

**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 8, 2022, in the District Courtroom of the Schoolcraft County Building, City of Manistique, Michigan. Chairman Paul Walker called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. The roll was called with the following members present and/or absent:

Present: Commissioner Allan Ott
 Commissioner Troy Bassett
 Commissioner Paul Walker
 Schoolcraft County Clerk Beth A. Edwards

Absent: Commissioner Alan Kilar (excused)
 Commissioner Daniel P. Hoholik (excused)

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 Allan Ott to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2022, 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 Cooperative Law Enforcement Agreement between Schoolcraft County and the USDA Forest Service Hiawatha National Forest. **It was moved** by Commissioner Allan Ott and was seconded by Commissioner Troy Bassett to approve the amended agenda. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Public Hearings: **It was moved** by Commissioner Troy Bassett and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to open the Public Hearing on the FY 22-23 Proposed Schoolcraft County Budget. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Commissioner Paul Walker expressed that the District Court PT/FT budget for the newly hired clerk should go back to Audit/Finance for review pursuant to the letter received from Judge Beth Gibson. Commissioner Troy Bassett also asked that the salary of the Sheriff go back to Audit/Finance for review as well.

No further comment on the proposed budget.

It was moved by Commissioner Allan Ott and was seconded by Commissioner Troy Bassett to close the public hearing on the FY 22-23 Proposed Schoolcraft County Budget. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Brief Public Comment: None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

It was moved by Commissioner Allan Ott and was seconded by Commissioner Troy Bassett to accept the FY 22-23 Proposed Schoolcraft County Budget excluding the 93rd District Court Budget and the Sheriff's Salary going back to the Audit-Finance Committee for review and resolution. 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 Allan Ott to approve the Snow Plowing Bid Contract Ad be published. 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 Allan Ott to accept the Cooperative Law Enforcement Agreement Between Schoolcraft County and USDA, Forest Service Hiawatha National Forest in the amount of up to \$2,500 no local match and authorize Paul Walker, Board Chairman, to sign the document. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

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

Commissioner Allan Ott: nothing to report.

Commissioner Troy Bassett: attended the Building/Grounds and Airport Committee meeting.

Commissioner Paul Walker: nothing to report.

Jill Connin addressed MSU Extension projects.

Erin Daines addressed MSU Extension increased staff.

Sheriff Charles Willour addressed the security door and an architect coming to look at the need, also addressed the Resource Officer currently in St. Francis School two hours a day.

Ashley Reitter addressed Soil Conservation activity (pollination garden and recycling enterprise pitch).

Announcements and Notices: None

Public Comment: None

Commissioner's Comment: Paul Walker addressed the \$6,000 spent at Merwin Creek for safety reasons.

Troy Bassett addressed Merwin Creek and being in favor of keeping it running.

Communications: None

It was moved by Commissioner Troy Bassett and was seconded by Commissioner Allan Ott to approve the claims and vouchers numbered **2695 Through 2818**, 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 Allan Ott 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 4:56 P.M.


Beth A. Edwards, County Clerk

Approved:  September 22, 2022