

**SHARON AVENUE& JAIL PROPERTY USE COMMITTEE
MEETING
APRIL 27, 2026**

The Sharon Avenue & Jail Property Use Committee held a meeting on Tuesday, April 27, 2026 at 10:00 a.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 Commissioner Britz at 10:00 a.m.

Roll call:

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

Roy Britz, Barry Fink, Todd LaRoux, Joel Watson, Tom Bingham, Jaikob Djerf, Chelsea Rheault, Alex Radke, Jennifer Kelly.

Absent: Lisa Mattila.

Approval of Agenda/Additions:

A Motion was made by Todd LaRoux and seconded by Jaikob Djerf to approve the agenda as presented.

The Motion carried by a voice vote. Ayes 9, Nays 0.

Public Comments:

None.

New Business:

1. Discuss OHM's footprint as to the office space that might be used for the Sharon Avenue Property

Commissioner Britz presented a document from OHM that provided a breakdown of the Sharon Avenue Property. The offices that would move to the Sharon Avenue Property are the Building Department, Administration Offices, MSU Extension Office, and the Commissioner's Hall. There will be rooms for IT and Maintenance, and a Conference Room. There will be several areas for storage which will save approximately \$11,000 per year by moving everything to the property from where the items are currently being kept. There will also be a breakroom. The committee discussed the firewall.

Clerk Kelly informed the Committee of her concern for future Early Voting Centers. She stated the Early Voting Center will be at the HOCO Arena for the August and November 2026 elections, but after that, it is unknown where it will be. She questioned if it could be at the Sharon Avenue property.

Alex Radke stated he would have hours primarily at the courthouse but also have hours at the Sharon Avenue property.

Todd LaRoux and Commissioner Britz stated the Sharon Avenue Property building is useable. Joel Watson stated the building does need some structuring, but commented on when the additional walls would go up for the offices, that will help the structure. Todd stated there are new shingles on the roof. The roof was done last summer.

The Committee discussed the different entrances and MSU Extension having their own entrance and use to the breakroom for their evening needs. They would not have access to other parts of the building.

2. Set future meeting dates and times.

A future meeting will be scheduled when OHM provides the engineering estimated cost.

Public Comments:

None.

Adjournment:

A Motion was made by Alex Radke and seconded by Todd LaRoux to adjourn at 10:46 a.m.

The Motion carried by a voice vote. Ayes 9, Nays 0.

Roy Britz, Vice-Chairman

Jennifer Kelly, County Clerk

APPROVED _____

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