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**HOUGHTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 9, 2025**

The Houghton County Board of Commissioners held three (3) Public Hearings and a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at 3:00 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 3:00 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 the County Clerk, Jennifer Kelly:

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

Absent: Glenn Anderson, District 3.

Public Hearings-

1. Houghton County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority: The Gateway Project

a. Open Hearing

A Motion was made by Commissioner Keranen and seconded by Commissioner Janssen to open the meeting at 3:01 pm.

The Motion carried by a voice vote. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

b. Discussion and Public Comment

Jeff Ratcliffe, Secretary Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, discussed the \$17 million project for 12 long term rentals and 4 condos in the City of Houghton. There is a 23-year local capture. Andy Moyle discussed the project and stated the bank would be completed within 12 months and the residential building should begin in the spring and be completed within 12 months.

c. Close Hearing

A Motion was made by Commissioner Keranen and seconded by Commissioner Janssen to close the meeting at 3:08 pm

The Motion carried by a voice vote. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

2. Houghton County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority: The Lakeside Townhouses Project

d. Open Hearing

A Motion was made by Commissioner Keranen and seconded by Commissioner Janssen to open the meeting at 3:08 pm

The Motion carried by a voice vote. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

a. Discussion and Public Comment

Jeff Ratcliffe, Secretary Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, discussed the \$22 million project in the City of Hancock for a 6-unit townhouse with 3-bedroom units. There is a 16-year capture. This was approved by the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, Hancock Finance, Hancock DDA, and the City of Hancock.

b. Close Hearing

A Motion was made by Commissioner Keranen and seconded by Commissioner Janssen to close the meeting at 3:10 pm.

The Motion carried by a voice vote. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

3. Houghton County 2025-2026 Budget

e. Open Hearing

A Motion was made by Commissioner Keranen and seconded by Commissioner Janssen to open the meeting at 3:11 pm.

The Motion carried by a voice vote. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

a. Discussion and Public Comment

Administrator Rheault stated the proposed budget was in the Board's packet. The total revenue budget is \$23,387,661.26, Appropriations of \$23,318,902.03 with a net revenue of \$68,759.23.

b. Close Hearing

A Motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Janssen to close the meeting at 3:13 pm.

The Motion carried by a voice vote. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Approval of Minutes; August 15, 2025 Regular Meeting, September 2, 2025 Work Session:

Commissioner Janssen stated that there was an error on the Work Session showing Janssen and Anderson for the County Held Properties Committee, and it should have been Keranen and Anderson.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Janssen and seconded by Commissioner Britz to approve the August 15, 2025 Regular Meeting and the September 2, 2025 Work Session with the one (1) correction as presented.

The Motion carried by a voice vote. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Approval of Agenda/Additions:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Keranen and seconded by Commissioner Janssen to accept the agenda as presented.

The Motion carried by a voice vote. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Public Comments-Agenda Items only (3 minute limit):

Sarah Green addressed the Board.

Approval of Bills-\$2,865,307.86:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Keranen and seconded by Commissioner Janssen to approve paying the bills submitted of \$2,865,307.86.

The Motion carried by the following vote.
YES: Keranen, Janssen, Tikkanen, Britz 4.
NO: None 0.

Correspondence:

None.

Reports:

Standing Committee:

Commissioner Keranen reported to the Board on the following:

The County Held Property Committee will be meeting on Wednesday at 2:00 pm in the Commissioner's Hall.

Commissioner Janssen reported to the Board on the following:

A forester has been hired at the Houghton Keweenaw Conservation District.

Commissioner Britz reported to the Board on the following:

Mental Health, and stated Glen Phytilla, former Controller, passed away.

Sharon Avenue and Jail Properties Committee: The keys should be turned over to the County on October 1st for the Sharon Avenue property. The church will fix the roof over the garage, and fix 2 small repairs on the outside and remove an garbage. He discussed transferring the Court records that the County is paying for storage and moving those records to the Sharon Avenue property to save money.

County Officers:

Lisa Mattila, Treasurer, provided a handout to the Board and Clerk for the Foreclosing Governmental Unit Report of Real Property Foreclosure Sales that she signed on August 11, 2025. She discussed the \$70,909.44 in excess proceeds and the \$1.6 million in the fund with pending lawsuits. The fund is gaining interest. There will be 17 properties foreclosed this year.

Dennis Hext, Airport Manager, discussed selling a 2010 Oshkosh H-Series runway broom, LJJ won a bid of \$2.3 million for building a 6-box hanger, they will be replacing a circulation pump in the tank, and paying \$23,000 for parts in the water system.

Unfinished Business:

None.

New Business:

**1. Resolution #2025-022 Houghton County Brownfield Development Authority:
The Lakeside Townhouses Project**

Motion was made by Commissioner Janssen and seconded by Commissioner Britz to approve Resolution #25-22 as presented for the Lakeside Townhouses Project.

The Motion carried by the following vote.

YES: Janssen, Britz, Tikkanen, Keranen 4
NO: None 0
Absent: Anderson 1

APPROVAL OF LAKESIDE TOWNHOUSES REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

BROWNFIELD PLAN
RESOLUTION
#2025-22

Motion by: Janssen, Supported by: Britz

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 Lakeside Townhouses Redevelopment Project in the City of Hancock at their July 31, 2025 meeting and recommends approval by the Houghton County Board of Commissioners and concurrence by the Hancock City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Local Development Finance Authority of the Cities of Houghton and Hancock and Hancock Downtown Development Authority have approved resolutions foregoing capture of tax increment revenues on the subject property; and

WHEREAS, the Hancock City Council reviewed the Brownfield Plan at their August 20, 2025 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 September 9, 2025 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 Lakeside Townhouses Redevelopment Project.

Ayes: Commissioners: Janssen, Britz, Tikkanen, Keranen (4)
Nays: None
Absent: Anderson (1)

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 September 9, 2025 at the Houghton County Courthouse, 401 East Houghton Street, Houghton, Michigan.

Jennifer Kelly, County Clerk

**2. Resolution #2025-023 Houghton County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority:
The Gateway Project**

A Motion was made by Commissioner Britz and seconded by Commissioner Janssen to approve Resolution #25-23 for the Gateway Project as presented.

The Motion carried by the following vote.

YES: Britz, Janssen, Tikkanen, Keranen 4
NO: None. 0
Absent: Anderson 1

**APPROVAL OF GATEWAY PROJECT
BROWNFIELD PLAN RESOLUTION
#2025-23**

Motion by: Britz, Supported by: Janssen

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 Gateway Project Redevelopment in the City of Houghton at their July 31, 2025 meeting and recommended approval by the Houghton County Board of Commissioners and concurrence by the City of Houghton; and

WHEREAS, the Local Development Finance Authority of the Cities of Houghton and Hancock have approved resolutions foregoing capture of tax increment revenues on the subject property; and

WHEREAS, the Houghton City Council reviewed the Brownfield Plan at their August 13, 2025 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 September 9, 2025 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 Gateway Project Redevelopment.

Ayes: Commissioners Britz, Janssen, Tikkanen, Keranen (4)
Nays: None
Absent: Anderson (1)

Tom Tikkanen, Chairman
Houghton County Board of Commission

Date

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

I, Jennifer Kelly, County Clerk of the County of Houghton, do hereby certify and set my seal to the above resolution as adopted September 9, 2025 at the Houghton County Courthouse, 401 East Houghton Street, Houghton, Michigan.

Jennifer Kelly, County Clerk

3. Resolution #2025-024 Fiscal Year 2025/2026 General Appropriations Act

A Motion was made by Commissioner Britz and seconded by Commissioner Janssen to adopt Resolution #25-24 for the Fiscal Year 2025/26 General Appropriations Act as presented.

The Motion carried by the following vote.

YES: Britz, Janssen, Tikkanen, Keranen 4

NO: None. 0

Absent: Anderson 1



COUNTY OF HOUGHTON
GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT
OCTOBER 1, 2025, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2026
RESOLUTION #2025-024

A Resolution appropriating monies and adopting the 2025-2026 Houghton County Budget including: the General Fund Operating Budget, Special Revenue Fund Budgets and other Proprietary Fund Budgets.

It being the findings and opinion of Houghton County Board of Commissioners:

The Committee of the Whole has had under consideration the taxes for the local units of government and the needs of various County departments/budgetary units.

The Committee of the Whole after considerable deliberations has recommended adoption of the budgets and reports attached and made a part of this Appropriations Act.

In recognition of the above-listed findings and opinion:

The Houghton County Board of Commissioners hereby resolves to adopt the attached 2025-2026 General Fund Operating Budget, Special Revenue Fund Budgets, and other Proprietary Fund Budgets, and appropriated monies from various County revenues and equity reserves to authorize expenditures in accordance with the Account Group Detail of the various funds.

The Board further resolves that appropriation is not a mandate to spend but shall limit the amount which may be spent for such purposes as are defined by the Board of Commissioners and which shall be limited to the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026. All Special Revenue fund balances at year end are to be considered the initial allotment under the Appropriations Act for the new fiscal year. If a budgetary unit contends that part of its year end fund balance is either obligated or otherwise restricted from being considered as an initial allotment of County monies under the new fiscal year appropriations, it will be incumbent upon that unit to demonstrate the obligation or restriction to the satisfaction of the County Board of Commissioners.

In recognition of the need to consider appropriation of money from time to time to agencies or institutions outside of general operations, the Board of Commissioners further resolves to review requests from such agencies when and as funds are available for such purposes. Any County Department, Agency, Board, Commission or unit whatsoever and any organization, public or private, which accepts County appropriation shall do subject to an agreement which provides for inspection and/or audit by Houghton County Board or its designee. The Board, or its designee, shall have access for the purpose of audit and examination, to any and all books, documents, papers and records of the recipient organization.

The Board further resolves that the budget may be amended as conditions indicated provided the budget remains in a balanced state. It further authorizes the County Administrator to make certain budget transfers in accordance with the Board’s Budget transfer policy for up to ten percent of departmental expenditures. In addition, the Board instructs the County Administrator to incorporate into the 2025-2026 departmental general fund budgets, wage and related fringe benefits for the county elected and appointed employees as authorized by the Board of Commissioners.

The Board further resolves that in administration of the adopted budgets, budgetary control shall reside at the most detailed level of the budget adopted by the Board, i.e., department, program or activity. Unlimited transfers among line items without prior approval within the Supplies and Other Services and Charges account groups may be made by the Administrator/Department.

Moved by Commissioner: Britz

Supported by Commissioner: Janssen

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Britz, Janssen, Tikkanen, Keranen (4).

No: None.

Absent: Anderson (1).

Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED:

Thomas Tikkanen, Chairman
Houghton County Board of Commissioners

Date

I, Jennifer Kelly, County Clerk of Houghton County, do hereby certify and set my seal to the above Resolution as adopted September 9, 2025, at the Houghton County Courthouse, 401 East Houghton Avenue, Houghton, MI 49931

Jennifer Kelly, Houghton County Clerk

4. Upper Peninsula Association of County Commissioner’s Fall Conference

Motion was made by Commissioner Britz and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to approve the Commissioners, Administrator and County Clerk to attend the Upper Peninsula Association of County Commissioner’s Fall Conference if they are able to attend.

The Motion carried by a voice vote. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

5. Western U.P. Planning & Development Region Commission Annual Meeting

The Board had discussion on the annual meeting on Tuesday, September 23rd at the Baraga Lakeside building. Commissioner Janssen stated the deadline to register is September 9th.

Motion was made by Commissioner Britz and seconded by Commissioner Janssen to approve any of the Commissioners who are able to attend.

The Motion carried by a voice vote. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

6. Consider Approval of Draft Tri-County Public Defenders FY 2025/26 & FY 2026/27 Contract

Commissioner Keranen stated that himself and Commissioner Anderson met with the Tri-County Public Defenders and Finance Manager, Alex. He requested Prosecutor Helmer review the contract.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Keranen and seconded by Commissioner Janssen to adopt the Tri-County Public Defenders contract for the Tri-County Public Defenders pending Prosecutor Helmer’s review.

The Motion carried by the following vote.

YES: Keranen, Janssen, Tikkanen, Britz 4
NO: None. 0
Absent: Anderson 1

7. Resolution #2025-021 Changing Location & Time for Monthly Regular Meetings of the Houghton County Board of Commissioners

The Resolution was not voted on.

Dan Holcomb read the Republican Party Resolution out loud.

Commissioner Keranen stated he talked to Judge Bulleit about the Court's schedule/vacancy and discussed Court trials. He has to talk to Alex, IT about Circuit Court.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Janssen and seconded by Commissioner Keranen to change the Board of Commissioners monthly meeting times to 6:00 pm on the 2nd Tuesday of every month

Commissioner Keranen discussed Commissioner Anderson's recommendation of 5:30 pm.

Chairman Tikkanen discussed winter hours, and a podium for Circuit Court.

Commissioner Britz discussed people's hearing issues in Circuit Court.

The Motion carried by the following vote.

YES: Janssen, Keranen, Tikkanen, Britz 4
NO: None. 0
Absent: Anderson 1

A Motion was made by Commissioner Keranen and seconded by Commissioner Janssen to move the monthly Board of Commissioners meetings to Circuit Court effective the October Board meeting with anticipation of lots of people in attendance.

The Motion carried by the following vote.

YES: Keranen, Janssen, Tikkanen, Britz 4
NO: None. 0
Absent: Anderson 1

8. Cross-Connection Control Program for the Houghton County Water System

Dennis Hext, Airport Manager, stated the Airport Committee approved the Cross-Connection Control Program for the Houghton County Water System.

Motion was made by Commissioner Janssen and seconded by Commissioner Britz to approve the Cross-Connection Control Program for the Houghton County Water System presented.

The Motion carried by a voice vote. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

9. Houghton County Human Service Board reappointment: Christy Hilgers

Motion was made by Commissioner Britz and seconded by Commissioner Janssen to reappoint Christy Hilgers to a 3-year term to the Houghton County Human Service Board.

The Motion carried by a voice vote. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

10. Houghton County Canvassing Board appointments (1 Democrat & 1 Republican required)

Clerk Kelly advised the Board that the Democrat and Republic Chairmen have provided three (3) names for each party with the top name being the top choice, and the top names are current Canvassing Board members.

Motion was made by Commissioner Keranen and seconded by Commissioner Britz to reappoint Barbara Manninen and Becky Bruin-Slot to the Canvassing Board as presented.

The Motion carried by a voice vote. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

11. Tri-County Public Defenders-May & June 2025 Additional Payment Request-\$1,163.36 (\$122,486.65 loan remaining before this payment)

A Motion was made by Commissioner Janssen seconded by Commissioner Keranen to approve paying \$1,163.36 to the Tri-County Public Defenders as presented.

The Motion carried by the following vote.

YES: Janssen, Keranen, Tikkanen, Britz 4

NO: None. 0

Absent: Anderson 1

12. Tri-County Public Defenders-July 2025 Payment Request-\$65,316.33

A Motion was made by Commissioner Britz and seconded by Commissioner Janssen to pay \$65,316.33 for the July payment to the Tri-County Public Defenders as presented.

The Motion carried by the following vote.

YES: Britz, Janssen, Tikkanen, Keranen 4

NO: None. 0

Absent: Anderson 1

13. Resolution #2025-025 POAM Collect Bargaining Agreement

A Motion was made by Commissioner Britz and seconded by Commissioner Janssen to approve Resolution #2025-25 for the POAM Collect Bargaining Agreement as presented.

The Motion carried by the following vote.

YES: Britz, Janssen, Tikkanen, Keranen 4

NO: None. 0

Absent: Anderson 1

Other Business/Communications:

1. Wage Study Update

Administrator Rheault stated she has been having bi-weekly meetings with the company, and has future meetings scheduled.

Travel:

Todd LaRoux stated he has a Conference to attend. The only expense will be fuel.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Britz and seconded by Commissioner Janssen to approve fuel expenses for Todd LaRoux to attend his conference.

The Motion carried by a voice vote. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Appropriations:

1. Copper Country Community Mental Health-\$27,415.82

Motion was made by Commissioner Britz and seconded by Commissioner Janssen to approve the above-mentioned appropriation as presented.

The Motion carried by a voice vote. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Public Comments:

Mary Sears, Franklin Township Supervisor, advised the Board that Franklin Township has a serious problem with residents feeding bears, and the bear population is increasing.

Maureen a biologist spoke with concerns on the residents feeding the bears.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Britz and seconded by Commissioner Janssen to send a letter to the local legislatures to provide support for Franklin Township and address the Counties concerns for the feeding of the bears by the residents.

The Motion carried by a voice vote. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Dennis Hext expressed his concern about being able to hear in Circuit Court oard meetings.

Dan Holcomb stated that people from both the Democrat and Republican parties would be willing to be on the jail committee. Chairman Tikkanen recommended 3 to 4 from both parties. Commissioner Janssen will reach out to the Democrat party.

Craig Waddell recommended Bruce Rudman from Goodtime Music as an option for helping with the Circuit Court issue for people being able to hear. He then discussed property by the Road Commission and talked about the jail.

Faith Morrison discussed the new County Committees and recommended Press Releases being done with the Board putting it on the agenda as separate Committee reports.

Teresa Kariniemi stated the County should not spend money on the issues in Circuit Court for hearing.

Karen Timonen discussed the impact on the hearing impaired since Covid.

Announcements:

1. Land Bank Authority Board Opening

Anyone interested in applying must submit their application to Lisa Mattila by September 19, 2025, by 4:30 pm. Commissioner Janssen stated the applicants should be a township or city official.

2. 97th District Court Treatment Court Case Manager Position Opening

The Board discussed the opened position.

Adjournment:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Keranen and seconded by Commissioner Janssen to adjourn at 4:49 p.m.

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

Tom Tikkanen, Chairman

Jennifer Kelly, County Clerk