

**HOUGHTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING
DECEMBER 10, 2024**

The Houghton County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. in the 5th Floor Conference Room of the Courthouse, City of Houghton with the public viewing in person and by Microsoft Teams.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tikkanen at 4:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Tikkanen.

Roll Call:

The following Commissioners responded to roll call done by County Clerk, Jennifer Kelly:

Tom Tikkanen, District 1; Joel Keranen, District 2; Glenn Anderson, District 3; Gretchen Janssen, District 4; Roy Britz, District 5.

Public Hearing-HCBRA: Chassell Mercantile Brownfield Plan

A. Open Hearing

A Motion was made by Commissioner Janssen and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to open the hearing.

The Motion carried by a voice vote. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

B. Discussion and Public Comment

Jeff Ratcliffe, KEDA Director, explained the new housing Brownfield Plan. It will be for a 22 residential unit and have 2,000 square feet for commercial space. There will be covered parking. It is a \$4.5 million project. They have applied for a grant.

Keith Meyers said their Board unanimously supported this project.

Jerry Wuorenmaa said WUPPDR also supports this project.

C. Close Hearing

A Motion was made by Commission Janssen and seconded by Commissioner Britz to close the hearing.

The Motion carried by a voice vote. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Approval of Minutes -November 12, 2024, Regular Meeting:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Janssen to approve November 12, 2024 minutes as presented.

The Motion carried by a voice vote. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Approval of Agenda/Additions:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Keranen and seconded by Commissioner Britz to accept the Agenda as presented.

The Motion CARRIED by a voice vote. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Public Comments –Agenda Items only (5 minute limit):

None.

Approval of Bills - \$1,188,831.80

A Motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Janssen to approve paying the bills submitted of \$1,188,831.80 as presented.

The Motion CARRIED by the following vote.

YES: Anderson, Janssen, Tikkanen, Keranen, Britz (5).

NO: None 0.

Correspondence:

None.

Reports:

Standing Committee:

Commissioner Keranen reported to the Board on the following:

He thanked Curt Judson and his crew for their hard work while the compactor was down.

Commissioner Janssen reported to the Board on the following:

She will attend the Materials Management meeting next Monday.

The Houghton Keweenaw Conservation District is hiring a part time District Manager.

Commissioner Anderson reported to the Board on the following:

He stated that all of the papers for the Annexation for the Sharon Avenue property has been submitted to the Office of the Great Seal.

He stated Steve Palosaari has agreed to another term for the UP Fair Board.

Commissioner Britz reported to the Board on the following:

He followed up with the Attorney, and the Sharon Avenue property is now in the City of Houghton.

Chairman Tikkanen reported to the Board on the following:

He stated the Personnel Committee is in negotiations with the Unions.

County Officers:

Clerk Kelly stated audits would begin soon for the November election and things have been very busy.

Jon Giacchino, Undersheriff, stated there are currently 29 inmates.

Travis Desselier, Captain, stated overcrowding is an issue, and they have 1 cell that is not useable due to a toilet being ripped out.

Chelsea Rheault introduced Teresa Hill, and TERSA said she was looking forward to working with everyone.

Old Business:

1. Sheriff’s Office OCV, LLC Purchase -\$16,189.50

Travis Desselier, Captain, stated the new mobile app will be a free download to people. People can look up inmates, see bond information, be able to give tips for cases, has an emergency alert, a Sheriff’s welcome page, jail information, and visiting hours for inmates. This amount is a start up cost, and then it should be \$5,000-\$6,000 annually.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Britz and seconded by Commissioner Keranen to approve the \$16,189.50 for the purchase of the Sheriff’s Office OCV, LLC purchase as presented.

The Motion CARRIED by the following vote.

YES: Britz, Keranen, Tikkanen, Anderson, Janssen 5.

NO: None 0.

New Business:

1. Chassell Mercantile, Resolution #2024-026

A Motion was made by Commissioner Britz and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to adopt the Chassell Mercantile Resolution #2024-026 as presented.

The Motion CARRIED by the following vote.

YES: Britz, Anderson, Tikkanen, Keranen, Janssen (5).

NO: None 0.

APPROVAL OF CHASSELL MERCANTILE REDEVELOPMENT
BROWNFIELD PLAN
RESOLUTION
#2024-026

Motion by: _____, Supported by:

WHEREAS, the Michigan Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, Act 381, P.A. 1996 as amended, authorizes municipalities to create a brownfield redevelopment authority to promote the revitalization, redevelopment, and reuse of contaminated, blighted, functionally obsolete, historically designated or housing property through tax increment financing of Eligible Activities in a Brownfield Plan; and

WHEREAS, The Houghton County Board of Commissioners established the Houghton County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority in accordance with Act 381; and

WHEREAS, The Houghton County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority has reviewed the Brownfield Plan for the Chassell Mercantile Redevelopment in Chassell Township at their November 6, 2024 meeting and recommends approval by the Houghton County Board of Commissioners and concurrence by the Chassell Township Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, Chassell Township Board of Trustees reviewed the Brownfield Plan at their November 13, 2024 meeting and concurred with the Brownfield Plan, as required by Act 381; and

WHEREAS, the Houghton County Board of Commissioners has determined that the Brownfield Plan constitutes a public purpose of blight removal, workforce housing, additional private investment and increased property tax value; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the Brownfield Plan has been noticed and held on December 10, 2024 and notice to taxing jurisdictions has been provided in compliance with the requirements of Act 381;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, WHEREAS, the Houghton County Board of Commissioners has reviewed the Brownfield Plan and finds, in accordance with the requirements of Section 14 of Act 381 that:

- (a) The Brownfield Plan meets the requirements of Section 13 of Act 381, Brownfield Plan Provisions as described in the Brownfield Plan, consistent with format recommended by the State of Michigan, including a description of the costs intended to be paid with tax increment revenues, a brief summary of eligible activities, estimate of captured taxable value and tax increment revenues, method of financing, maximum amount of indebtedness, beginning date and duration of capture, estimate of impact on taxing jurisdictions, legal description of eligible property, estimates of persons residing on the eligible property if applicable, and a plan and provisions for relocation of residents, if applicable.;
- (b) The proposed method of financing the costs of eligible activities, private financing arrangement by the developer is feasible and that the authority will not arrange financing, as described in Section 3.2 of the Plan;
- (c) The costs of eligible activities proposed are reasonable and necessary to carry out the purposes of Act 381, including meeting regulatory requirements and the cost estimates are based on evaluation from certified professionals, experience in comparable projects, and preliminary discussions with reputable companies, as described in Section 2.1, 2.2, and 2.3 of the Brownfield Plan; and
- (d) The amount of captured taxable value estimated from the adoption of the Brownfield Plan is reasonable, as calculated in Table 2 of the Plan, based on calculations of the tax revenues derived from taxable value increases and millage rates approved and authorized by the taxing jurisdictions on an annualized basis and balances against the outstanding eligible activity obligation approved as part of the Brownfield Plan and expenses reviewed and approved by the Houghton County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, Act 381 of the Public Acts of 1996, as amended, being MCL 125.2651, *et seq*, the Houghton County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the Brownfield Plan for the Chassell Mercantile Redevelopment.

Ayes: Commissioners:
Nays: None (0).
Absent: None (0).

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Tom Tikkanen, Chairman
Houghton County Board of Commission

Date

I, Jennifer Kelly, County Clerk of the County of Houghton, do hereby certify and set my seal to the above Resolution as adopted December 10, 2024 at the Houghton County Courthouse, 401 East Houghton Street, Houghton, Michigan.

Jennifer Kelly, County Clerk

2. WUPPDR Billing-Cash Advance

Jerry Wuornamaa, WUPPDR Director, discussed a large grant that will be coming available to Counties. He requested \$10,000 which will be paid back to the County.

Commissioner Anderson questioned if the County would receive the money back from WUPPDR. Jerry Wuornamaa stated yes.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Janssen and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to approve a \$10,000 Cash Advance to WUPPDR, with WUPPDR repaying Houghton County when the grant monies are received.

The Motion CARRIED by the following vote.

YES: Janssen, Anderson, Tikkanen, Keranen, Britz 5.

NO: None 0.

3. Update from Mike Bach, CCMHS

Mike Bach addressed the Board to give the Board a yearly update. He said the 2 major concerns he is hearing about is the lack of local inpatient programs for involuntary services, and the people who are not qualifying for CCHM services. They are looking into Wisconsin facilities as an option for the involuntary services. They are also sending people to private providers who are not qualifying for CCMH services. He stated Representative Markkanen and Senator McBroom are trying to get more money for the inpatient programs in Marquette and Sault Ste. Marie.

4. Remonumentation Application 2025

Joe Foster informed the Board about the 2025 Remonumentation Application. He was informed that the 2025 amount should be \$78,419 which is an increase from last year. The plan for 2025 will be to work on the Tapiola/Otter Lake/Askel area and then head west.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Anderson seconded by Commissioner Janssen to have Chairman Tikkanen sign the 2025 Remonumentation Application as presented.

The Motion CARRIED by a voice vote. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

5. Jaikob Djerf, Equalization Director Request

Jaikob Djerf stated the Appropriation Report needed to be amended as Adams Township had to remove the fire milage.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Janssen and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to adopt the Amended Appropriate Report as presented.

The Motion CARRIED by a voice vote. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

6. HCPC Appointment Update

The Board has a discussion as no one applied for the Agriculture position on the HCPC Board. Commissioner Keranen will try to find someone to fill the position. The posting for the Gazette ad is on the County website.

7. Solid Waste Transfer Station Deficit Elimination Plan-Resolution #2024-021

Chelsea Rheault, Administrator, explained why the Transfer Station has a deficit. This should be fixed in the next year.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Janssen and seconded by Commissioner Keranen to approve the Solid Waste Transfer Station Deficit Elimination Plan-Resolution #2024-021 as presented.

The Motion CARRIED by the following vote.

YES: Janssen, Keranen, Tikkanen, Anderson, Britz 5.

NO: None 0.

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**HOUGHTON COUNTY SOLID WASTE TRANSFER STATION
PROPRIETARY ENTERPRISE FUND
RESOLUTION TO REDUCE UNRESTRICTED NET ASSET BALANCE
RESOLUTION # 2024-021**

WHEREAS, the Houghton County Solid Waste Transfer Enterprise Fund has a deficit balance of unrestricted net assets as of September 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to MCL 141.921, any local unit of government ending its fiscal year with a deficit net asset balance must file a deficit elimination plan with the Michigan Department of Treasury; and

WHEREAS, failure to submit a deficit elimination plan and receive Department of Treasury approval for such plan could result in a reduction of State revenue Sharing; and

WHEREAS, an increase of 9% of charges for services effective 1 May 2023; an additional increase of 1.5% for charges for services effective 1 October 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026 & 2027, which shall cause an increase in operating revenue and an increase of net assets; and

WHEREAS, a decrease of contractual and repair and maintenance expenses will cause a decrease in operating expenditures and a decrease of liabilities; and

WHEREAS, the resulting deficit balance in unrestricted net assets will be corrected to satisfy the budgetary requirements of the State of Michigan, Department of the Treasury

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Houghton County Board of Commissioners recognize that actions resulting in increases in revenue or decreases in operating expenses is warranted for this proprietary fund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Houghton County Board of Commissioners approve the projected and updated budgetary changes for the year ending September 30, 2024, 2025, 2026 and 2027 for the Houghton County Solid Waste Transfer enterprise Fund.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Moved by Commissioner:

Supported by Commissioner:

Roll Call Vote:

Yes:

No: None (0).

Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Tom Tikkanen, Chairman
Houghton County Board of Commission

Date

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
)ss.
COUNTY OF HOUGHTON)

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified County Clerk of the County of Houghton, State of Michigan do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the County Board of the County of Houghton at its Regular meeting held on the 10th day of December 2024, the original of which Resolution is on file in my office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my official signature, this 10th Day of December 2024.

Jennifer Kelly, County Clerk
County of Houghton

8. Passenger Facility Charge Deficit Elimination Plan-Resolution #2024-022

Chelsea Rheault, Administrator, explained the deficit. This should be fixed in the next year.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Britz and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to approve the Passenger Facility Charge Deficit Elimination Plan-Resolution #2024-022 as presented.

The Motion CARRIED by the following vote.

YES: Britz, Anderson, Tikkanen, Keranen, Janssen 5.
NO: None 0.

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**HOUGHTON COUNTY PASSENGER FACILITY CHARGE FUND
RESOLUTION TO REDUCE UNRESTRICTED NET ASSET BALANCE
RESOLUTION # 2024-022**

WHEREAS, the Houghton County Passenger Facility Charge Fund has a deficit balance of unrestricted net assets as of September 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to MCL 141.921, any local unit of government ending its fiscal year with a deficit net asset balance must file a deficit elimination plan with the Michigan Department of Treasury; and

WHEREAS, failure to submit a deficit elimination plan and receive Department of Treasury approval for such plan could result in a reduction of State revenue Sharing; and

WHEREAS, the timing of PFC monies are collected and expensed, as directed by the Federal Aviation Administration, dictate that the Fund will always have a deficit balance of unrestricted net assets; and

WHEREAS, the activity currently being posted to the PFC Fund was previously reported in the Airport Fund but was split out for internal accounting purposes only; and

WHEREAS, the resulting deficit balance in unrestricted net assets is an internal accounting number only.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Houghton County Board of Commissioners recognize that the PFC Fund will be in a perpetual state of deficit balance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Houghton County Board of Commissioners approve the projected budget for the years ending September 30, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027 and 2028 for the Houghton County Passenger Facility Charge Fund.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Moved by Commissioner:

Supported by Commissioner:

Roll Call Vote:

Yes:

No: None (0).

Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Tom Tikkanen, Chairman
Houghton County Board of Commission

Date

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
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9. Twin Lake Deficit Elimination Plan-Resolution #2024-023

Administrator Rheault explained the \$412 Deficit. She will transfer the \$412.00 from the General Fund to fix this deficit.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Britz and seconded by Commissioner Janssen to adopt the Twin Lake Deficit Elimination Plan-Resolution #2024-23 as presented.

The Motion CARRIED by the following vote.

YES: Britz, Anderson, Tikkanen, Keranen, Janssen 5.

NO: None 0.

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**HOUGHTON COUNTY TREATMENT TWIN LAKES
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FUND
RESOLUTION TO REDUCE UNRESTRICTED NET ASSET BALANCE
RESOLUTION # 2024-023**

WHEREAS, the Houghton County Twin Lake Special Assessment District Fund; has a deficit balance of unrestricted net assets as of September 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to MCL 141.921, any local unit of government ending its fiscal year with a deficit net asset balance must file a deficit elimination plan with the Michigan Department of Treasury; and

WHEREAS, failure to submit a deficit elimination plan and receive Department of Treasury approval for such plan could result in a reduction of State revenue Sharing; and

WHEREAS, expenses exceeded revenue resulting in a negative fund balance at the end of budgetary cycle for fiscal year ending September 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, a transfer from the General Fund; and

WHEREAS, the resulting deficit in Fund balance will be corrected to satisfy the budgetary requirements of the State of Michigan, Department of the Treasury

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Houghton County Board of Commissioners recognize that actions resulting in an increase in reimbursement revenue is warranted for this Nonmajor governmental fund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Houghton County Board of Commissioners approve the projected budgetary change for the year ending September 30, 2024, for the Houghton County Twin Lakes Special Assessment District.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Moved by Commissioner:

Supported by Commissioner:

Roll Call Vote:

Yes:

No: None (0).

Motion Carried.

Tom Tikkanen, Chairman
Houghton County Board of Commission

Date

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10. MI Indigent Defense Deficit Elimination Plan-Resolution #2024-024

Administrator Rheault explained the deficit happened because the County reported less expenses than we had in the amount of \$139,634.00. She has submitted paperwork to recover the money from the last 2 years.

Motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Janssen to adopt the MI Indigent Defense Deficit Elimination Plan-Resolution #2024-024 as presented.

The Motion CARRIED by the following vote.

YES: Anderson, Janssen, Tikkanen, Keranen, Britz 5.

NO: None 0.

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**HOUGHTON COUNTY TREATMENT COURT (DRUG COURT)
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
RESOLUTION TO REDUCE UNRESTRICTED NET ASSET BALANCE
RESOLUTION # 2024-024**

WHEREAS, the Houghton County Treatment Court; Nonmajor Government Fund has a deficit balance of unrestricted net assets as of September 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to MCL 141.921, any local unit of government ending its fiscal year with a deficit net asset balance must file a deficit elimination plan with the Michigan Department of Treasury; and

WHEREAS, failure to submit a deficit elimination plan and receive Department of Treasury approval for such plan could result in a reduction of State revenue Sharing; and

WHEREAS, expenses exceeded revenue resulting in a negative fund balance at the end of budgetary cycle for fiscal year ending September 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, an increase in captured reimbursement revenue will correct this deficit; and

WHEREAS, the resulting deficit in Fund balance will be corrected to satisfy the budgetary requirements of the State of Michigan, Department of the Treasury

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Houghton County Board of Commissioners recognize that actions resulting in an increase in reimbursement revenue is warranted for this Nonmajor governmental fund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Houghton County Board of Commissioners approve the projected budgetary change for the year ending September 30, 2024, for the Houghton County Treatment Court (Drug Court) Fund.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Moved by Commissioner:

Supported by Commissioner:

Roll Call Vote:

Yes:

No: None (0).

Motion Carried.

Tom Tikkanen, Chairman
Houghton County Board of Commission

Date

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Jennifer Kelly, County Clerk
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11. Jail Commissary Deficit Elimination Plan-Resolution #2024-025

Administrator Rheault explained the deficit for the large capital expenditures. This may also happen the next year.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Britz and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to adopt the Jail Commissary Deficit Elimination Plan-Resolution #2024-025 as presented.

The Motion CARRIED by the following vote.

YES: Britz, Anderson, Tikkanen, Keranen, Janssen 5.
NO: None 0.

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**HOUGHTON COUNTY JAIL COMMISSARY
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
RESOLUTION TO REDUCE UNRESTRICTED NET ASSET BALANCE
RESOLUTION # 2024-025**

WHEREAS, the Houghton County Jail Commissary; Nonmajor Government Fund has a deficit balance of unrestricted net assets as of September 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to MCL 141.921, any local unit of government ending its fiscal year with a deficit net asset balance must file a deficit elimination plan with the Michigan Department of Treasury; and

WHEREAS, failure to submit a deficit elimination plan and receive Department of Treasury approval for such plan could result in a reduction of State revenue Sharing; and

WHEREAS, expenses exceeded revenue resulting in a negative fund balance at the end of budgetary cycle for fiscal year ending September 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, a decrease in future capital expenditures will correct this deficit; and

WHEREAS, the resulting deficit in Fund balance will be corrected to satisfy the budgetary requirements of the State of Michigan, Department of the Treasury

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Houghton County Board of Commissioners recognize that actions resulting in an increase in reimbursement revenue is warranted for this Nonmajor governmental fund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Houghton County Board of Commissioners approve the projected budgetary change for the year ending September 30, 2024, for the Houghton County Jail Commissary.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Moved by Commissioner:

Supported by Commissioner:

Roll Call Vote:

Yes:

No: None (0).

Motion Carried.

Tom Tikkanen, Chairman
Houghton County Board of Commission

Date

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my official signature, this 10th Day of December, 2024.

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12. Board of Commissioners Meeting Schedule CY2025

The Board had discussion on changing the proposed date of November 11, 2025 which is the normally scheduled meeting time. This was due to Veteran's Day being on November 11, 2025. The Board agreed to meet on Wednesday, November 12, 2025.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Janssen and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to approve the 2025 Board Of Commissioner Yearly Calendar as presented with changing the November meeting date to Wednesday, November 12, 2025.

The Motion CARRIED by a voice vote. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

13. UP State Fair Appointment

A Motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Keranen to reappoint Steve Palosaari to the UP State Fair Board for a 2-year term.

The Motion CARRIED by a voice vote. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

14. UPCAP Board of Commissioners Appointment

A Motion was made by Commissioner Keranen and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to reappoint Commissioner Janssen to the UPCAP Board of Commissioners.

The Motion CARRIED by a voice vote. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

15. WUPPDR MMPC Township Elected Official

Jerry Wuornomaa stated an appointment is necessary for the MMPC.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Janssen and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to appoint Mike Stafford to the MMPC Board.

The Motion CARRIED by a voice vote. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

16. Copper Country Mental Health Services' Member Appointment

A Motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Keranen to appoint Linda Pelli to the Copper Country Mental Health Services' Board for a 3-year term.

The Motion CARRIED by a voice vote. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

17. UPEA Professional Service Agreement: Generator Project

Todd LaRoux stated this is a \$7,000 expense for research for the size and capacity for the IT Generator Project. The current generator only services the jail and is at full maximum capacity.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Janssen to approve the \$7,000.00 contract with UPEA for the Generator Project as presented.

The Motion CARRIED by the following vote.

YES: Anderson, Janssen, Tikkanen, Keranen, Britz 5.
NO: None 0.

18. Materials Management Purchase of Pump Grinders-\$12,758.70

A Motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Janssen to approve the \$12,758.70 for the purchase of the pump grinders for the Transfer Station as presented.

The Motion CARRIED by the following vote.

YES: Anderson, Janssen, Tikkanen, Keranen, Britz 5.

NO: None 0.

19. Sheriff's Office Tasers Purchase-\$6,495.40

Jon Giacchino, Undersheriff, Stated this was a budgeted item for 2025.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Janssen to approve the \$7,000.00 contract with UPEA for the Generator Project as presented.

The Motion CARRIED by the following vote.

YES: Anderson, Janssen, Tikkanen, Keranen, Britz 5.

NO: None 0.

20. Sheriff's Office Equipment Outfitting Purchase-\$49,150.00

Jon Giacchino, Undersheriff, stated the money is needed to do the outfitting for the Sheriff Department vehicles.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Keranen and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to approve the \$49,150.00 for Outfitting the Sheriff Department cars as presented.

The Motion CARRIED by the following vote.

YES: Keranen, Anderson, Tikkanen, Janssen, Britz 5.

NO: None 0.

21. Travel

None.

22. Appropriations:

a. CCMHS Monthly Appropriation-\$27,415.82

A Motion was made by Commissioner Britz and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to approve the above-mentioned Appropriation as presented.

The Motion CARRIED by a voice vote. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Public Comments:

None.

Announcements:

Clerk Kelly informed the Board and public that the Early Voting Center will be moving to the Houghton County Arena. She thanked the City of Hancock, and the City of Houghton for the use of their facilities.

Adjournment:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Keranen and seconded by Chairman Tikkanen to adjourn at 5:25p.m.

The Motion CARRIED by a voice vote. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Tom Tikkanen, Chairman

Jennifer Kelly, County Clerk