

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, October 23, 2025**, 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: October 9, 2025, Board/Audit Meeting

5. Approval of agenda
6. Public Hearings:
8. Unfinished business:

9. New Business:

Indian Lake/Gulliver/McDonald Lake Authority Update
Thompson Township Cell Tower Height Request
County Apportionment Report – Dulcee Ranta
Township Zoning/Planning Agreements for discussion
Audit/Finance Committee Recommendations/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. Budget Adjustments
17. 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 Hoholik _____

Daniel 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, October 9, 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 Bruce Birr
 Commissioner Troy Bassett
 Commissioner Paul Walker
 Schoolcraft County Deputy Clerk Michelle Nelson

Absent: Craig Reiter - excused
Absent: Daniel P. Hoholik - excused

Chairperson 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 Bruce Birr to approve the minutes of September 25, 2025, 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. Commissioner Paul Walker asked to add approval of Personnel Committee and delete Hamari Presentation.

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

“Brief Public Comment”:

Marion Enstrom addressed Schoolcraft Lake levels and special assessment districts.

Alan Kilar addressed the County webpage.

“Unfinished Business”: None

“New Business”:

Commissioner Paul Walker addressed Lake Authorities and gave update.

It was moved by Commissioner Paul Walker and was seconded by Commissioner Bruce Birr to approve recommendation to put Craig Reiter as Commissioner on the Planning and ZBA. 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 County Board Chair, Planning Commission Chair, and CBA Chair to meet for discussion along with Austin and Angie. 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 Paul Walker to approve the County Clerk to post the Accounts Payable position. 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 Paul Walker to approve moving the General Ledger duties to the Treasurer’s office with a .50 cent increase, effective Lori Wood’s last day of work. 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 correction of the pay scale for the District Court Civil Clerk to clerk scale. 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 the proposed Letter of Understanding to each township with the cost of the Zoning Administrator reimbursed to the County using the 3 year average taxable value. 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 the payment of Schoolcraft County's portion of medical insurance for the Honorable Judge Brian Rahilly during his paid leave from July 24 – September 3, 2025. 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 the engineering contract for the airport in the amount of \$64,375 and authorize Commissioner Paul Walker to sign. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Bruce Birr and seconded by Commissioner Troy Bassett to approve the Airport Manager License Application and authorize Paul Walker, Board Chairman to sign. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Under Committee and Department Reports, the following matters were heard:

Commissioner Paul Walker: attended Hospital Board, Audit/Finance Committee, Road Commission, and EDC meetings.

Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik: absent

Commissioner Troy Bassett: attended Building & Grounds and Personnel Committee meetings.

Commissioner Craig Reiter: absent

Commissioner Bruce Birr: attended LMAS, Audit/Finance Committee, and Personnel Committee (by phone) meetings.

Steve Videtich addressed airport was busy last month and Indian Lake dock would be removed soon.

Heather Lalonde stated Treasurers office will be starting to work on winter tax bills.

Jan Hooker addressed Opioid Taskforce Committee.

Announcements and Notices: None

Public Comment:

Ron Goudreau addressed winter taxes for McDonald Lake assessment district.

Bonnie Elliot thanked the board for continuing to run the airport in Schoolcraft County.

Dave Hewitt addressed special assessment district for Indian Lake.

Commissioner's Comment: None

Communications: None

At 5:59 p.m., Commissioner Paul Walker moved on to Audit-Finance claims and vouchers;

It was moved by Commissioner Troy Bassett and was seconded by Commissioner Bruce Birr to approve the claims and vouchers numbered **3669 through 3815**, 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 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 6:01 P.M.

Michelle Nelson, Deputy Clerk

Approved: _____

From: zoning schoolcraftcounty.us
Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2025 2:30 PM
To: clerk schoolcraftcounty.us
Subject: County Board Approval on Cell Tower
Attachments: 02-Thompson North_US-MI-5649_Construction Drawings_Prelim_2025-06-26.pdf

Good afternoon Beth,

For towers above the max height, the county board is supposed to approve. Our height limit is 180'. This tower stands at 305'.

Other than sending you this information, I am not sure what is required of me. If you could, let me know what board meeting this will be addressed. I also need to know if they need a representative present at that board meeting.

Thank you Beth. I am so sorry for the time I am asking of you today.

Schoolcraft County Building and Zoning Dept.

300 Walnut Street, Room 207
Manistique, MI 49854

Austin Clark

Schoolcraft County Zoning Administrator
zoning@schoolcraftcounty.us
Office: 906-341-3674

2025 SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY APPORTIONMENT REPORT
10/14/2025

(A) County Name	(B) Taxable Value	(C) County Allocated		(D) Est. County Allocated / SET		(E) Total County Extra		(F) Est. County EV		(G) Total County Debt Rate		(H) Est. County Debt		(I) Total Est. County Tax Dollars		(BB) Total RenZone Taxable Value
		Rate / SET	Tax Dollars	Operating Rate	Voted	Extra	Oper. Tax Dollars	Debt Rate	Tax Dollars	Tax Dollars	Tax Dollars	Tax Dollars	Tax Dollars			
Schoolcraft	485,766,029.00	5.0545	2,455,304.40	5.6003			2,720,435.49	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.00	5,175,739.89	0.00		
STATE ED. TAX	485,766,029.00	6.0000	2,914,596.17	0.0000			0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	

(J) Local Unit Name Townships Cities Villages	(K) Taxable Value	(L) Total Allocated / Charter		(M) Est. Local Allocated / Charter Tax		(N) Total Other Extra		(O) Est. Local EV / GL		(P) Total Debt Rate		(Q) Est. Local Debt		(R) Total Est. Local Tax Dollars		(KK) Total RenZone Taxable Value
		Rate	Charter	Dollars	Rate	Operating	Law	General	Voted / Extra	Oper. Tax Dollars	Rate	Tax Dollars	Tax Dollars	Tax Dollars		
Listed Alphabetically																
Doyle	61,156,205.00	0.8362		51,138.82	1.9165			117,205.87	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.00	168,344.69	0.00	
Germfask	20,654,885.00	1.0429		21,540.98	4.3429			89,702.10	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.00	111,243.08	0.00	
Hiawatha	87,206,653.00	0.0000		0.00	0.0000			0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Inwood	59,325,021.00	0.7613		45,164.14	0.9517			56,459.62	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.00	101,623.76	0.00	
Manistique	54,485,537.00	0.9533		51,941.06	0.0000			0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.00	51,941.06	0.00	
Mueller	45,866,476.00	1.0580		48,526.73	0.0000			0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.00	48,526.73	0.00	
Seney	17,365,890.00	0.9175		15,933.20	0.0000			0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.00	15,933.20	0.00	
Thompson	74,937,773.00	0.8030		60,175.03	0.9586			71,835.35	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.00	132,010.38	0.00	
Manistique	64,767,589.00	18.3876		1,190,920.52	0.0000			0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.00	1,190,920.52	0.00	

(A) Authority (Dist. Libraries, DDAs, Transit, Metro, Fire, etc.)	(B) Taxable Value	(C)		(D)		(E)		(F)		(G)		(BB)	
		Total Operating	Rate	Est. Authority Oper.	Tax Dollars	Total Debt	Rate	Est. Authority Debt	Tax Dollars	Est. Total Authority	Tax Dollars	Total RenZone	Taxable Value

(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)	(J)	(K)	(L)	(M)	(BB)	(GG)
Local K12 School District Name	Total Taxable Value	Total NonHomestead Taxable Value	Total Commercial Personal Taxable Value	HH / Supplemental Rate	Est. HH / Supplemental Tax Dollars	Non Homestead Operating Rate	Est. NH Operating Tax Dollars	Total Debt / Sinking Fund / Bidg Site Rate	Est. Debt / Sinking Fund / Bidg Site Tax Dollars	Total Recreational Rate	Est. Recreational Tax Dollars	Total Est. Local K12 School Tax Dollars	Total RentZone Taxable Value	Homestead Comm.Pers. Operating Rate
BIG BAY DE NOC SCHOOL DIST	59,325,021.00	33,475,501.00	232,186.00	0.0000	0.00	18.0000	603,952.15	1.8872	111,958.18	0.0000	0.00	715,910.33	0.00	6.0000
MANISTIQUE AREA SCHOOLS	408,418,739.00	222,811,843.00	3,352,374.00	0.0000	0.00	18.0000	4,030,723.81	2.8786	1,175,874.18	0.0000	0.00	5,206,397.99	0.00	6.0000
MUNISING PUBLIC SCHOOLS	656,379.00	322,685.00	0.00	0.0000	0.00	18.0000	5,808.33	1.5500	1,077.39	0.0000	0.00	6,825.72	0.00	6.0000
TAHQUAMENON AREA SCHOOLS	17,385,890.00	14,484,858.00	137,373.00	0.0000	0.00	17.5789	255,394.28	1.8000	27,785.42	0.0000	0.00	283,179.70	0.00	5.5789

(A) Community College Name	(B) Taxable Value	(C) Total Operating Rate		(D) Est. Community College Oper. Tax Dollars		(E) Total Debt Rate		(F) Est. Community College Debt Tax Dollars		(G) Est. Total Community College Tax Dollars		(BB) Total RenZone Taxable Value	
		(J) ISD Allocated Rate	(I) Taxable Value	(K) Est. ISD Allocated Tax Dollars	(L) Operating Rate	(M) Est. ISD EV Operating (Spec Ed/Voc/Enh) Tax Dollars	(N) ISD Total Debt Rate	(O) Est. ISD Debt Tax Dollars	(P) Est. Total ISD Tax Dollars	(II) Total RenZone Taxable Value			
Intermediate School District Name													
DELTA-SCHOOLCRAFT	467,743,760.00	0.1332		62,303.47	2.2285	1,042,366.97	0.0000	0.00	1,104,670.44			0.00	
EASTERN U.P.	17,365,890.00	0.1990		3,455.81	2.7259	47,337.68	0.0000	0.00	50,793.49			0.00	
MARQUETTE-ALGER	656,379.00	0.2018		132.46	3.5000	2,297.33	0.0000	0.00	2,429.79			0.00	

Township / City	Village	School Code	Local School District	Total		Total	
				Total Homestead	NonHomestead	Total Homestead	NonHomestead
				Property Tax Rate	Property Tax Rate	Property Tax Rate	Property Tax Rate
						w/Special Assmnt	w/Special Assmnt
Doyle		77010	MANISTIQUE AREA SCHOOLS	24.6478	42.6478	24.6478	42.6478
Germfask		77010	MANISTIQUE AREA SCHOOLS	27.2809	45.2809	27.2809	45.2809
Hiawatha		02070	MUNISING PUBLIC SCHOOLS	21.9066	39.9066	21.9066	39.9066
Hiawatha		77010	MANISTIQUE AREA SCHOOLS	21.8951	39.8951	21.8951	39.8951
Inwood		21065	BIG BAY DE NOC SCHOOL DIST	22.6167	40.6167	22.6167	40.6167
Manistique		77010	MANISTIQUE AREA SCHOOLS	22.8484	40.8484	22.8484	40.8484
Mueller		77010	MANISTIQUE AREA SCHOOLS	22.9531	40.9531	22.9531	40.9531
Seney		48040	TAHQUAMENON AREA SCHOOLS	22.0972	39.6761	22.0972	39.6761
Thompson		77010	MANISTIQUE AREA SCHOOLS	23.6567	41.6567	23.6567	41.6567
Manistique		77010	MANISTIQUE AREA SCHOOLS	40.2827	58.2827	40.2827	58.2827

Local Municipality (Twp/City/Vlg)	ALL Purpose(s) of Qualifying Special Assessment Millage Rates for the Local Municipality Listed	Total of All Special Assessment Rates Levied UNITWIDE
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LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

This Letter of Understanding is entered into between the County of Schoolcraft (the “County”), Michigan, and the Township of _____ (the “Township”), Schoolcraft County, Michigan, on this _____ day of _____, 2025.

WHEREAS, the Township desires to obtain professional zoning and planning services, including services related to the regulation of short-term rentals, to support its land use and development goals; and

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WHEREAS, the County has the capacity and expertise to provide such services through its planning and zoning department; and

WHEREAS, the Township and County are authorized under Public Act 35 of 1951 to enter into intergovernmental agreements for the provision of services;

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

1. The County shall provide zoning and planning services to the Township, including but not limited to:
 - a. Zoning administration and enforcement;
 - b. Review of zoning applications and site plans;
 - c. Regulation and enforcement of short-term rental provisions.
2. The Township shall pay the County for services rendered under this Letter of Understanding in accordance with the County’s adopted fee schedule for zoning and planning services, attached as **Exhibit A**, as may be amended from time to time.
3. The County shall invoice the Township on a monthly basis, and the Township shall render payment within 30 days of receipt of the invoice.
4. This County shall continue to provide the services rendered under this Letter of Understanding unless terminated by either party upon 30 days written notice. The

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Township shall remain responsible for payment of all services rendered prior to termination.

5. This Letter of Understanding may be amended in writing by mutual consent of the parties.

Schoolcraft County

By: _____

Name
Title

Dated: _____

Township Name

By: _____

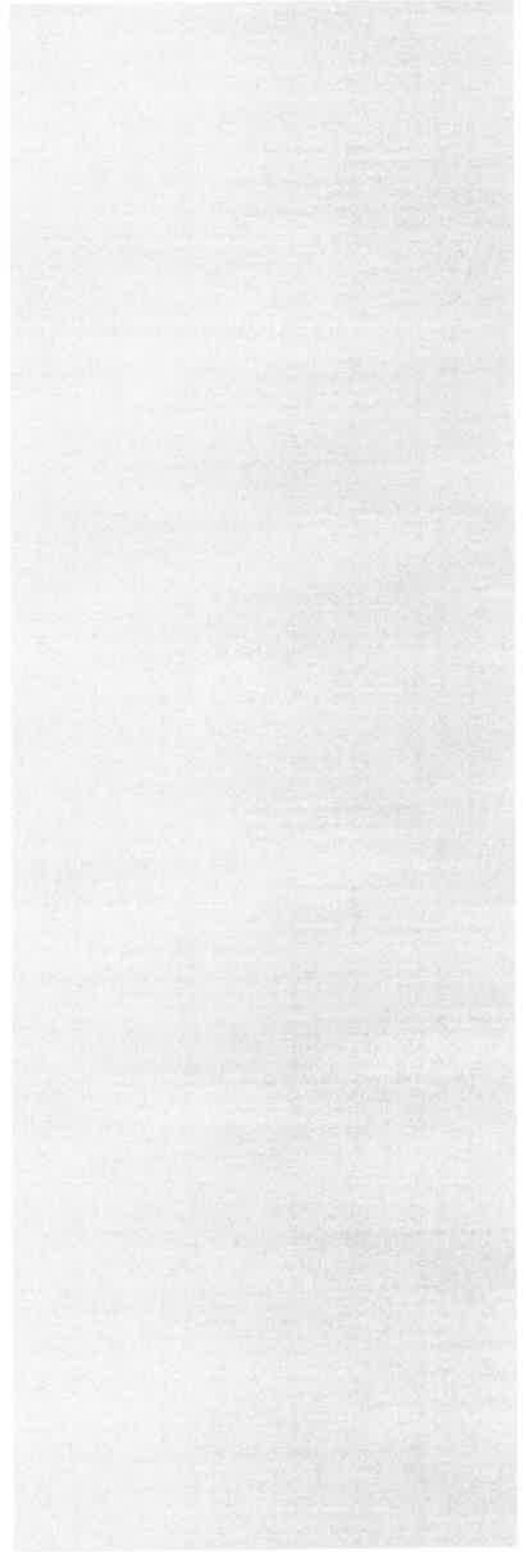
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Dated: _____

EXHIBIT A

[attach fee schedule for services]

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Taxable Values	2022	2023	2024	Average for 3 Years	Average %	Breakdown by % of \$ 48,655.58
Doyle	\$ 48,413,098.00	\$ 52,989,215.00	\$ 57,688,763.00	\$ 53,030,358.67	14%	\$ 6,982.58
Germfask	\$ 18,645,094.00	\$ 16,034,925.00	\$ 20,073,636.00	\$ 18,251,218.33	5%	\$ 2,403.16
Hiawatha	\$ 71,286,194.00	\$ 78,505,174.00	\$ 83,706,825.00	\$ 77,832,731.00	21%	\$ 10,248.34
Inwood	\$ 47,367,187.00	\$ 51,025,721.00	\$ 55,918,803.00	\$ 51,437,237.00	14%	\$ 6,772.81
Manistique	\$ 43,518,803.00	\$ 45,784,205.00	\$ 51,239,489.00	\$ 46,847,499.00	13%	\$ 6,168.47
Mueller	\$ 39,304,788.00	\$ 40,681,277.00	\$ 43,164,345.00	\$ 41,050,136.67	11%	\$ 5,405.13
Seney	\$ 14,508,500.00	\$ 16,756,450.00	\$ 16,412,219.00	\$ 15,892,389.67	4%	\$ 2,092.57
Thompson	\$ 60,792,117.00	\$ 64,431,166.00	\$ 70,320,527.00	\$ 65,181,270.00	18%	\$ 8,582.51
Totals	\$ 343,835,781.00	\$ 366,208,133.00	\$ 398,524,607.00	\$ 369,522,840.33	100%	\$ 48,655.58

Three Year Average 369,522,840

2024 Taxable Values	2024	\$ 48,655.58
Doyle	\$ 57,688,763.00	14% \$ 7,043.18
Germfask	\$ 20,073,636.00	5% \$ 2,450.78
Hiawatha	\$ 83,706,825.00	21% \$ 10,219.71
Inwood	\$ 55,918,803.00	14% \$ 6,827.09
Manistique	\$ 51,239,489.00	13% \$ 6,255.79
Mueller	\$ 43,164,345.00	11% \$ 5,269.90
Seney	\$ 16,412,219.00	4% \$ 2,003.76
Thompson	\$ 70,320,527.00	18% \$ 8,585.38
	\$ 398,524,607.00	100% \$ 48,655.58

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, October 20, 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:
 - Snowplowing Quote
 - FY25 Mental Health Court Grant Award
 - Schoolcraft County Land Bank Liability Ins Quote
 - 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: October 17, 2025

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