

Houghton County Board of Commissioners

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AGENDA **HOUGHTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** **Public Hearings / Regular Meeting** **September 15, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.**

- A. Call to Order
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call
- D. Public Hearing(s)-
 - 1. Ren Hen Foods & Goods Loan Project
 - a. Open Hearing
 - b. Discussion and Public Comment
 - c. Close Hearing
 - 2. Houghton County 2026-2027 Budget
 - a. Open Hearing
 - b. Discussion and Public Comment
 - c. Close Hearing
- E. Approval of Minutes; August 3, 2026 Work Session; August 5, 2026 Special Meeting; August 11, 2026 Regular Meeting; September 8, 2026 Work Session Cancelled Meeting
- F. Approval of Agenda
- G. Public Comments – Agenda Items only *(3-minute limit).
- H. Approval of Bills- \$1,650,123.27
- I. Reports
 - 1. Standing Committees
 - 2. Special Committees
 - 3. County Officers
- J. Unfinished Business
- K. New Business
 - 1. Ren Hen Foods & Goods Loan Project, Motion to Closeout Loan
 - 2. FY 2025 Audit, Ken Talsma, Anderson, Tackman & Company PLC
 - 3. Resolution #2026-27 Fiscal Year 2026/2027 General Appropriations Act
 - 4. Opioid Taskforce Implementation
 - 5. Gail Ploe, Connections not Cuffs Grant Updates
 - 6. Drain Commissioner Concerns
 - 7. Resolution #26-24 Deficit Elimination Plan: Solid Waste Transfer Station
 - 8. Resolution #26-23 Deficit Elimination Plan: Passenger Facility Charge (PFC)
 - 9. Resolution #26-22 Deficit Elimination Plan: Jail Commissary
 - 10. Resolution #26-25 Deficit Elimination Plan: Land Bank
 - 11. RFI Audit Firm Recommendation / Selection
 - 12. Sharon Avenue Property, Trusses Purchase Request

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13. MSU Extension Budget Request
14. UPCAP 2027 Dues
15. Western Upper Peninsula Health Department appropriation request
16. Western U.P. Planning & Development Region Commission (WUPPDR) Annual Meeting, September 21, 2026
17. Fourth Floor Carpet Placement Quote
18. Early Voting Center County Cost Share Request
19. UPACC Fall Conference, October 15-16, 2026
20. Resolution #26-21 Approving AFSCME Collective Bargaining Agreement Wage re-opener
21. Courthouse Non-union Employee Wage Adjustment
22. Building Department Loan to General Fund
23. Materials Management Facility, Rate Increases
24. Materials Management Facility- Mini-split Proposal
25. Bid Selection for Courthouse Snow Plowing 2026/2027
26. Resolution #20-20 Describing Further County Board Commitments for the Jail and County Building Improvement Project on the Ballot at the Election to be held on November 3, 2026
27. Western Upper Peninsula Planning & Development Region, MMP Service Payment Request (April 1, 2026 + August 31, 2026) \$16,100.00
28. Tri-County Public Defenders, August 2026 Reimbursement Request \$65,646.96
- L. Other Business / Communications
 1. Fighting for the Future of the Western U.P. Communication
 2. USDA Letter
- M. Travel
- N. Appropriations
- O. Public Comments - *(3 minute limit)
- P. Announcements
- Q. Adjournment

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