommend terms and conditions to bid Statements of Work (SOW) prior to sending out to contractors for competitive bid responses.
- Review Contractor bid responses and recommend bid awards based on price and contractor reputation.

Steering Committee Membership

- Kewadin Casino Manistique – Wanda Barbeau, Steering Committee Co-Chair
- Schoolcraft County Motorized Trails Assoc – David Grabski, Steering Committee Co-Chair
- Schoolcraft County Motorized Trails Assoc – Larry Billings, President
- Kewadin Casino's – Allen Kerridge, CEO
- Manistique City Council Representative – Micheal Perilloux
- Manistique Township Council Representative –
- Schoolcraft County Commission Representative– Troy Bassette
- Schoolcraft County Road Commission Representative–
- Schoolcraft Tourism & Commerce Representative – Victoria Geroge
- Michigan DNR – Ron Yesney
- Michigan DNR – Daryl Browning, Parks and Recreation

Project Overview

The following is a very high outline of tasks that will be addressed. The proposed extension of the City Trail (DNR designation as Trail 906) major improvements would include:

- Obtain a Private Railway Crossing Permit from the Canadian Northern Railway. The permit would specify the crossing would be compliant with a public road crossing with warning lights and crossing gates. The location of the crossing will be located on the Northeast corner of Highway US2 and Tannery Road, below and offset from the MDOT bridge crossing on US2. This location was selected as that is where a non-sanction trail is used by riders today. Seven-foot-high cyclone fencing will be specified to prevent riders from crossing the rails outside the gated crossing.
- Obtain a permit from Schoolcraft County Airport and the FAA to create a thirty-foot wide fenced corridor along the northern and eastern borders of their property. The Airport side of the trail crossing will be specified to have a seven-foot-high cyclone fence to prevent users of the trail from wandering onto the airport proper and interfering with air operations.
- Trail 906, which is primarily all sand along the power lines will be improved to have a hard gravel base like the Haywire over a 5-year period with funding from DNR Grants.
- Currently ORV riders out of Manistique use Tannery Road and joins the Trail 906 beyond the County Road buildings. This traffic will be re-routed to use the current snowmobile route.

We look forward working with all stakeholders to make this a successful project.

Attachments:

- Construction estimated 5-year expense
- Proposed Trail Route Map

DNR Trail 906 (City Trail) Extension from Tannery Road to Kewadin Manistique Casino

Activity	5 Year Plan					Totals
	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	
Land Clearing	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,000.00
Grading and Leveling*	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00
Trail Signing	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00
Road Crossing Mat	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,000.00
Chain Link Fencing	\$ 60,000					\$ 60,000.00
Trail Enhancements**		\$ 120,000	\$ 120,000	\$ 110,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 380,000.00
RR Crossing	\$ 1,000,000					\$ 1,000,000.00
RR Crossing Annual Maintenance		\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 80,000.00
RR Crossing Liability Insurance	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	

Totals **\$ 1,250,000.00** **\$ 140,000.00** **\$ 140,000.00** **\$ 130,000.00** **\$ 50,000.00** **\$ 1,710,000.00**

NOTES

- 1* - Trail surface will be graded dirt
- 2** - Trail surface graveled in similar fashion as the Haywire Grade
3. RR Crossing and annual maintenance place holder prior to contacting Canadian National RR
4. Trail Enhancements can be accelerated, not a construction constraint
5. Estimates are based on previous trail restoration project costings

Proposed Trail Route Map



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 **Monday, August 10, 2026, at 9 a.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:
 - Child Care FY 26-27 Grant
 - Internet Services
 - Planning Commission Request
 - Any other business brought before 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 6, 2026

Craig Reiter, Audit-Finance Committee Chairman
Schoolcraft County Commissioner

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the *Personnel Committee* of the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners on **Monday, August 10, 2026**, commencing at **10:30 a.m.** in 1st Floor Conference Room, Schoolcraft County Courthouse, Manistique, Michigan.

1. Call to order
2. Roll call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Discussion:
 - Zoning Administrator Resignation/Position
 - Any other matters for Discussion
5. Public Comment
6. Adjournment

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

Troy Bassett Dated: August 6, 2026
Schoolcraft County Commissioner