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 9, 2026,** 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: June 25, 2026, Board and Audit-Finance Meeting

5. Approval of agenda
6. Public Hearings:
7. Brief Public Comment:
8. Unfinished business:
9. New Business:
   - Indian/McDonald/Gulliver Lake Authority Updates
   - Proposed Resolution to Oppose Legislation to Dissolve the Community Health System in the UP
   - Building/Grounds & Airport Committee Report and Action Items
   - 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.

Daniel P. Hoholik .

Daniel P. Hoholik, Chairperson
Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners

Craig Reiter .

Craig Reiter, 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 25, 2026, in the District Courtroom of the Schoolcraft County Building, City of Manistique, Michigan. Chairman Daniel P. Hoholik 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 Troy Bassett Commissioner Sara MacGregor Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik Schoolcraft County Clerk Beth A. Edwards
Absent:	None

Chairman Daniel P. Hoholik 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 Bruce Birr to approve the minutes of June 11, 2026, Board/Audit Meeting of the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners. Roll call vote: Troy Bassett, yes; Bruce Birr, yes; Sara MacGregor, yes; Craig Reiter, yes; Daniel P. Hoholik, abstain. 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 Daniel P. Hoholik asked if there were any additions, deletions, or corrections to the printed agenda. Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik asked to add Plunkett-Cooney Agreement, Committee Assignment Amendment and limit public comment to 3 minutes. **It was moved** by Commissioner Troy Bassett and was seconded by Commissioner Bruce Birr to approve the amended agenda. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Public Hearings: None

Public Comment: Marion Enstrom spoke in opposition to the McDonald Lake Assessment District.

Unfinished Business: None

"New Business": Update for Gulliver Lake Authority was given with the next meeting on July 7, 2026, at 4 p.m. in the District Courtroom of the Courthouse.

It was moved by Commissioner Troy Bassett and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to approve Resolution 26-15 McDonald Lake – Lake Level – Assessment District. Roll call vote: Troy Bassett, yes; Craig Reiter, yes; Sara MacGregor, abstain; Bruce Birr, yes; Daniel P. Hoholik, yes. The motion was carried by a majority aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Troy Bassett and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to approve Resolution 26-16 Approving Project Costs, Special Assessment Roll and Pledging Full Faith and Credit to the Issuance of Notes (McDonald Lake). Roll call vote: Troy Bassett, yes; Craig Reiter, yes; Sara MacGregor, abstain; Bruce Birr, yes; Daniel P. Hoholik, yes. The motion was carried by majority aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Bruce Birr and was seconded by Commissioner Sara MacGregor to approve Resolution 26-17 Appointment of Jackie Parker Magistrate of 93rd District Court. The motion was carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik to approve the Schoolcraft County L-4029 and authorize Daniel P. Hoholik, Board Chairman, to sign the document. The motion was carried by 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 MGT Contract Amendment for the Prosecutor's Office and the Friend of the Court Office for onboarding Electronic Timesheet System, and authorizing Daniel P. Hoholik, Board Chairman to sign the agreements. The motion was carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Sara MacGregor to retain Plunkett Cooney for attorney services regarding the Court Funding Dispute and authorize

Daniel P. Hoholik, Board Chairman, to sign the Engagement Agreement. The motion was carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Bruce Birr to approve the Amended Commissioner Committee Assignments as presented. The motion was carried by 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 Community Action Agency Finance meeting.
Commissioner Sara MacGregor: none.
Commissioner Bruce Birr: attended Personnel Committee, Commission on Aging, Manistique Township, Transit Authority, CUPPAD Materials Management (Virtually), and Manistique City Council meetings.
Commissioner Troy Bassett: attended Personnel Committee and Hiawatha Township meetings.

Sherriff Charles Willour advised they had their DOC Inspection on Monday and there were no infractions.

Announcements and Notices: None

Public Comment: None.

Commissioner's Comment: Troy Bassett congratulated Steve Videtich on his Retirement and thanked him for his 42 years of service.
Bruce Birr wished everyone a Happy 4th of July.

Communications: Beth Edwards advised that Community Action has advised that they will not be renewing their lease as their services have expanded and needed more space.

At 5:51 p.m., meeting was turned over to Craig Reiter, Audit-Finance Chairman.

It was moved by Commissioner Troy Bassett and was seconded by Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik to approve the claims and vouchers numbered **6000 through 6075**, 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 Bruce Birr to approve the budget adjustments numbered **26-74 through 26-85**, 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 Daniel P. Hoholik. Chairman Daniel P. Hoholik asked if there was any further business to come before the Board.

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

Chairman Daniel P. Hoholik adjourned the Board and Audit Finance Meeting at 5:52 P.M.

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Beth A. Edwards, County Clerk

Approved: ____________________

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From:	Courtney Grant <CGrant@hbhcmh.org>
Sent:	Wednesday, June 24, 2026 1:48 PM
To:	dhoholik@scmh.org
Cc:	clerk schoolcraftcounty.us
Subject:	Support requested in the opposition of McBroom's proposal
Attachments:	County Board Resolution-Final blank.docx; McBroom Proposal Response.pdf

Dear Chairperson Hoholik,

I am writing to respectfully request your support regarding Senator McBroom's proposal to dissolve the existing Community Mental Health system in the Upper Peninsula and create a single specialized regional mental health authority. As outlined in the letter originally provided by the Upper Peninsula CMH and PIHP executives in May (which I have attached again here for your convenience), there are significant concerns about the potential impact this proposal could have on local governance, community responsiveness, and county financial liability. The proposal would replace the current locally governed system with a centralized regional authority, resulting in a substantial loss of local control and decision-making authority.

In addition, the proposal raises serious fiscal concerns. The current statutory framework provides counties with defined and consistent financial responsibility, while the proposed structure could significantly increase county financial obligations.

I appreciate the goal of improving behavioral health services throughout the Upper Peninsula. However, I believe meaningful improvements should be developed through collaboration with local providers, county leaders, and subject matter experts so that we can preserve local accountability and community-based decision-making.

Attached is a sample resolution that has been prepared for county consideration. I respectfully request that the County Board review the resolution and consider adopting it to formally express opposition to legislation that would dissolve the current Upper Peninsula CMH system into a single regional authority.

I appreciate your time and attention. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you would like to talk through this in more detail. Our relationship with Schoolcraft County is very important to me, and I welcome the opportunity to discuss any questions or concerns you may have.

Best,

Courtney

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May 21, 2026

Dear Upper Peninsula County Board of Commissioners,

The purpose of this communication is to share the collective perspective of the Upper Peninsula CMH/PIHP Executives on Senator McBroom's proposal to transition the current Upper Peninsula CMH system to a single specialized regional mental health authority.

Senator McBroom's commitment to improving behavioral health outcomes for Michiganders in the Upper Peninsula is clear and commendable, however, there are significant concerns with his proposed legislation. Chief among them are the erosion of local responsiveness and community control, along with a framework that effectively removes limits on county liability while requiring the assumption of high-cost services without defined limits.

An additional concern is the bill's inconsistency with the Michigan Mental Health Code, which serves as Michigan's foundational policy framework for mental health services. The Mental Health Code reflects decades of established policy favoring decentralized, community driven CMH systems over centralized, institutional models.

Here is a breakdown of our specific concerns:

A. Loss of Local Responsiveness and Community Control

The proposal:

- Mandates the dissolution and forced absorption of all five U.P. CMHs into a single regional entity within three years of enactment, terminating the legal existence of each program regardless of community preference or local board determination.
- Transfers all authority to a single regional entity
- Centralizes governance at the regional level

Residing within the Upper Peninsula is not the same as being accountable to a specific community within it. The U.P. spans over 16,000 square miles and encompasses counties with dramatically different population sizes, geographic isolation, service infrastructures, and local needs. A single governing board making decisions across all 15 counties cannot replicate the localized knowledge, relationships, and responsiveness that five embedded CMH programs have developed over decades. What works in Marquette County does not necessarily work in Gogebic or Mackinac. A one-size-fits-all regional structure does not eliminate these differences — it simply removes the local decision-making capacity needed to address them.

B. Functional Uncapping of County Liability

This issue is critical to county fiscal health. While not explicit, the uncapping of liability is structural.

Currently:

- Each CMH operates within defined budgets
- County exposure is known, limited, and defined by statute. Under MCL 330.1308, county financial responsibility is structured as a 10% match on approved net costs of CMH services, with explicit protections against match escalation. This formula-based structure gives counties predictable, bounded financial exposure — a protection the proposed regional authority entirely replaces with open-ended joint liability across all 15 counties
- Risk is managed at the CMH or PIHP level.

Under the proposal:

- All CMH duties are assumed by a single regional entity
- All counties are jointly tied to that entity's performance
- There is no statutory cap on deficits, extraordinary costs, capital obligations, or long-term psychiatric inpatient liabilities

Once CMHs cease to exist, counties lose the buffer that previously limited their exposure.

C. Assumption of High Cost Services Without Funding Limits

The specialized regional entity would be required to:

- Own or lease facilities to provide long-term psychiatric inpatient care
- Directly staff those facilities
- Bear financial risk tied to inpatient utilization

Psychiatric inpatient services are capital intensive, high risk, and historically underfunded by Medicaid. If Medicaid, Medicare, or private insurance fail to fully cover costs, the proposal provides no mechanism to limit county exposure—the textbook definition of uncapped liability.

The intent to create more inpatient capacity that is threaded through Senator McBroom's proposal is a noble one, and he isn't wrong. There is no question that the Upper Peninsula needs more locally available inpatient beds, however, Senator McBroom's proposal as written will not result in more capacity, more beds, or more providers to staff those beds. Establishing a new psychiatric unit is among the most difficult and resource intensive initiatives a hospital or health system can pursue. Unlike many other clinical service lines, psychiatric inpatient care requires extensive upfront investment, specialized infrastructure, and ongoing operational support, often with limited financial margin. When layered with the existing Certificate of Need requirements, it appears unlikely that this could be a successful undertaking for a regional mental health authority of any kind.

In a letter sent to stakeholders throughout the Upper Peninsula, Senator McBroom stated, "*Funding for the new Authority is certainly the most serious hurdle to cross. It is not possible to fully know just what this would cost in either the transition or continued operations until the bill is introduced and begins evaluations and discussions. However, I believe there are multiple sources that can be counted on to begin and sustain this change. I have spoken with many of our county officials about their current expenses for mental health services including how much is spent on administrative costs of running NorthCare and five separate CMH, law enforcement, jails, transportation, and other expenses. These dollars, along with some of the recent opioid settlement, could be a good* *beginning for the local government investment"*. The **vast** majority of pooled funding associated with the 5 CMHs and NorthCare is from Medicaid, not county contributions. Importantly, Medicaid funding cannot be utilized for the payment of inpatient stays that are not associated with a Certificate of Need bed. Facilities must also undergo a rigorous certification process through the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services before they are eligible to receive federal reimbursement for services provided. Given these requirements, it will likely take well over a year for the "stars to align" for these inpatient facilities described in Senator McBroom's legislation to obtain the necessary approvals and begin receiving funding. Additionally, opioid dollars are restrictive in its use. They must be allocated towards substance use treatment, prevention, harm reduction, or services for incarcerated individuals who are needing treatment, and recovery support, not toward the development or operation of psychiatric inpatient beds.

This proposal does not address the core challenges facing our rural landscape. As a collective, we should be focused on solutions that meaningfully target the problems at hand. Expanding psychiatric inpatient capacity without the workforce to staff it will only deepen the challenges we face in the Upper Peninsula. This approach risks leaving facilities underutilized, unfunded, and shifting liability onto counties. Any effort to address community needs must not occur in a vacuum, it requires thoughtful collaboration with subject matter experts and those with direct experience in the field.

We stand ready to work collaboratively with legislators and partners to advance solutions that strengthen behavioral health care in the Upper Peninsula without undermining the foundational principles of Michigan's mental health system and ensure long term sustainability for the citizens of the U.P.

Sincerely,

Megan Rooney, CEO
NorthCare Network

Mike Bach, Executive Director
Copper County CMH

Tess Greenough, CEO
Gogebic CMH

Courtney Grant, CEO
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Mandy Padget, CEO
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cc: Senator Ed McBroom
Senator John Damoose
Representative David Prestin
Representative Karl Bohnak
Representative Greg Markkanen
Representative Parker Fairbairn

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COPPER COUNTRY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
GOGEBIC Community Mental Health
Northpointe
PATHWAYS Community Mental Health

RESOLUTION OPPOSING LEGISLATION TO DISSOLVE THE UPPER PENINSULA COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM INTO A SINGLE SPECIALIZED REGIONAL MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Upper Peninsula Community Mental Health (CMH) and Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan (PIHP) system has historically operated under a decentralized, community-based model intended to preserve local control, responsiveness, and accountability to the residents of each county; and

WHEREAS, Senator McBroom's proposal would require the dissolution and consolidation of all five Upper Peninsula CMHs into a single specialized regional mental health authority, thereby transferring governance and operational authority from local entities to a centralized regional structure; and

WHEREAS, the ___________ County Board of Commissioners recognizes and appreciates efforts to improve behavioral health outcomes in the Upper Peninsula, including efforts to expand access to psychiatric inpatient services, the Board finds that the proposed legislation presents substantial governance, policy, and fiscal concerns; and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation is inconsistent with the longstanding principles of the Michigan Mental Health Code, which has favored decentralized, community-driven CMH systems over centralized institutional models; and

WHEREAS, a single specialized regional authority serving all fifteen Upper Peninsula counties would reduce local responsiveness and community control by removing decision-making authority from locally based CMH programs that understand the distinct geographic, demographic, and service delivery needs of their communities; and

WHEREAS, the proposal would effectively expose counties to expanded and potentially uncapped fiscal liability by eliminating the current statutory framework that defines and limits county financial responsibility, including formula-based protections established under Michigan law; and

WHEREAS, under the proposed structure, counties could become jointly responsible for the financial performance and obligations of a single specialized regional entity without clear statutory limits on deficits, extraordinary costs, capital obligations, or long-term psychiatric inpatient liabilities; and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation would require the single specialized regional entity to assume responsibility for long-term psychiatric inpatient services, including facility ownership or leasing, staffing, and operations, without clearly identified and sustainable funding parameters; and

WHEREAS, psychiatric inpatient services are capital-intensive and historically underfunded, and any expansion of inpatient capacity must account for workforce constraints, regulatory requirements, and the limitations on the use of Medicaid and opioid settlement funds; and

WHEREAS, the County Board believes that durable improvements in behavioral health services in the Upper Peninsula should be developed through consultation with subject matter experts, local providers, county officials, and community stakeholders in a manner that strengthens services without undermining local governance or long-term sustainability; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the ______________ County Board of Commissioners hereby opposes legislation that would dissolve the existing Upper Peninsula Community Mental Health system into a single specialized regional mental health authority; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ________________ County Board of Commissioners urges the Michigan Legislature and all relevant policymakers to reject any proposal that removes local control, weakens community responsiveness, or imposes uncertain and potentially unlimited fiscal liability upon counties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ___________ County Board of Commissioners supports collaborative, sustainable, and community-driven approaches to strengthening behavioral health services in the Upper Peninsula, including solutions that address access, workforce, funding, and inpatient capacity without compromising local accountability.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to send a copy of this resolution to the Governor of Michigan, the Michigan Senate, the Michigan House of Representatives, Senator Ed McBroom, and other interested parties.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED BY _____________ COUNTY ON ___________, 2026.

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Board Chairperson Date

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETING
Building/Grounds & Airport

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that there will be a meeting of the Building/Grounds and Airport Committee of the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday, **July 7, 2026**, commencing at 8:15 a.m. in 1st Floor Conference Room, Schoolcraft Courthouse, Manistique, Michigan.

Agenda:

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Additions to the Agenda
5. Public Comment
6. New/Old Business:
   - Review all Current Projects
     - Airport Fuel Sales Report
     - Carpenter Dam Gate Electrical Conduit - Update
     - Runway Rehab, Runway Lighting/Signage & Beacon Grant – Update
     - AWOS Grant – Update
     - Merwin Creek Update
     - Portable Morgue Issue
     - Phone System
     - Any other items to discuss as brought before the committee.
7. Public Comment
8. Adjournment

Daniel P. Hoholik

Daniel P. Hoholik
Schoolcraft County Commissioner

Dated: July 2, 2026

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 7, 2026, at 9 a.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:
    - Program Income Certificate - MISHDA
    - PA Support Grant Acceptance
    - Brightspeed Phone Upgrade
    - Child Care FY 26-27 Grant
    - 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.

Craig Reiter Dated: July 2, 2026

Craig Reiter, Audit-Finance Committee Chairman
Schoolcraft County Commissioner