

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, July 10, 2025**, 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: June 26, 2025, Board and Audit-Finance Meeting

5. Approval of agenda
6. Public Hearings: None
7. Brief Public Comment:
8. Old and unfinished business:
9. New Business:
 - Indian Lake/Gulliver Lake/McDonald Lake Authorities UPDATE
 - Brownfield Authority Board Appointments
 - Schoolcraft County Transit Authority Board Appointments
 - 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

Daniel P. Hoholik .

Danial 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, June 26, 2025, 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 Troy Bassett and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to approve the minutes of June 12, 2025, 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 Paul Walker asked if there were any additions, deletions, or corrections to the printed agenda. Commissioner Paul Walker asked to add Appointment to Indian Lake Authority Board, and July 24, 2025, Building Closure. **It was moved** by Commissioner Troy Bassett 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”: Indian Lake Authority, McDonald Lake Authority and Gulliver Lake Authority Board updates were given. Indian Lake Authority has moved to quarterly meetings and McDonald Lake Authority will be having a meeting on July 1, 2025, at 5 p.m.

It was moved by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Bruce Birr to accept the verbal and written Schoolcraft County Annual Audit and Single Audit for FY24 from Brandy Olsen, of Anderson, Tackman. 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 approve the Community Action 60th Anniversary Proclamation. 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 Child and Parent Legal Representation Grant. 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 approve the Childcare fund Grant in the amount of \$ as amended by Marcy Spriks and authorize appropriate signatures. 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 approve the MMRMA Renewal in the amount of \$124,060 and any required signatures. 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 25-4 Schoolcraft County Resolution and Deficit Elimination Plan. 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 a budget adjustment request for Groceries in the amount of \$5,000 from part-time wages and Inmate Healthcare in the amount of \$15,000 from retirement (\$14,000) and part-time wages (\$1,000). 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 Craig Reiter to authorize Victoria George, EDC Director, to submit a Letter of Intent for the Rural Readiness Grant. 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 appoint Roger Irie to the Indian Lake Authority Board. 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 closing the County Building Offices to the public on January 24, 2025, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. for active shooter employee training. 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 Medical Care Facility, Courthouse Security, and Audit-Finance Committee meetings.

Commissioner Craig Reiter : attended UPCAP, Zoning Board of Appeals, Community Mental Health, Community Action, and EDC meetings.

Commissioner Paul Walker: attended Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital, City Council, and Audit-Finance Committee meetings.

Commissioner Bruce Birr: attended Manistique Township, Transit Authority, and CUPPAD Materials Management meetings.

Commissioner Troy Bassett: attended Medical Examiner Taskforce, Courthouse Security, and Road Commission meetings.

Steve Videtich discussed the Sailboat races in front of the Bishop Baraga Park and CUP race at the airport July 20, 2025.

Corey Barr gave an update on City budgets, Construction on Houghton Street and treatment plant, and pathway by the Syphon Bridge.

Justin Schlachach advised that the truck is getting graphics installed and that a swing shift person has been hired.

Victoria George addressed EDC, Brownfield, and Folkfest.

Announcements and Notices: None

Public Comment: Jan Hooker addressed Opioid Settlement Taskforce and would request that Steve Latterman be part of the taskforce.

Commissioner's Comment:

Paul Walker advised that Eugene Smith of Germfask would be the Grand Marshall during the 4th of July celebration.

Bruce Birr clarified that the Active Shooter Training is separate from the cyber security contract. Troy Bassett thanked Steve Latterman for stepping up for the Opioid Settlement Taskforce.

Communications: None.

At 6:17 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 Paul Walker to approve the claims and vouchers numbered **2654 through 2751**, 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 **25-127 through 25-155**, 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 appoint James Foote to the Zoning Board of Appeals. 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 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 6:20 p.m.

Beth A. Edwards, County Clerk
Approved: _____

Schoolcraft County Economic Development Corporation

Wednesday, July 2nd, 2025 - 4:00 PM
1st Floor Conference Room
300 Walnut Street, Manistique, MI 49854

- Call to Order
 - The meeting was called to order at 4:02 pm.
- Roll Call
- Approval of Agenda
 - Motion by Cathy Rohde, supported by Paul Walker, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
- Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - Approval of the previous meeting minutes was tabled until the next meeting.
- Financial Report
 - No financial report was presented.
- Directors Report
 - STC Executive Director Victoria George reviewed her report.

Discussion highlights during the STC Executive Director Report: Highlights included rising demand for rentals, a growing number of seasonal residents, and a limited supply of affordable units. Programs such as MSHDA grants, income-based housing options, and CDBG funding were discussed as tools to expand housing availability.
 - Motion by Paul Walker, supported by Cathy Rohde, to accept the Director's Report. Motion carried.
- Old Business
 - EDC Board Member Letters of Interest for Schoolcraft County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (SCBRA):
 - The Organizational meeting of the SCBRA will be held at the first scheduled session.
 - For SCBRA approval from the Schoolcraft County Commission, we need to forward all letters of interest from members, along with meeting minutes that include term dates.
 - Terms were assigned to establish staggered expirations:
 - 1-Year Terms: Bonnie Garvin, Paul Walker, Dan Hoholik
 - 2-Year Terms: Cathy Rohde, Irma González-Hider, Jim Weber
 - 3-Year Terms: Heather LaLonde, Boris Martysz, Greg Schuetter
 - Motion by Paul Walker, supported by Dan Hoholik, to approve the letters of interest for all EDC members to serve on the SCBRA Board, with terms as assigned, and to forward recommendations to the County Board. Motion Carried.

- New Business
 - Review of SCBRA Formation and Guidance Documents
 - Bylaws:
 - Moved by Boris Martysz, supported by Bonnie Garvin, to approve the bylaws with the addition of Sections 11–16 from Marquette’s bylaws regarding compensation, which will be incorporated. Motion Carried.
 - Operations Policy and Procedures:
 - Conflict of Interest Policy was added. No further changes were made.
 - Moved by Paul Walker, supported by Dan Hoholik, to adopt the Policy and Procedures as presented. Motion Carried.
 - Developer Guide:
 - A \$1,000 fee will be required upon submission of a full Brownfield application. The application fee will cover Fishbeck Consulting costs.
 - Revisions:
 - Reimbursement amounts are up to \$50,000.
 - Administrative fees are up to 5%.
 - Moved by Cathy Rohde, supported by Boris Martysz, to approve the Developer Guide with the above changes. Motion Carried.
 - The Board requested a Brownfield Plan example.
 - Rural Readiness Grant Opportunity
 - The grant application was submitted on time. The grant would provide consulting support for implementing the Brownfield program.
- Committee Member Comments
 - No additional comments were made.
- Public Comment
 - No Public Comment was heard
- Next Meeting:
 - August 6, 2025, at 4 pm.
 - Note: Victoria will submit her report in advance, as she will be out of town.
- Adjournment
 - The meeting adjourned at 5:07 PM.

6/4/2025

Dear Victoria and EDC members,

I am writing to formally express my interest in the newly established Schoolcraft County Brownfield Authority. As a committed citizen of this community, with a strong desire for its economic development, environmental stewardship, and sustainable growth, I look forward to being part of this worthwhile initiative.

I value the delicate balance of stimulating economic opportunities and preserving our region's natural resources. I am particularly intrigued by the Brownfield Authority's vision of responsibly revitalizing neglected properties—developing our area while laying the groundwork for Schoolcraft County's future investment.

My experience is managing multi-stakeholder projects and working towards consensus among different community interests. I have an open, cooperative work style, qualities I believe the Authority decision-making process and long-term goals would value.

I would be honored to dedicate my passion and time to the Brownfield Authority's efforts and help ensure it succeeds in promoting thoughtful redevelopment across Schoolcraft County. Thank you for your consideration. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this further with you.

Irma González-Hider
906.286.3397
gonzalezhider@gmail.com

James J. Weber
5727W Belgium Road
Manistique, MI 49854

June 30, 2025

Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners
Court House
Manistique, MI 49854

Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board Position

Commissioners:

I wish to be considered for a position on the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board. I am currently on the Schoolcraft County EDC Board, and I am willing to serve on the Brownfield Board as well. I am a retired Civil Engineer having worked over 40 years in the mining industry, most recently as Site Operations Manager at Carmeuse in Gulliver. In my opinion, attracting industry and commercial ventures of all sorts is vital to the future of our county with the jobs that would follow. I would work toward this end as a member of the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board.

Sincerely,

Jim Weber
(906)450-8131
jimjweber52@gmail.com

Greg Schuetter

From: Paul Walker <pkwalk82@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 30, 2025 5:45 PM
To: info@discovermanistique.com; Beth Edwards; Greg Schuetter; Boris Martysz
Subject: Schoolcraft County Brownfield Authority

Notice: This email originated from outside of the organization.

To Whom It May Concern:

Please consider my letter of interest for a board position on the Schoolcraft County Brownfield Authority.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Walker



www.discovermanistique.com 1000 W. Lakeshore Drive PO Box 301, Manistique, MI 49854 Ph: (906)341-5010

May 27, 2024

Schoolcraft County Clerk's Office
Beth Edwards, County Clerk
300 Walnut Street
Manistique, MI 49854

Dear Ms. Edwards,

I am writing to express my interest in serving on the Schoolcraft County Brownfields Redevelopment Authority Board. As the Executive Director of Schoolcraft Tourism & Commerce, and Schoolcraft County's Economic Development Corporation, I have been deeply involved in initiatives aimed at fostering economic growth and sustainable development within our community.

My background in tourism and commerce, coupled with my active role in the Economic Development Corporation, has equipped me with a comprehensive understanding of economic development strategies, stakeholder engagement, project management, and grant funding processes. I am committed to collaborating with fellow board members, local government officials, community organizations, and residents to ensure that our brownfields redevelopment projects align with the vision and needs of Schoolcraft County.

I am confident that my skills, dedication, and passion for community development make me an asset to the Schoolcraft County Brownfields Redevelopment Authority Board. I am eager to contribute to the ongoing success and sustainability of our county's redevelopment initiatives.

Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to the opportunity to further discuss how I can contribute to the board's mission.

Sincerely,

Victoria George

STC, Executive Director

BONNIE GARVIN

98N LAKE DRIVE -PHONE 906-450-0050

EMAIL- garvinbonnie@gmail.com

DATE 7/1/2025

To whom it may concern:

I am submitting a letter of interest to work with the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority. I am currently a member of the Economic Development Board. I am anxious to learn more about how these grants can help our community.

Thank you for your consideration in appointing me.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Garvin

Date: Monday, June 2, 2025

To: Greg Schuetter, Chair Schoolcraft Co. EDC Board

Cc: Victoria George, Exec Dir Schoolcraft Tourism & Commerce

From: Boris Martysz, Vice Chair Schoolcraft Co. EDC Board

Re: Schoolcraft County Brownfield Authority

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Boris Martysz". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Please let this letter serve as my letter of interest to be considered for a seat on the Schoolcraft County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority. I am committed in helping Schoolcraft County along with other members of the board and community in its continued efforts to implement plans relating to the revitalization of distressed and billeted areas within the County and assisting with efforts to provide education to the public and help promote the program throughout the County. In addition, I am hopeful that through these efforts we can help spur opportunities within the County for development to assist in attracting meaningful projects for businesses and potential developers to the area to help support economic growth and stability.

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to express my interest in serving on the Schoolcraft County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority. I feel that serving on the Authority would allow me to contribute to redevelopment efforts that benefit the community and support economic growth.

Thank you,

Dan Hoholik

Date: 6/2/2025

To: EDC Board

From: Greg Schuetter, Chair – Schoolcraft County EDC

Re: Schoolcraft County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (SCBRA)

Please find this letter as my interest to serve on the SCBRA. I have desire to promote growth and development throughout Schoolcraft County and feel being apart of the SCBRA combined with my experience in financing/commercial development would provide a benefit to our County's future.

Thank you,

Greg Schuetter

Heather LaLonde

806 Garden Ave

Manistique, MI 49854

906-420-3727

treasurer@schoolcraftcounty.us

March 25, 2025

Dear Members of the Board,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to express my interest in serving as a member of the Schoolcraft County Economic Development Corporation and Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Boards. As someone who is passionate about sustainable economic development and community revitalization, I believe my background and skills align well with the goals of these vital organizations.

I bring 8 years of experience in governmental policies including multiple positions within the Schoolcraft County Treasurer's Office, with my current position being the County Treasurer. My professional background has provided me the opportunity to work on blight elimination projects which resulted in the removal of 6 structures in our community. These projects helped me develop a strong understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing our community.

What excites me about the mission of the Schoolcraft County EDC and Brownfield Authority is the ability to make a positive impact on our community by addressing the housing shortage, promoting economic growth, uplifting underutilized properties, and fostering a healthy environment for future generations.

I would be honored to have the opportunity to collaborate with fellow board members and contribute my experience to further the mission of the Schoolcraft County EDC and Brownfield Authority. Thank you for considering my application. Please feel free to contact me at 906-420-3727 or treasurer@schoolcraftcounty.us.

Sincerely,



Heather LaLonde

Bonnie Garvin
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Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners
300 Walnut Street
Manistique, MI 49854

Dear Members of the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners,

I am writing to express my interest in being reappointed to the Schoolcraft County Transit Authority Board. Serving on the board has been a rewarding experience, and I remain deeply committed to supporting and improving public transportation services for our community.


I believe the progress we've made lays a strong foundation for continued success, and I am eager to build upon that momentum in a renewed term.

As a resident of Schoolcraft County, I understand the vital role our transit services play in the daily lives of many, including seniors, individuals with disabilities, and residents without access to personal transportation. I am committed to ensuring that our system remains responsive, efficient, and accessible to all.

I would be honored to continue this work and respectfully ask for your consideration for reappointment to the Transit Authority Board. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you require any additional information.

Thank you for your time and continued service to our county.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bonnie Garvin". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid, with a large loop on the 'G' and a trailing flourish.

Bonnie Garvin

Roger Irie
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Manistique, MI 49854
rogirie@chartermi.net
906-450-2038

Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners
300 Walnut Street
Manistique, MI 49854

Dear Members of the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners,

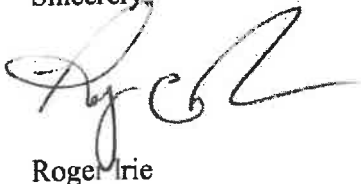
I am writing to formally express my interest in being reappointed to the Schoolcraft County Transit Authority Board. It has been a privilege to serve on the board, and I am proud of the progress we have made in enhancing public transportation services throughout the county.

I believe my continued service would provide valuable continuity and insight as we work to address the evolving transportation needs of our community.

My commitment to accessible, reliable, and efficient transit remains strong, and I would welcome the opportunity to continue supporting the mission of the Transit Authority. I am confident that my experience and dedication to public service will contribute positively to the board's ongoing work.

Thank you for considering my request for reappointment. I am available at your convenience to discuss any questions you may have regarding my qualifications or service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roger Irie', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Roger Irie

Gary Demers
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Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners
300 Walnut Street
Manistique, MI 49854

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to express my interest in being reappointed to the Schoolcraft County Transit Authority Board. It has been a privilege to serve on the board, and I would welcome the opportunity to continue contributing to the mission of providing safe, reliable, and accessible transit services for our community.

During my time on the board, I have worked to support the efficient operation of the Transit Authority and to advocate for the needs of our riders. I believe that continuity in leadership is important as we plan for the future of public transportation in Schoolcraft County, especially in addressing the transportation needs of seniors, individuals with disabilities, and residents without access to private vehicles.

I am committed to continuing this important work and bringing a thoughtful, community-focused perspective to the board. I appreciate your consideration and would be honored to serve another term.

Please feel free to contact me if any further information is needed.

Sincerely,



Gary Demers

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, July 8, 2025, 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:
 - Natural Gas Line – Building/Grounds & Airport Committee
 - Window Tint – Courthouse windows – Building/Grounds & Airport Committee
 - 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: July 3, 2025

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