

**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 13, 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 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 the June 22, 2023, Board and Audit-Finance 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. **It was moved** by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Troy Bassett 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”: John “Jack” LaRose addressed the Ambulance Millage and alternatives.

“Unfinished Business”: None

“New Business”:

It was moved by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Troy Bassett to approve the language for Ambulance Millage Ballot Proposal for 2.25 mills on the November 2023 Election as follows:

AMBULANCE MILLAGE PROPOSAL

This proposal will authorize the levy of 2.25 mills by the County of Schoolcraft for the purpose of providing ambulance service throughout the county.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the County of Schoolcraft, Michigan, be increased by 2.25 mills (\$2.25 per thousand dollars of taxable value) for five (5) years, the years 2023 through 2027, as new additional millage for the purpose of providing funds to be used and disbursed to local municipalities for operating and capital funds for ambulance services throughout the County?

YES []
NO []

This millage would raise an estimated \$955,592 when first levied in 2023.

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 send the City Ambulance Contract language to Audit-Finance Committee for review and recommendation. There was discussion. 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 FY23-24 ORV Grant application be submitted in the amount of \$12,261. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Troy Bassett and was seconded by Craig Reiter to approve the Friend of the Court CRP Grant Contract 2024-2028 in the amount of \$1,473,943 and authorize Paul Walker, Board Chairman, to sign the same. 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 the Friend of the Court proposal submitted by the Judicial Circuit Court Judges hiring a full-time Friend of the Court for Mackinac, Luce, Schoolcraft, and Alger Counties with Schoolcraft County share of 17.7% (\$21,801) and administration of the employee with Mackinac County. There was discussion. 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 approve the three-year UPCAP Implementation Plan as presented. There was discussion. 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 Paul Walker to seek legal advice/opinion as to what the Commissioner's options are, if any, regarding District Court status. Roll call vote: Daniel P. Hoholik, yes; Paul Walker, yes; Craig Reiter, yes; Bruce Birr, yes; Troy Bassett, no. The motion carried by a majority 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, Personnel Committee, and Building/Grounds & Airport Committee meetings.

Commissioner Craig Reiter : attended UPCAP Annual, LMAS, Germfask Township, Building/Grounds & Airport Committee, Personnel Committee, HBH Board, and Community Action Finance meetings.

Commissioner Paul Walker: attended EDC, Audit-Finance Committee, and City Council meetings.

Commissioner Bruce Birr: attended City Council meeting.

Commissioner Troy Bassett: attended Road Commission and UP Whitetail meetings.

Sheriff Charles Willour advised the Mortuary Cooler is all set to go and the blueprints for the security door at the jail is still waiting for the Fire Marshalls approval.

Ashley Reiter, Soil Conservation District, addressed the Birding Festival held the end of May, composting workshop, native plants workshop, completed 5-year plan for Conservation District, scrap tire recycling at Zellar Sanitation, Forestry Field Day at Environmental Lab, Soil District Annual Meeting August 17, Soil Erosion Audit is completed, at the Farmers Market every Wednesday, and encouraging a County Recycling Committee.

Peter Hood addressed Cloverland Electric will be attending Planning Commission.

Gary Demars advised the new Transit building is open, however, not complete.

Corey Barr, City Manager, thanked the Board for approving the ballot language, thanked Beth Edwards and Audit-Finance Committee for correcting the ballot language, City would like to be

part of the Recycling effort, and also Thanked Paul and others for their work on 4th of July Celebration and Folkfest.

Erin Daines addressed 4-H Camp and positions that are going to be available.

Announcements and Notices: None

Public Comment: Timothy Russell thanked the Board for their partnership with regards to the Ambulance Service. Public Forum on the millage will be held here in the city and also Doyle Township.

Paul Walker thanked the city for their partnership as well.

Craig Reiter asked for the city to notify the commissioners when they will be in their Districts so they could possibly attend those meetings regarding the millage as well.

Commissioner's Comment: Daniel P. Hoholik was pleased to have a unified vote on the Ambulance Millage.

Craig Reiter had received communications regarding the Gulliver Dam and the gentleman wanting to give the dam to the County.

Paul Walker congratulated Penny Carlson as “Folkfest Hero 2023”, addressed economic development and he had met with the new owners of the old ramada, advised that Schoolcraft County had population growth of 2% in the last year, he had met with Andy Bertapelle, SMH CEO, regarding the mental health crisis, thanked Sheriff Willour for his working on mental health issues in the jail.

Troy Bassett thanked the public for attending the meeting it was nice to see people in the audience.

Communications: None.

At 5:59 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 **5116 through 5306**, inclusive. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

At 5:59 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 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 6:00 P.M.

Beth A. Edwards, County Clerk

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 **Tuesday, July 25, 2023, 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:
 - Snowmobile Grant
 - Patrol Cars – 2
 - Hangar/Storage Building (Airport)
 - Ambulance Contract
 - Review Budget
 - 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.

Daniel Hoholik

Dated: July 19, 2023

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