

**Houghton County Board of Commissioners**

Houghton County Courthouse  
401 East Houghton Avenue  
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**AGENDA**  
**HOUGHTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Regular Meeting / Public Hearing**  
**September 9, 2025 – 3:00 P.M.**

- A. Call to Order
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call
- D. Public Hearing(s)
  - 1. Houghton County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority: *The Gateway Project*
    - a. Open Hearing
    - b. Discussion and Public Comment
    - c. Close Hearing
  - 2. Houghton County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority: *The Lakeside Townhouses Project*
    - a. Open Hearing
    - b. Discussion and Public Comment
    - c. Close Hearing
  - 3. Houghton County 2025-2026 Budget
    - a. Open Hearing
    - b. Discussion and Public Comment
    - c. Close Hearing
- E. Approval of Minutes; August 15, 2025, Regular Meeting, September 2, 2025, Work Session
- F. Approval of Agenda/ Additions
- G. Public Comments – Agenda Items only \*(3-minute limit)
- H. Approval of Bills- \$2,865,307.86
- I. Correspondence
- J. Reports
  - 1. Standing Committees
  - 2. Special Committees
  - 3. County Officers
- K. Unfinished Business
- L. New Business
  - 1. Resolution #2025-022 Houghton County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority: *The Lakeside Townhouses Project*
  - 2. Resolution #2025-023 Houghton County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority: *The Gateway Project*
  - 3. Resolution #2025-024 Fiscal Year 2025/2026 General Appropriations Act

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4. Upper Peninsula Association of County Commissioners' Fall Conference
  5. Western U.P. Planning & Development Region Commission Annual Meeting
  6. Consider Approval of Draft Tri-County Public Defenders FY 2025/26 & FY 2026/27 Contract
  7. Resolution #2025-021 Changing Location & Time for Monthly Regular Meetings of the Houghton County Board of Commissioners
  8. Cross-Connection Control Program for the Houghton County Water System
  9. Houghton County Human Service Board reappointment: Christy Hilgers
  10. Houghton County Canvassing Board appointments (1 Democrat & 1 Republican required)
  11. Tri-County Public Defenders- May & June 2025 Additional Payment Request- \$1,163.36 (\$122,486.65 loan remaining before this payment)
  12. Tri-County Public Defenders- July 2025 Payment Request- \$65,316.33
  13. Resolution #2025-025 POAM Collective Bargaining Agreement
- M. Other Business / Communications
1. Wage Study Update
- N. Travel
1. None
- O. Appropriations
1. Copper Country Community Mental Health - \$27,415.82
- P. Public Comments - \*(3-minute limit)
- Q. Announcements
1. Land Bank Authority Board Opening
  2. 97<sup>th</sup> District Court Treatment Court Case Manager Position Opening
- R. Adjournment

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**The meeting will take place in person in the Commissioners' Hall and will also be accessible via Microsoft Teams. A link to join virtually will be posted in the News section of the County website.**