

**NOTICE OF SEMI-MONTHLY COUNTY BOARD MEETING  
And AUDIT/FINANCE MEETING**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners will meet on **Tuesday, December 23, 2025**, 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: December 11, 2025, Board/Audit Meeting

5. Approval of agenda
6. Public Hearings:
7. Public Comment
8. Unfinished business:

9. New Business:

Indian Lake/Gulliver/McDonald Lake Authority Update  
Land Bank Authority Appointment  
Personnel Committee Report and Action Items  
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**SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
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The Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioner's Board Meeting / Audit Finance Meeting met on Thursday, December 11, 2025, in the District Courtroom of the Schoolcraft County Building, City of Manistique, Michigan. Chairman Paul Walker called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The roll was called with the following members present and/or absent:

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

Absent:         Commissioner Craig Reiter (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 Bruce Birr and was seconded by Commissioner Troy Bassett to approve the minutes of November 25, 2025, Board and Audit Meeting of the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners and November 25, 2025, Closed Session. 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 Personnel Committee Action items and Ratify FOPLC & AFSCME Union Contracts. **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:** Dennis Green opposes proposed cellphone tower location in Thompson. Jennifer Green opposes proposed cellphone tower location in Thompson.

**It was moved** by Commissioner Troy Bassett and was seconded by Commissioner Bruce Birr to attach the document given by Jennifer Green to the minutes. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:**

Commissioner Paul Walker gave an update for the Indian/Gulliver/McDonald Lake Authorities.

**It was moved** by Commissioner Troy Bassett and was seconded by Commissioner Bruce Birr to appoint Victoria George to the Schoolcraft County Land Bank Authority. 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 appoint Gary Demers and John Ziemba to the Schoolcraft County Planning Commission, terms expiring December 31, 2028. 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 Opt-out of PA 152. Roll vote: Daniel P. Hoholik, yes; Bruce Birr, yes; Troy Bassett, no; Paul Walker, yes. The motion carried by a majority aye vote of the Board members present.

**It was moved** by Commissioner Bruce Birr and was seconded by Commissioner Troy Bassett to set the date for the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners Organizational Meeting for January 5, 2026, at 12 noon. 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 make December 26 a courtesy day off for County Courthouse employees when it falls on a Friday and add it to the Schoolcraft County Policy and Procedure effective immediately. 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 City of Manistique to place a 75' tower/pole at the Denton Nelson 5<sup>th</sup> Street Ball Field at a minimum of 100' from the dugout, the City of Manistique will need to provide proof of liability

insurance showing the County as also insured and shall pay 50% of the electric bill. 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 retire the green Chevrolet pickup truck as it is unsafe to drive and authorize the junk yard to pick it up. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

**It is moved** by Commissioner Troy Bassett and was seconded by Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik to approve the AFSCME Contract and the FOPLC Letter of Understanding as presented and authorize Paul Walker, Board Chair, to sign both. 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 medical insurance policy as follows: BC/BS of Michigan \$7,000/\$14,000 deductible, AmFirst Wrap to \$250/\$500 deductible and add to HRA Reimbursement - \$25 copay Non-Preferred Prescriptions (\$125 to \$100) and \$100 copay ER Visit (\$250 to \$100), all other HRA Reimbursement will stay the same, vision and dental policy will remain the same. 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 authorize Paul Walker, Board Chair, to decline or give permission to seek legal opinion on issues that arise in the Zoning Department. 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 waive the \$600 fee for Variance/Special Use Appeal Request to the Zoning Board of Appeals for G. Price. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

**It was moved** by Commissioner Paul Walker and was seconded by Troy Bassett to have Beth Edwards draft contract/memorandum of understanding language to implement sick-time policy for jail part-time employees effective January 1 (or when signed by all parties), accrue 1 hour for every 30 hours worked, maximum carryover is 72 hours, and no cash value at separation from employment. 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 quote from SineTech in the amount of \$19,061.38 for new cameras in the jail, apply for the MMRMA grant for 50% reimbursement and pay for the system from the 101-000-005.672

restricted funds-sale of phone cards. 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 Airport MDOT Contract 2026-0142 for Beacon Design Grant in the amount of \$45,000 and County Share in the amount of \$2,250 and authorize Paul Walker, Board Chairman, to sign the grant and Sponsor Certification. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

**It was moved** by Commissioner Bruce Birr and was seconded by Paul Walker to approve the FY26 Survey and Remonumentation Grant in the amount of \$77,148, contracting with Mike Peterson for 74 corners, and authorize Heather LaLonde to sign the same. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

**It was moved** by Commissioner Paul Walker and was seconded by Bruce Birr to approve added pages for Brownfield Authority and Land Bank in the total amount of \$250 (\$125 for each page) to the County Website. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

**Reports, the following matters were heard:**

**Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik:** attended Audit/Finance Committee, Building/Grounds & Airport Committee, AFSCME & FOPLC Union Negotiations, and Courthouse Security meetings.

**Commissioner Paul Walker:** attended EDC, Brownfield Authority, Land Bank Authority, and City Council meetings.

**Commissioner Bruce Birr:** attended Personnel Committee and City Council meetings.

**Commissioner Troy Bassett:** attended Building/Grounds & Airport Committee, Personnel Committee, Courthouse Security, AFSCME & FOPLC Union Negotiations, and Indian Lake Authority meetings.

Corey Barr addressed the ongoing city projects.

Austin Clark addressed the Zoning Department.

Gary Demers addressed the STR increase.

Steve Videtich addressed Airport update.

Justin Schlabach addressed low inmate count and business as usual at the jail.

Heather LaLonde thanked the board for approving the Survey and Remonumentation Grant approval.

**Announcements and Notices:** None

**Public Comment:** Corey Barr wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

**Commissioner's Comment:** Bruce Birr addressed Mike Powers giving a presentation on recycling on the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting in February.

Paul Walker would like to honor Lori Wood for her 12 years of service to this county with a Certificate of Appreciation.

**Communications:** None.

At 6:18 p.m., the meeting was turned over to Daniel P. Hoholik, Audit/Finance Chairman.

**It was moved** by Commissioner Troy Bassett and was seconded by Commissioner Paul Walker to approve the claims and vouchers numbered **4197 through 4344**, inclusive. There was discussion. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

At 6:19 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.

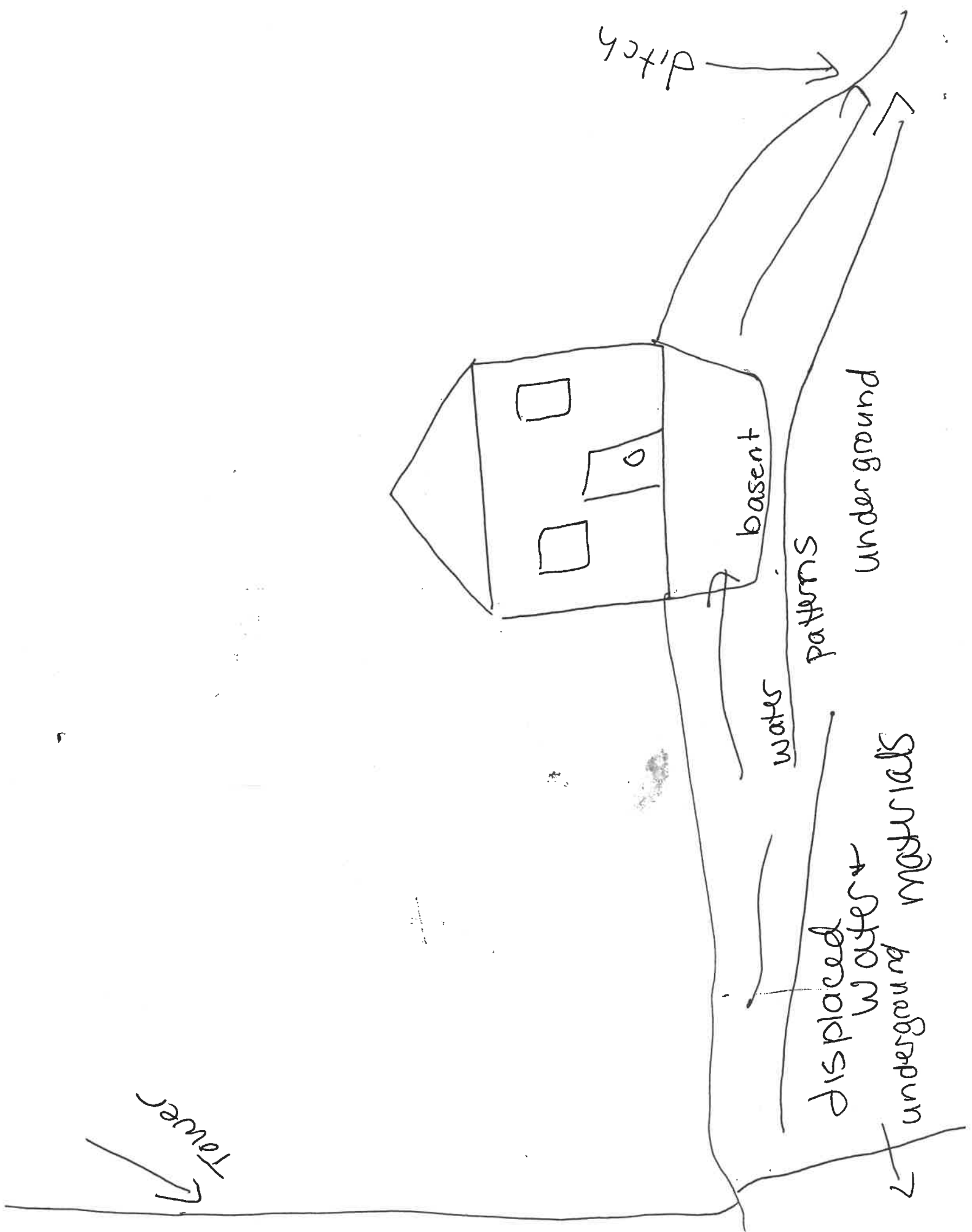
**It was moved** by Commissioner Bruce Birr and was seconded by Commissioner Troy Bassett to adjourn. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

**Chairman Paul Walker** adjourned the Board and Audit Finance Meeting at 6:19 p.m.

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Beth A. Edwards, County Clerk

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





Tower Notices- Only given to people 300 feet away from Martin's property that are on the M149 side. So...as far as we can tell only 3 people even received notices. Dennis called Randy E. at the Fish Hatchery yesterday he knew nothing about it.

#1- November 18 at 3:30. This was a permit for tower AFTER county already approved height variance which we were NOT notified about.

-This notice was at first cancelled as the company did not have proper placement away from the road (300 when it should be 500) company name :The Towers LLC

#2-November 18 meeting CANCELLED until further notice.

Then, received email from County Administrator stating that meeting may be on December 4, then heard nothing else about it.

#3- December 19 at 3:30 now new company named Ramaker is listed with no explanation.

#4- December 19 at 8:00 pm. Still not correct. I had to call the Administrator and he stated it was a typo, the meeting is ACTUALLY 8:00 am.

Also, this notice stated last day to comment is November 19 even though the notice was not dated until November 25. Again called, stated it was a typo. Should be December 19.

Companies who are affiliated with these companies: Ramaker, The Towers LLC, American Towers LLC (a global company) Vertical Bridges LLC, Tillman and Associates LLC.

When company came to our house by mistake, they had no identifiers on vehicle or clothing.

## Cell Tower Health Highlights

Study (2004) - Individuals residing closer than 350 meters from the tower experienced a higher cancer rate. 129 cases per 10,000 compared to 16 per 10,000 over the course of a year.

A study of 1,000 residents living closer than 400 meters over 10 years showed the cancer rate was 3 times higher than other residents.

Recommended safe distances:

0-100 meters- avoid living or working here

100-400 meters- moderate health risks

400-1,000 meters- low risk

"Microwave Syndrome" is caused by 5G towers- symptoms include: headache, dizziness, balance disorder, skin problems, higher rates of lymphoma, sleep problems.

There are many instances of Microwave Syndrome and this is well documented across the country.

When towers were first put in, people thought the waves "bounce" off the skin. However, because it is a form of electrical energy, sweat ducts and skin which is the largest organ in your body, readily absorb these waves. This is particularly true with women and kids because they have thinner skin.

Insurance companies compare the risk of 5G towers to the same as asbestos.

The International Association of Firefighters passes a resolution in 2004 opposing cell towers after finding that the antennas on their fire stations caused a large amount of neurological damage.

Many cell towers throughout the US have caught fire and collapsed, posing a significant health and safety concern.

In the journal, *Experimental Oncology* "A year of operation of a powerful base transmitting station for mobile communication resulted in a dramatic increase of cancer incidence, particularly breast and brain cancer".

Research in 2023 found that in distances lower than 400 meters cell towers result in male fertility problems, low sperm count and high blood pressure.

# Cell Tower Companies Warn Shareholders of Risk From Cell Tower Radiation

## Why Don't They Warn Families Living Near Cell Towers?



### **Verizon 10-K Report**

"Our wireless business also faces personal injury and wrongful death lawsuits relating to alleged health effects of wireless phones or radio frequency transmitters. We may incur significant expenses in defending these lawsuits. In addition, we may be required to pay significant awards or settlements."



### **Crown Castle 10-K Report**

"We cannot guarantee that claims relating to radio frequency emissions will not arise in the future or that the results of such studies will not be adverse to us...If a connection between radio frequency emissions and possible negative health effects were established, our operations, costs, or revenues may be materially and adversely affected. We currently do not maintain any significant insurance with respect to these matters."



### **AT&T 10-K Report**

"In the wireless area, we also face current and potential litigation relating to alleged adverse health effects on customers or employees who use such technologies including, for example, wireless devices. We may incur significant expenses defending such suits or government charges and may be required to pay amounts or otherwise change our operations in ways that could materially adversely affect our operations or financial results."

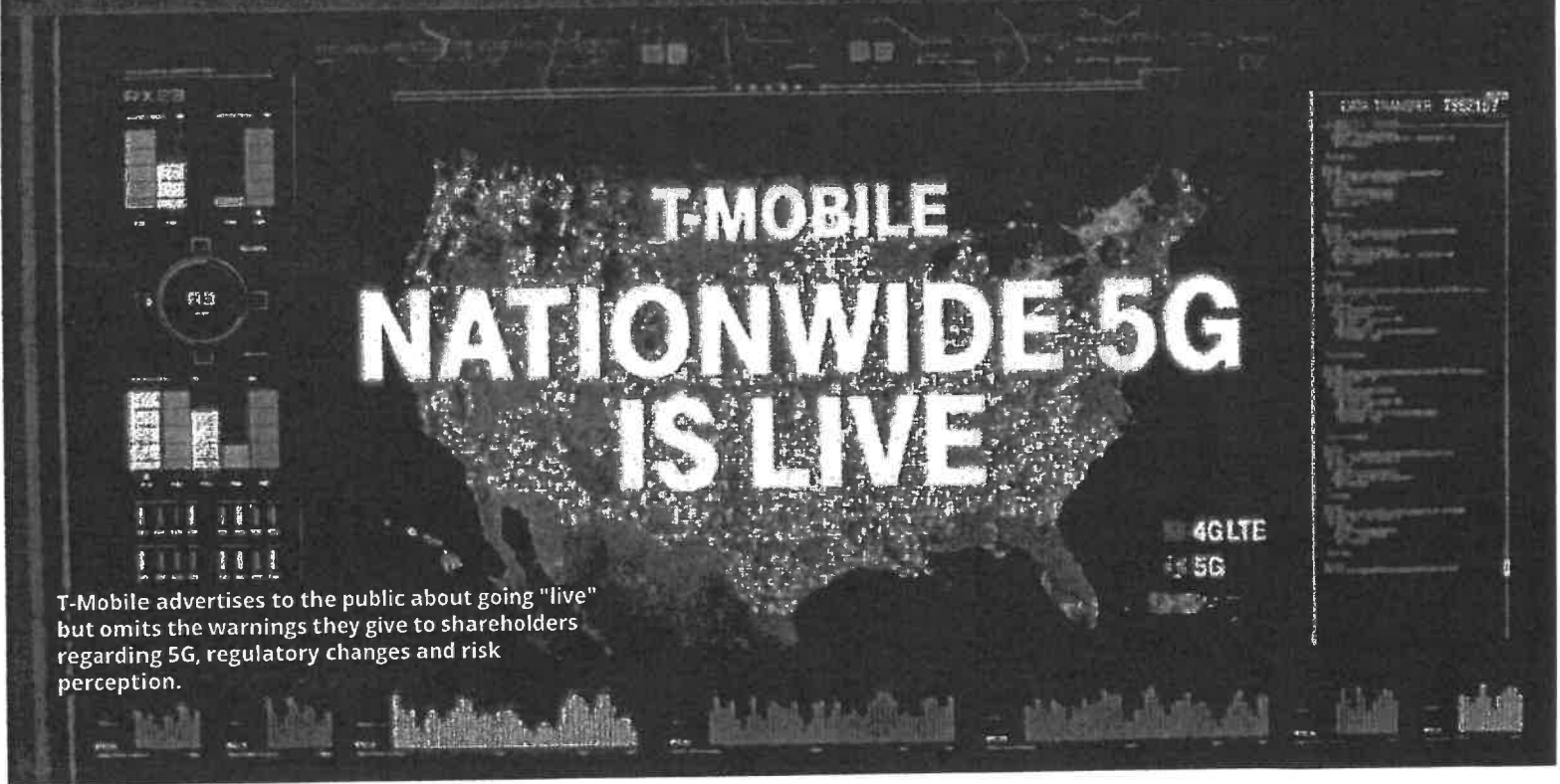


### **T-MOBILE 10-K Report**

"Our business could be adversely affected by findings of product liability for health or safety risks from wireless devices and transmission equipment, as well as by changes to regulations or radio frequency emission standards."

# T-Mobile Warns of the Risk of 5G and Lawsuits

## The Data on Risk Could Change, Impacting Cash Flow



## T Mobile

### T-Mobile 10-K Report 2/2023

"Negative public perception of, and regulations regarding, the perceived health risks relating to 5G networks could undermine market acceptance of our 5G services" (page 13)

"We, along with equipment manufacturers and other carriers, are subject to current and potential future lawsuits **alleging adverse health effects arising from the use of wireless handsets or from wireless transmission equipment such as cell towers.**"

"In addition, the FCC has from time to time gathered data regarding wireless device emissions, and its **assessment of the risks associated with using wireless devices may evolve based on its findings.** Any of these allegations or changes in risk assessments could result in customers purchasing fewer devices and wireless services, could result in significant legal and regulatory liability, and could have a material adverse effect on our business, reputation, financial condition, cash flows and operating results." (T- Mobile 10-K Report page 21)

**A 2000 Ecolog Institute Report commissioned by T-Mobile and DeTeMobil Deutsche Telekom MobilNet recommended an RF exposure limit 1000x lower than the FCC's current power density limit after reviewing the research on biological effects, including impacts to the immune system, central nervous system, hormones, cancer, neurotransmitters and fertility.**

**You work best  
when your tech  
works too.**

**Total Mobile Protection  
for Business**



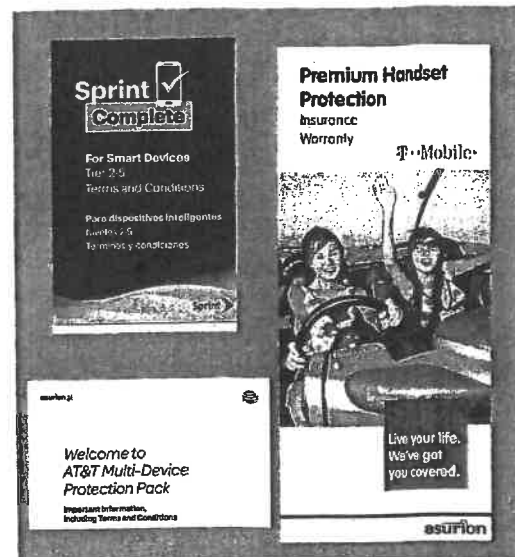
# Verizon Total Mobile Protection Plan Defines Non-ionizing Radiation as "Pollution"

## 16. Pollution

The discharge, dispersal, seepage, migration or escape of pollutants. Pollutants means any solid, liquid, gaseous, or thermal irritant or contaminant including smoke, vapor, soot, fumes, acid, alkalis, chemicals, artificially produced electric fields, magnetic field, electromagnetic field, sound waves, microwaves, and all artificially produced ionizing or non-ionizing radiation and/or waste. Waste includes materials to be recycled, reconditioned or reclaimed.

**AT&T, Sprint and T-Mobile also have similar "pollution" definitions and they refuse to cover damages.**

*Click on image to view the policy.*



# Insurance Companies Exclude EMF As Industry Standard

**THIS ENDORSEMENT CHANGES THE POLICY. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.**

## ELECTROMAGNETIC RADIATION EXCLUSION

This endorsement modifies insurance provided under the following:

GENERAL LIABILITY COVERAGE PART  
PUBLIC RISK GENERAL LIABILITY RETAINED LIMIT COVERAGE FORM  
LAW ENFORCEMENT COVERAGE PART  
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PUBLIC OFFICIALS COVERAGE PART  
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EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES LIABILITY COVERAGE PART  
EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES LIABILITY RETAINED LIMIT COVERAGE FORM

The following **Exclusion** is added:

This policy does not apply to and we will not provide a defense for:

- a. "Bodily injury," "property damage", "personal and advertising injury", "employee benefits wrongful acts", "personal injury", "law enforcement wrongful acts", "public officials wrongful acts", "educator's legal wrongful acts", or "employment practices wrongful acts" arising out of, or which result in, the actual, alleged, threatened, perceived, latent, sudden and accidental or incidental exposure to or contact with electromagnetic radiation in any form, from any source.
- b. The costs of abatement or mitigation of:
  - (1) Electromagnetic radiation; or
  - (2) Exposure to electromagnetic radiation.
- c. Any supervision, instruction, recommendation, warning or advice given or which should have been given in connection with a. or b. above.

Electromagnetic radiation includes but is not limited to, magnetic energy, waves, fields or forces generated, produced, transmitted or maintained by the charges, currents, frequencies, energy or forces of electricity that is generated, flowing or otherwise transmitted through or via the medium, methods and equipment designed to generate, produce, distribute, transport or transmit the electrical charges, currents, frequencies, energy or forces.

## APPLICATION FOR OPEN COUNTY BOARD OR COMMISSION POSITION

Application for: **Schoolcraft County Land Bank**

Kathreen V. Francis  
216 S Cedar  
Manistique, MI 49854  
Cell: 517 214-0766  
The Mill Manistique: 906 286-4076

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Schoolcraft County resident, City of Manistique since May 2023

No past county appointments.

I am a current State of Michigan employee and small business owner. I began my service with the state in the Michigan Senate in September 1996- December 2011. I served as legislative policy staff for two state senators and served as committee policy advisor for the Dem caucus. In December 2011, I began work with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, where I continue to this day as a "specialist" within the Medicaid administration.

I am currently an active member of the "Good Governance" subcommittee of the STC's Economic Recovery and Resiliency Strategy effort. I have helped to organize the "I Do Solemnly Swear" program for elected and appointed members of local government and non profit boards. Currently, the Good Governance group is implementing a "Citizens Academy" designed to create a reserve of knowledgeable volunteers ready to serve the city and county. I have a passion for good government and am passionate about public service.

I understand the commitment required for a board of this nature and will be available for scheduled meetings (when announced.)

I am interested in serving on this board because I believe in and have seen the good work possible under a thriving land bank. I am excited by the idea of participating in the process of bringing something new and useful to the community.

Although I'm newish to Schoolcraft County, I have a long history of community and neighborhood involvement. I have served as president of Lansing's "Downtown Neighborhood Association", sat for multiple appointments on Lansing's "Mayor's Neighborhood Advisory Board", and sat on the executive board of the "Greater Lansing Housing Coalition" (now "Capitol Area Housing Partnership"), where we worked closely with the Ingham County Landbank to renovate and rehabilitate otherwise-obsolete properties and houses.

I have a passion for community-building, neighborhood revitalization, and the possibilities created by public service. I have extensive experience in legislative and policy analysis. In addition to the efforts above, I have considerable experience on various other boards, including

Lansing's city-wide PTA, the State of Michigan's History Center Docent Guild, and other ad-hoc committees. I will bring considerable knowledge of basic parliamentary order and ethical board behavior to this exciting new endeavor.

I grew up in Alger and Chippewa Counties and consider the UP my home. As an adult, I deliberately chose Schoolcraft County to open a new business and settle in for the long haul. I believe in the power and necessity of community involvement. Smart land use, property renovations, and the productive re-use of blighted properties are critical contributors to the quality of life for all residents of this county. I am anxious to help. Thank you for considering my application to this important new board.

Thank you,  
Kathreen

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETING**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the *Personnel Committee* of the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners on **Wednesday, December 17, 2025**, commencing at **1 p.m.** in 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room, Schoolcraft County Courthouse, Manistique, Michigan.

1. Call to order
2. Roll call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Discussion:
  - Equalization/Zoning/Building/Electrical/911 Addressing Secretary – Interviews
  - Building Inspector Update
  - Any other matters for Discussion
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**Troy Bassett** Dated: December 12, 2025  
Schoolcraft County Commissioner

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