

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners will meet on **Thursday, January 22, 2026**, in the District Courtroom of the Schoolcraft County Building, Manistique, Michigan, commencing at **5:30 P.M.** The following is the proposed Agenda:

- Zoom viewing has been ended until further notice. Available only by request and/or invitation by contacting clerk@schoolcraftcounty.us 24 hours in advance of scheduled meeting.**

**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 Tuesday, December 23, 2025, in the District Courtroom of the Schoolcraft County Building, City of Manistique, Michigan. Chairman Paul Walker called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The roll was called with the following members present and/or absent:

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

Absent: Commissioner Troy Bassett (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 Daniel P. Hoholik to approve the minutes of December 11, 2025, Board/Audit Meeting of the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners. Roll Call Vote: Bruce Birr, yes; Daniel P. Hoholik, yes; Craig Reiter, abstain; Paul Walker, yes. The motion carried by majority 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 FOPLC Letter of Agreement (Part-time Sick Time). **It was moved** by Commissioner Craig Reiter 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

Public Comment: None

Unfinished Business: None

"New Business":

It was moved by Commissioner Bruce Birr and was seconded by Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik to appoint Kathleen Francis to the Schoolcraft County Land Bank Authority (member at large), term expiring December 31, 2028. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Bruce Birr and seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to appoint Joe Cilc as Schoolcraft County Temporary Building Official (Building Codes) (Cert. # 000401) for Schoolcraft County. 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 Craig Reiter to hire Madison Gonder, for the Part-time (29 hours per week) Equalization/Zoning/Building/Electrical/911 Addressing Secretary with a start date of January 12, 2026. 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 Bruce Birr to send to Personnel Committee to review a policy for new hire drug screening and background checks prior to employment. 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 per diem meal reimbursement (instead of per meal as spent with receipts) for the Mental Health Specialty Court as set forth in the Grant documents with no receipts required. 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 Bruce Birr to approve Opioid Settlement funds to be spent to purchase Self Love Workbooks for LMAS in the amount up to \$1,200 contingent upon written findings and fact sheet from the Opioid Taskforce indicating this expenditure complies with the spending requirements. 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 Paul Walker to approve a 5% raise for all Department Head, Non-Union, and Elected Officials including extra duties effective January 1, 2026. There was discussion. 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 Craig Reiter to approve the Avenu Contract for 36 months in the amount of \$9,360 annually and authorize Paul Walker, Board Chair, to sign the contract. 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 approve the FOPLC Letter of Agreement for Part-time Sheriff's Department employees to comply with the Sick Time Act, and authorize Paul Walker, Board Chairman, to sign the agreement. 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 Medical Care Facility meetings.

Commissioner Craig Reiter : attended Benefit Committee, Community Mental Health Association Executive Board, MAC Finance, Mueller Township (2), UPCAP, CAA Finance, MAC, and Doyle Township.

Commissioner Paul Walker: attended Audit-Finance Committee, McDonald Lake, Road Commission, and Manistique City Council.

Commissioner Bruce Birr: attended Conservation District, Commission on Aging, Personnel Committee, Manistique Township, Schoolcraft Transit Authority, CUPPAD Materials Management Planning, and Manistique City Council.

Announcements and Notices: Beth Edwards stated that the County had received a Notice of Compliance for the Pension Grant Corrective Action Plan Monitoring.

Public Comment: None

Commissioner's Comment: Daniel P. Hoholik wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Craig Reiter wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Bruce Birr wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Paul Walker wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Communications: None.

At 5:51 p.m., meeting was turned over to Daniel P. Hoholik, Audit-Finance Chairman.

It was moved by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Bruce Birr to approve the claims and vouchers numbered **4255 through 4428**, inclusive. 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 budget adjustments numbered **26-17 through 26-27**, inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

At 5:52 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 Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik 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 5:53P.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 Monday, January 5, 2026, in 1st Floor Conference Room of the Schoolcraft County Building, City of Manistique, Michigan, commencing at 12:03 p.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.

Beth A. Edwards called for nominations for the office of Chairperson of the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners for 2026.

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 Daniel P. Hoholik voted for Paul Walker
Commissioner Bruce Birr voted 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 2026. 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 2026.

Commissioner Craig Reiter nominated Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik as Vice-Chairperson and Commissioner Troy Bassett 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 Daniel P. Hoholik
Commissioner Bruce Burr voted for Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik
Commissioner Craig Reiter voted for Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik
Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik abstained
Chairperson Paul Walker voted for Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik

Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik was declared Vice-Chairperson of the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners for 2026.

New Business:

Commissioners discussed meeting dates and times for 2026. **It was moved** by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Troy Bassett to set the 2026 meeting as follows: Board and Audit-Finance Meetings on the second Thursday and fourth Thursday of each month commencing at 5:30 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.

It was moved by Commissioner Troy Bassett and was seconded by Commissioner Bruce Burr to move the November 26, 2026, meeting to November 24, 2026, and the December 24, 2026, meeting to December 22, 2026, both meeting will remain at 5:30 p.m. 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 cancel the January 8, 2026, Board and Audit-Finance Meeting making January 22, 2026, the first meeting of 2026. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Commissioner Troy Bassett thanked the fellow commissioners for changing the meeting time to 5:30 and wants to continue doing good or giving Schoolcraft County Residence something for their tax dollars.

Commissioner Craig Reiter addressed the board working together for the betterment of the County Employees and Schoolcraft County.

Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik addressed everyone working well together.

Commissioner Bruce Birr stated that he had people in the community address the Board working well together on issues.

Commissioner Paul Walker reflected on the Covid money expenditures for the community, the lake level authorities, growth for the county and indicating that everyone has a job to do and the county needs growth.

Public Comment: Jan Hooker addressed Opioid Fund Expenditures.

Bruce Birr addressed the possibility of changing the venue of February 12, 2026, Board and Audit-Finance Meeting to the MAS Auditorium as Mike Powers has a presentation for Materials Management and is looking at having 100-150 students present. This to be discussed at the January 22, 2026, Board meeting.

Paul Walker addressed the Committee Assignments stating they would remain the same, however, if anyone had an issue with current assignment send him a message. He would get a memo out soon confirming assignments.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 12:21 p.m.

Beth A. Edwards, Clerk of the Board
Approved: _____

APPLICATION FOR OPEN COUNTY BOARD OR COMMISSION POSITION

Application for: Schoolcraft County Land Bank Authority **Board/Commission**


1. Name: Michael Vlies
2. Address: 709 Oak St., Manistique, MI 49854
3. Phone: Home: _____ Cell: 312 208-2558
Work: _____ e-mail: mgvlies@aol.com
4. County Resident? Yes X No _____ How Long? 1.5 Years
5. Name of Township/City of Residence: Manistique
6. Please list any previous County appointments
N/A
7. Please list relevant employment or professional activities
Retired
8. Other community affiliations or activities you feel would be a benefit to this position:
MBA in Finance, Several Years Running Companies. Started a Lions Club Chapter from scratch.
Prior Board Member of 2 Non-Profits.
9. Are you aware of the meeting schedule for this Board or Commission, and are you available to attend regularly scheduled meetings?
Aware of schedule?: Yes _____ No X Can attend?: Yes X No _____ Unsure _____
10. Why are you interested in serving on this County Board or Commission?
I would like to serve the community and become more involved.

11. What talents or experience would you bring to the position?
Managerial, Real Estate Development, Strategic Planning, Budget Analysis, Community Service,
Supply Chain development & management.

12. What are your primary interests in County Government?
Improvement, problem resolution.

13. Please relate any special goals you may have for the County
N/A at this time.

14. Any other comments or information you wish to provide for Consideration:


Signature

January 8, 2026
Date

Thank you for your interest in serving as a volunteer Board or Commission member.

Appointments to County Boards and Commissions are confirmed by consent of the full County Board.

If you are submitting an application to be considered in the future as openings occur, the County Clerk will attempt to contact you when the vacancy is announced in order to confirm your interest in this specific opportunity. Applications will be held active for one calendar year.

From: Heather LaLonde
Sent: Friday, January 16, 2026 12:16 PM
To: clerk schoolcraftcounty.us
Subject: FW: Landbank Authority

Here is Dan's email.
Thank you!

Heather A LaLonde

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From: Dan Hoholik <DHoholik@scmh.org>
Sent: Friday, January 16, 2026 12:08 PM
To: Heather LaLonde <treasurer@schoolcraftcounty.us>
Subject: RE: Landbank Authority

Heather,

I would be interested in serving on the Land Bank Authority. I would be happy to act as a steward of problematic or surplus land, not to profit, but to improve for the community. I have been a county commissioner for the last 9 years and think that will be helpful in understanding the needs of the county and grant opportunities to repurpose land.

Thank you,

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Dan Hoholik

From: Heather LaLonde <treasurer@schoolcraftcounty.us>
Sent: Friday, January 16, 2026 11:36 AM
To: Dan Hoholik <DHoholik@scmh.org>
Subject: RE: Landbank Authority

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Dan, would you be able to write an email or letter for your interest in the Land Bank Authority? Please.

Thanks!!

Heather A LaLonde

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 **Tuesday, January 20, 2026, 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:
 - MOU – Townships for Zoning
 - Road Commissioner Raise
 - Budget Increases Building And Grounds – (LaForce Annual Fee and Cell Phone)
 - Budget Review
 - 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.

Daniel P. Hoholik

Dated: January 16, 2026

Daniel P. Hoholik, Audit-Finance Committee Chairman
Schoolcraft County Commissioner