

**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, January 11, 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: December 28, 2023, Board and Audit-Finance Meeting
December 28, 2023, Closed Session Meeting – Attorney/Client Privilege Written Opinion Discussion
December 28, 2023, Closed Session Meeting – FOPLC Union Negotiations
January 3, 2024, Organizational Meeting
5. Approval of agenda
6. Public Hearings:
7. Brief Public Comment:
8. Old and unfinished business:
9. New Business:
Overview/Update Brewery/Carpenter Dam / Attorney Stacy Hissong
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

Craig Reiter _____

Daniel P. Hoholik, 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, December 28, 2023, 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 Troy Bassett
 Commissioner Paul Walker
 Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik
 Schoolcraft County Clerk Beth A. Edwards

Absent: Commissioner Bruce Birr (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 the December 14, 2023, Board and Audit-Finance Meeting and December 14, 2023, Closed Session 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. **It was moved** by Commissioner Troy Bassett and was seconded by Commissioner Daniel Hoholik to approve the agenda as printed. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

“Public Hearings”: None

“Brief Public Comment”: Rick Olsen addressed the Indian Lake Draw Down Permit Application and whether it was denied.

Stacy Hissong addressed the Indian Lake Permit Application – more information has been requested.

Shirley McDonough addressed the Drain Commissioner powers.

Stacy Hissong addressed the Drain Commissioner powers.

Rick Olsen addressed an exemption due to the lake being a reservoir for the City water.

Corey Barr addressed being practical , the gates freezing and inoperable, and possible suit if water not supplied.

Stacy Hissong addressed the Commissioners responsibility to follow the law and review the liability.

Jim Mattson addressed the Manistique Lake Dam.

“Unfinished Business”: None

“New Business”:

Stacy Hissong, Attorney for Schoolcraft County Commissioners regarding all four dams within the County, gave a presentation reviewing each dam and what is needed with regard to each lake and dam. There was discussion. The presentation is available on website:

www.schoolcraftlakelevels.net

It was moved by Commissioner Troy Bassett and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to appoint Jim Ostlund, Robin LaCroix, Keith Rochefort, James Messer, and Keith Jacobsen to the Schoolcraft County Zoning Appeals Board, terms expiring December 31, 2026. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Daniel Hoholik to opt out of PA 152 for the year 2024. 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 Hoholik to set the Annual Report Dates for February 14 and 15, 2024. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Troy Bassett to approve the Letter of Intent – Multi County Materials Management Plan with CUPPAD and authorize Paul Walker, Board Chairman, to sign the letter. The motion carried by 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 MDJ Masonry & Construction LLC estimate to install the fire/safety door at the jail in the amount of \$3,917. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Paul Walker to approve the purchase of a HP Notebook laptop in the amount of \$563.82 from Building Department Fund. The motion carried by 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 payment of \$20,000 to STC for EDC Activities for 2023-2024. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Paul Walker to approve the purchase of 140 pager batteries from Wolfe Communications in the amount of \$4,120 from the 911 Fund. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved Commissioner Paul Walker and was seconded by Commissioner Troy Bassett to approve the Letter of Agreement with Spicer Group for professional engineering services for Indian Lake water levels. 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 meeting.

Commissioner Craig Reiter : attended UPCAP, and Community Action Agency Finance and Safety meetings.

Commissioner Paul Walker: attended Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital and City Council meetings.

Commissioner Troy Bassett: Did not attend any meetings.

Sheriff Charles Willour stated that the drone video footage has been completed.

Jean Vanderville addressed the Road Commission is still doing clean up projects with no snow.

Rick Olsen addressed one bubbler is installed and working. The other bubbler is waiting for the second bracket.

Announcements and Notices: None

Public Comment: None

Commissioner's Comment: Daniel Hoholik wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Craig Reiter wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Paul Walker wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Troy Bassett wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Communications: None.

At 6:43 p.m., meeting was turned over to Daniel P. Hoholik, Audit-Finance Chairman.

It was moved by Commissioner Troy Bassett and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to approve the claims and vouchers numbered **6782 through 6871**, 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 Craig Reiter to approve the budget adjustments numbered **24-19 through 24-31**, inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

At 6:44 p.m., the meeting was turned back over to Chairman Paul Walker.

It was moved by Commissioner Troy Bassett and was seconded by Commissioner Daniel Hoholik 15.to enter closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(h) to discuss written confidential written legal opinion by Stacy Hisson, County Attorney regarding strategy for addressing the permit violation notice and potential permit denial and allow the project engineer Luke O'Brien and delegated authority Jean Frankovich to participate in closed session. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Troy Bassett and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to enter closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(c) to discuss FOPLC Union Negotiations. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

At 8:00 p.m., Paul Walker, Chairman, recalls the meeting to order.

It was moved by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Troy Bassett to form a Lake Authority Board - Indian Lake as follows: County Commissioner-District #3, County Commissioner-District #5, Thompson Township Designee, Hiawatha Township Designee, and City of Manistique Designee. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Daniel Hoholik to form a Lake Authority Board – McDonald Lake as follows: County Commissioner-District #1, Mueller Township Designee, and Doyle Township Designee. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Troy Bassett to form a Lake Authority Board – Gulliver Lake as follows: County Commissioner-District #1, Doyle Township Designee, and County Drain Commissioner. 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 Hoholik to approve the County Drain Commissioner stay Designated Authority until each Lake Authority Board has their first meeting. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Troy Bassett and seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to direct the Townships and City of Manistique to present to the County Board their designee selection by February 16, 2024. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Troy Bassett and seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to purchase two (2) additional DeIcers and Brackets, and replacement motor for the small gate at the Brewery Dam. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Craig Reiter and seconded by Commissioner Troy Bassett to authorize Delegated Authority to negotiate purchase of the Gulliver Lake Dam. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Troy Bassett to authorize Delegated Authority to negotiate purchase of the McDonald Lake Dam. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Commissioner 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 8:07 P.M.

Beth A. Edwards, County Clerk

Approved: _____

**SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

The Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners met for the Annual Organizational Meeting on Wednesday, January 3, 2024, in 1st Floor Conference Room of the Schoolcraft County Building, City of Manistique, Michigan, commencing at 10:00 A.M. Beth A. Edwards, County Clerk, called the meeting to order. 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
 County Clerk Beth A. Edwards

Absent: None

Beth A. Edwards 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.

Schoolcraft County Clerk, Beth A. Edwards, asked the preference of the board members present as to verbal vote or secret ballot for the Chairperson's position. It was a consensus of all board members present that it would be a verbal vote. Beth A. Edwards called for nominations for the office of Chairperson of the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners for 2024.

Commissioner Craig Reiter nominated Commissioner Paul Walker and Commissioner Troy Bassett seconded the nomination. Beth A. Edwards made second and third call for nominations for Chairperson. No further nominations were made.

Beth A. Edwards called for roll call vote as follows:
Commissioner Craig Reiter voted for Paul Walker
Commissioner Troy Bassett voted for Paul Walker
Commissioner Bruce Birr voted for Paul Walker
Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik for Paul Walker
Commissioner Paul Walker voted for Paul Walker

By unanimous vote Commissioner Paul Walker was declared Chairperson of the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners for 2024. County Clerk, Beth A. Edwards congratulated Chairperson Paul Walker and turned the meeting over to the new Chairperson.

Chairperson Paul Walker asked for nominations for the office of Vice-Chairperson of the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners for 2024.

Commissioner Troy Bassett nominated Commissioner Craig Reiter as Vice-Chairperson and Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik seconded the nomination.

Chairperson Paul Walker called two more times for nominations for Vice-Chairperson. No further nominations were heard.

Roll call vote as follows:

Commissioner Troy Bassett voted for Commissioner Craig Reiter
Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik voted for Commissioner Craig Reiter
Commissioner Bruce Birr voted for Commissioner Craig Reiter
Commissioner Craig Reiter voted for Commissioner Craig Reiter
Chairperson Paul Walker voted for Commissioner Craig Reiter

Commissioner Craig Reiter was declared Vice-Chairperson of the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners for 2024.

New Business:

Commissioners discussed meeting dates and times for 2024. **It was moved** by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Bruce Birr to set the 2024 meeting as follows: Board and Audit-Finance Meetings on the second Thursday and fourth Thursday of each month commencing at 5:00 P.M. in the District Courtroom of the Schoolcraft County Courthouse, City of Manistique, Michigan, unless otherwise indicated by Public Notice. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Public Comment: None.

It was moved by Commissioner Troy Bassett and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to adjourn. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 A.M.

Beth A. Edwards, Clerk of the Board

Approved: _____

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, January 8, 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 Office Purchase Request – Computers
 - Indigent Defense Contract
 - SOS Lease
 - 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: January 5, 2024

Craig Reiter, Audit-Finance Committee Chairman
Schoolcraft County Commissioner