

**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, September 25, 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: September 11, 2025, Board/Audit Meeting

5. Approval of agenda
6. Public Hearings: FY 25-26 Proposed Budget
7. Brief Public Comment
8. Unfinished business:

9. New Business:

Hamari Presentation
EGLE – Material Management Presentation
Quarterly Investment Report
Foreclosing Governmental Unit Report of Real Property Foreclosure Sales
Indian Lake/Gulliver/McDonald Lake Authority Update
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, September 11, 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 Troy Bassett (Joined the meeting at 5:55 p.m.)
Commissioner Paul Walker
Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik
Schoolcraft County Clerk Beth A. Edwards

Absent: None

Chairman Paul Walker asked for a moment of silence in memory of 911 and the assassination of Charlie Kirk.

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 August 28, 2025, Board and 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 Resolution Regarding Community Mental Health Funding, Resolution Opposing FY25 State Budget, and Judge Rahilly Memo Response. **It was moved** by Commissioner Craig Reiter 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 McDonald Lake Assessment.

Ronald Goudreau addressed McDonald Lake Assessment, and Dam Grants.

It was moved by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik to attach the map of Bull Dog Creek to the minutes. 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 attach to the minutes the statement read by Marion Enstrom. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Michelle Goudreau addressed McDonald/Gulliver/Indian Lake Authorities and Assessment Districts.

Ronald Goudreau addressed Qualified Forest Exemption and the Assessment Districts.

“Unfinished Business”: None

“New Business”:

It was moved by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Bruce Birr to approve Resolution 25-7 Opposing Proposal by Michigan Department of Health and Human Services for Competitive Procurement and approve appropriate signatures. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

At 5:55 p.m. Commissioner Troy Bassett joined the meeting.

Indian Lake and Gulliver Lake Authority updates were given.

It was moved by Commissioner Troy Bassett and was seconded by Commissioner Paul Walker to dissolve the McDonald Lake Authority Board. There was discussion. Roll call: Troy Bassett, yes; Paul Walker, yes; Craig Reiter, no; Bruce Birr, yes; Daniel P. Hoholik, yes. The motion carried by a majority aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Troy Bassett and was seconded by Commissioner Bruce Birr to approve Resolution 25-9 Changing the McDonald Lake Delegated Authority. Roll call: Troy Bassett, yes; Bruce Birr, yes; Daniel P. Hoholik, yes; Craig Reiter, no; Paul Walker, yes. The motion 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 appoint Janice Hooker, Steve Latterman, and Justin Schlabach to the Schoolcraft County Opioid Taskforce Committee, terms expire September 30, 2028. 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 appoint Josh Michelson, Jennifer Casey, and Abby Burton to the Schoolcraft County Opioid Taskforce Committee, terms expire September 30, 2027. 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 Daniel P. Hoholik to appoint Alisa Calhoun to the Schoolcraft County Opioid Taskforce Committee, term expires September 30, 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 Craig Reiter to withdraw the Opioid Funds from the Manistique Area Schools for Botvin Training as it was never utilized. 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 move the LMAS Botvin Training Invoice to the Opioid Taskforce for consideration. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Troy Bassett and was seconded by Bruce Birr to appoint Jessica Baker to the Brownfield Board. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Paul Walker and seconded by Commissioner Bruce Birr to require members of the ZBA and Planning Commission Boards to take the MSU training available. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Bruce Birr and was seconded by Paul Walker to request an extension for the assistance from the State of Michigan for Building Codes and Inspections. 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 FY26 Secondary Road Patrol Grant Contract in the amount of \$44,723 with no local match. 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 LexisNexis three-year contract 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 FY26 MIDC Grant Contract and authorize Paul Walker, Board Chairman, to sign the same.

It was moved by Commissioner Paul Walker and was seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to approve the Emergency Management 2026 Work Agreement and authorize Paul Walker, Board Chairman, to sign the document. 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 move \$80,000 from cash to Designated Cash- Retirement 101-000-005.731. 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 Resolution 25-10 Opposing FY26 Budget Cuts and authorize Paul Walker, Board Chairman to sign. 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 authorize the proposed letter be sent to Judge Rahilly in response to his memo. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Craig Reiter to suspend Circuit Court Judge Medical Insurance as he is a state employee. No second. Failed.

Reports, the following matters were heard:

Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik: attended Building/Grounds & Airport Committee, Budget meetings, Audit/Finance, and Indian Lake Authority meeting.

Commissioner Craig Reiter : attended Benefit/Medicaid Council, 2 Community Action, 2 Northcare, EMS, HBH, McDonald Lake Authority, and MAC meetings.

Commissioner Paul Walker: attended Manistique City Council, Road Commission, Audit/Finance and Budget meetings.

Commissioner Bruce Birr: attended Personnel Committee, LMAS, Conservation District, and Manistique City Council meetings.

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

Corey Barr gave an update on the city projects.

Justin Schlabach advised that the Sheriff's Department did receive the Hardship waiver the SRP Grant.

Jan Hooker addressed the Opioid Taskforce Committee appointments.

Robert Mach, SMH update.

Ashley Reitter gave an update on Soil Conservation District.

Dan McKinney addressed CMH update.

Victoria George addressed the Rural Readiness and County Industrial Park Grants.

Timothy Noble updated the board on his office and stayed within budget.

Announcements and Notices: None

Public Comment: Corey Barr addressed Brownfield Bylaws.

Tim Noble addressed Judge Rahilly returning work on September 3, 2025.

Corey Barr addressed insurance for judges through the State of Michigan.

Ronald Goudreau addressed the Drain Commissioner and the McDonald Lake Authority.

Marion Enstrom addressed McDonald Lake Authority.

Commissioner's Comment: None.

Communications: None.

At 6:59 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 **3376 through 3535**, inclusive. There was discussion. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

At 6:59 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 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 6:59 p.m.

Beth A. Edwards, County Clerk

Approved: _____

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United States Geological Survey :

Government agency



The United States Geological Survey (USGS) is the US government's scientific agency for studying the country's natural resources and landscape. Established in 1879, the USGS is the primary civilian mapping agency in the US, known for its 1:24,000 scale topographic maps. The USGS is part of the Department of the Interior and covers the disciplines of biology, geography, geology, and hydrology. [🔗](#)

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Ron Goudreau .

September 11, 2025

Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners:

As you know, on September 3, 2025, the McDonald Lake Authority Board voted against approving the Special Assessment Roll & Computation of Costs.

Once again, I would like to remind this Board of the untruths the taxpayers have been told since May 13, 2024.

We were told a new Lake Level order was needed in order to allow for seasonal fluctuations, yet McDonald Lake had a 1962 order that specifically stated "depending on existing conditions." The sole reason for the new Lake Level order was so you could pursue a Special Assessment District and pass along this exorbitant spending to the taxpayers of McDonald Lake.

We were told that a new lake level order and Special Assessment District were needed for grant opportunities, however, the McDonald Lake Dam is a very low risk dam and it is extremely unlikely it would ever qualify for grants.

We were told that it would be cheaper. Cheaper for whom? McDonald Lake taxpayers are facing 3 times the per parcel assessment rate than Indian Lake. And, quite honestly, "cheaper" is a very weak argument. Based on that claim, one could argue it would be cheaper to build a new Court House today rather than wait until it is needed. Or replace all of your equipment today, rather than later when it is necessary. If the County was not able exploit a very poorly written law which gives you the ability to pass along all of these costs to a very select few property owners, would you have pursued any of this?

Paul Walker stated that, for liability purposes, the County had to own the dam, however, a simple easement would have sufficed for liability purposes.

As recently as July 9, 2025, Paul Walker once again stated "we were following the law" when the ONLY requirement throughout this entire process was for the County to acquire legal access to the dam. This was ultimately accomplished for \$3,000.

I questioned whether this Board was offered this simple solution of acquiring an easement and have been told you were. Yet, you continued the pursuit of the new Lake Level order and the establishment of a Special Assessment District at an additional cost of ~~\$84,500.~~ **\$87,500.**

Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners

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As further evidence of the reckless spending which has ensued, as recently as July 9, 2025, Paul Walker called a Special Meeting of the whole which included participation of the attorney and engineering firm in response to documentation requested by the McDonald Lake Authority Board on July 1, 2025. No documentation was submitted and the verbal response you were given by Luke from Spicer Group was no different than what was presented at the Lake Authority Meeting. This special meeting served absolutely no purpose and cost taxpayers an additional \$868.50.

As you are all aware, I have repeatedly pleaded with this Board to do the right thing. It is now time you to acknowledge your role in the needless spending which has ensued at the sole direction of this County Board and for Schoolcraft County to contribute additional funds toward the assessment. As a compromise, I will support the special assessment with an additional *minimum* \$50,000 commitment from the County over the next five years.

You do, of course, have other options. I would imagine you have the ability to bypass the McDonald Lake Authority recommendation and enforce the special assessment. I would like to point out that the appeals process can be long and it would not be a good look for any of you.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Marion Enstrom

McDonald Lake Authority Property Representative

906-250-7548

Schoolcraft County Investments
Quarterly Report- April - June 2025

	Department	INITIATED	AMOUNT	BEGINNING QRTL BALANCE	QUARTERLY INTEREST AMOUNT	CURRENT AMOUNT	YIELD	TERM
STATE SAVINGS BANK	CD	Road Commission	6/15/2023	\$ 250,000.00				
					\$ 273,147.36	\$ 3,449.30	\$ 276,596.66	5.25% 12 months
	CD	Senior Center	9/20/2023	\$ 100,000.00				
					\$ 107,384.41	\$ 1,093.50	\$ 108,477.91	5.25% 12 months
Savings	Delinquent Tax Fund	9/30/2017	\$ 404,934.03					
		4/12/2023	\$ (133,750.00)					
		4/13/2023	\$ (8,591.00)					
		4/22/2024	\$ 20,000.00					
				\$ 304,101.17	\$ 950.46	\$ 305,051.63		
MICHIGAN CLASS MI-01-0258-0002	Road Commission	6/8/2022	\$ 4,000,000.00					
		6/22/2022	\$ (2,500,000.00)					
		6/28/2022	\$ (500,000.00)					
		6/15/2023	\$ 500,000.00					
		7/2/2024	\$ 329,121.41					
				\$ 2,031,641.68	\$ 22,303.23	\$ 2,053,944.91	4.4034%	
MI-01-0258-0004	Delinquent Tax Fund	6/8/2022	\$ 300,000.00					
		10/4/2022	\$ 300,000.00					
		2/9/2023	\$ 600,000.00					
		6/6/2023	\$ (250,000.00)					
				\$ 1,077,090.51	\$ 11,824.25	\$ 1,088,914.76	4.4034%	
MI-01-0258-0005	ARPA- LATCF	8/29/2023	\$ 1,198,109.42					
		12/15/2023	\$ (250,000.00)					
		2/23/2024	\$ (200,000.00)					
		9/3/2024	\$ (160,879.93)					
		9/24/2024	\$ (100,000.00)					
		6/4/2025	\$ 10.29					
				\$ 553,243.93	\$ 6,073.51	\$ 559,327.73	4.4034%	
MI-01-0258-0006	ARPA	8/29/2023	\$ 187,028.11					
		4/24/2024	\$ (128,000.00)					
		9/3/2024	\$ (70,120.07)					
		6/4/2025	\$ (10.29)					
				\$ 10.29	\$ -	\$ -	4.4034%	
MI-01-0258-0007	Foreclosure Fund	2/7/2024	\$ 306,427.42					
		9/3/2024	\$ 321,311.24					
		6/25/2025	\$ (220,000.00)					
				\$ 654,758.68	\$ 7,081.41	\$ 441,840.09	4.4034%	
Limestone Financial CU CD	Road Commission	7/2/2024	\$ 100,000.00					
				\$ 103,696.81	\$ 1,365.59	\$ 105,062.40	5.00% 12 months	
	CD	Senior Center	9/20/2023	\$ 100,000.00				
					\$ 108,000.13	\$ 1,346.34	\$ 109,346.47	5.25% 9 months
CD	Delinquent Tax Fund	6/7/2023	\$ 250,000.00					
				\$ 273,517.31	\$ 2,853.85	\$ 276,371.16	5.25% 9 months	
CD	Senior Center	2/9/2023	\$ 100,000.00					
				\$ 110,133.08	\$ 1,582.95	\$ 111,716.03	5.25% 14 months	
Manistique Federal CU Savings	Jail Commissary	11/26/2019	\$ 2,979.67					
		4/14/2022	\$ (2,900.00)					
		1/23/2025	\$ (15.00)					
		5/1/2025	\$ 7,029.67					
				\$ 74.28	\$ 0.05	\$ 7,104.00		
CD	Jail Commissary	4/14/2022	\$ 2,900.00					
		4/16/2024	\$ 2,500.00					
		4/15/2025	\$ (5,700.00)					
				\$ 5,666.82	\$ 182.50	\$ 5,849.32		
CD	Road Commission	7/2/2024	\$ 100,000.00					
				\$ 103,615.99	\$ 1,229.65	\$ 104,845.64	4.85% 12 months	

Respectfully submitted: Heather LaLonde

Foreclosing Governmental Unit Report of Real Property Foreclosure Sales

Issued under authority of Public Act 225 of 1976; MCL 211.78m(8)(i)

The foreclosing governmental unit shall submit a written report to its board of commissioners and the state treasurer identifying any remaining balance and any contingent costs of title, environmental remediation, or other legal claims relating to foreclosed property as determined by the foreclosing governmental unit, not later than September 30 of the second calendar year after foreclosure.

Foreclosure Year	i	ii	iii	iv	v	vi	vii	viii	ix	x	xi	xii
2023												
REPORT DUE SEPT 30 TO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND TREASURY 211.78m(8)(i)	Number of Parcels Ordered Foreclosed and Not Canceled or Redeemed	Sum of Minimum Bids for All Foreclosures Not Canceled or Redeemed	Number of Properties Sold to Govern- mental Agencies Under Right of First Refusal	Sum of Minimum Bids for all Govern- mental Agencies Under Right of First Refusal	Total amount paid for the govern- mental Agencies properties under Right of First Refusal	Total Number of Parcels Sold at Public Foreclosure Auctions	Sum of the Minimum Bids for Properties Sold at Public Foreclosure Auctions	Sum of Amounts Paid for Properties Sold at Public Foreclosure Auctions	Total Amount of All Taxes, Penalties and Interest, Fees and Costs on Properties Foreclosed and not Redeemed	Total Amount Paid for All Properties, Including Governmental Agencies and Public Foreclosure Auctions	Total Amount of Proceeds Paid to Claimants for All Properties (note 5% of Sale Amount Payable to FGU is Deducted Before Proceeds are Calculated)	Remaining Net Amount After Subtracting the Paid Claimant Proceeds Total (xi) From the Difference of Amounts Described in (x) and (ix)
County Name Schoolcraft	10	\$ 25,065.90	1	\$ 4,487.53	\$ 30,800.00	7	\$ 7,983.54	\$ 60,150.00	\$ 25,065.90	\$ 90,950.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 65,884.10

I attest that I have completed the above information and any attachment data and have determined that the information reported is correct for the designated foreclosure sale year.

County Treasurer's Name Heather LaLonde	Telephone Number (906) 341-3622
County Treasurer Signature <i>Heather LaLonde</i>	Date September 3, 2025

You may send the Treasury copy to BowermanA@michigan.gov

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, September 23, 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:
 - VA Grant Memo
 - 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: September 17, 2025

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