HOUGHTON COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASSERS
MEETING
November 5, 2026 & November 6, 2026 and November 10, 2026

The Houghton County Board of Canvassers held a meeting on Thursday, November 5, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at the Houghton County Building on Sharon Avenue, Houghton, Michigan. The meeting was held to review and certify the November 3, 2026 General Election results.

The Canvassers completed their per diems and reviewed the minutes from the August 2026 Canvassing.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Barbara Manninen at 9:00 a.m. The following responded to roll call to the County Clerk, Jennifer Kelly: Barbara Manninen, Democrat; Charlie Markham, Republican; Valorie Troesch, Democrat and Sharon Foix, Republican.

Also in attendance was Renee Cunningham, Chief Deputy County Clerk, assisting with the canvassing and three (3) members from the Leage of Women Voters.

Pledge of Allegiance:

The Canvassers did the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda:

A Motion was made by Valorie Troesch and seconded by Charlie Markham to approve the Agenda as presented.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Approve Minutes from last Canvassing-August 4, 2026 Primary Election:

A Motion was made by Valorie Troesch, seconded by Sharon Foix to approve the August 4, 2026 minutes as presented.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Public Comments:

None.

Review and approve all election envelopes, tapes, and all documentation in every Houghton County Precinct for the November election

Early Voting-

The Canvassers completed the Checklist for every City and Township and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

The Canvassers wanted it noted that one day one (1)-there was a cross out on the Election Inspector's Certificate without any initials.

Write In form: Dustin Mitchell-2, Beverly Schmitz 5, and Bradley Tervo 2.

A Motion was made by Valorie Troesch, seconded by Sharon Foix, to approve the Early Voting totals.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Adams 1-

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

The Canvassers wanted it noted that all 4 envelopes were written the same. It could not be determined which was the AVCB. Canvassers opened all 4 and wrote AVCB on the appropriate 2 envelopes. One the Election Inspector's Closing Certificate, the Canvassers were confused what VAT 329750 with an arrow meant.

Write In Form: None.

A Motion was made by Valorie Troesch, seconded by Sharon Foix, to approve Adams Township 1.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Adams AVCB-

Canvassers wrote AVCB on both envelopes.

The Canvassers wanted it noted that according to the Ballot Summary, there were 290 ballots and 291 tabulated. A remark stated a ballot jammed and was tabulated twice. The Canvassers asked Clerk Kelly to have the Adams Township Clerk come to retabulate. Clerk Pindral will come to retabulated on November 6th at 11 am.

Receiving Board Receipt & Certificate: Canvassers stated the same workers cannot give and receive the paperwork.

Write In Form: None.

Motion was made by Charlie Markham, seconded by Barbara Manninen, to have Adams Township retabulate on November 6th.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

November 6, 2026:

Debra Pindral and Torey Kostamo retabulated their ballots and were 6 short. Clerk Kelly asked them to go back to their precinct to look in the write in bin. They returned with 6 ballots, and balanced at the proper 290 to match the total voters.

Motion was made by Charlie Markham, seconded by Barbara Manninen to approve Adams AVCB.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Calumet 1

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

Write In Form: None.

A Motion was made by Sharon Foix, seconded by Valorie Troesch, to approve Calumet Township 1.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Calumet 2

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

Write In Form: None. The Election Day Precinct box was not checked.

A Motion was made by Charlie Markham, seconded by Valorie Troesch, to approve Calumet Township 2.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Calumet 5

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

Write In Form: None.

A Motion was made by Valorie Troesch, seconded by Sharon Foix, to approve Calumet Township 5.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Calumet 9

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

Write In Form: None. The Election Day Precinct box was not checked.

Under the Oaths: Deb Dlubala signed under additional signatures, but the Chairperson did not date or sign.

A Motion was made by Charlie Markham, seconded by Barbara Manninen, to approve Calumet Township 9.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Calumet AVCB

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

Write In Form: None.

A Motion was made by Sharon Foix, seconded by Barbara Manninen, to approve the Calumet AVCB for Precincts 1, 2, 5 and 9.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Chassell 1

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

Write In Form: Brady Tervo 4.

A Motion was made by Valorie Troesch, seconded by Sharon Foix, to approve Chassell Township 1.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Duncan Township 1

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

Write In Form: Adrien Worachek 19, Brittany Kuehl 19, Victoria Hahka 18, and Cindy Ellsworth 3.

The Canvassers wanted it noted that according to the List of Voters compared to the total voters, the List of Voters was short 15. Clerk Kelly will contact the Clerk.

November 6, 2026:

Clerk Kelly provided a 3rd page from the List of Voters that was missing from the Pollbook. Clerk Kelly provided the email from Clerk Allen explaining what happened. The correct total is 71 voters.

Motion was made by Valorie Troesch, seconded by Sharon Foix, to approve Duncan Township 1.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Duncan Township 2

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

Write In Form: None.

A Motion was made by Barbara Manninen, seconded by Charlie Markham, to approve Duncan Township 2.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Valorie Troesch, seconded by Sharon Foix to adjourn until November 6, 2026 at 9:00 am. Meeting adjourned at 4:35 pm.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

November 6, 2026-Reconvene Canvassing

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Barbara Manninen at 9:02 a.m. The following responded to roll call to the County Clerk, Jennifer Kelly: Barbara Manninen, Democrat; Charlie Markham, Republican; Valorie Troesch, Democrat and Sharon Foix, Republican.

Also in attendance was Renee Cunningham, Chief Deputy County Clerk, assisting with the canvassing and one (1) member from the Leage of Women Voters.

Pledge of Allegiance:

The Canvassers did the Pledge of Allegiance.

Elm River 1

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

Write In Form: None. The Election Day Precinct Box was not checked.

Canvassers wanted it noted that on the Election Inspectors Closing Certificate, there is no memory compartment seal number. Also, on the Receiving Board Receipt & Certificate, you cannot have the same people give and receive the election materials.

A Motion was made by Charlie Markham, seconded by Valorie Troesch, to approve Elm River 1.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Franklin 1

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

Write In Form: Dustin Mitchell 2.

Canvassers wanted it noted that on the Election Inspectors Closing Certificate, that there were no initials on the memory compartment cross out.

A Motion was made by Barbara Manninen, seconded by Charlie Markham, to approve Franklin Township 1.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Franklin 2

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

Write In Form: None.

A Motion was made by Valorie Troesch, seconded by Sharon Foix, to approve Franklin Township 2.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Hancock Twp 1

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

Write In Form: None. The Election Day Precinct Box was not checked.

Canvassers wanted it noted that on the Election Inspectors Closing Certificate, the compartment seal number is missing.

A Motion was made by Valorie Troesch, seconded by Sharon Foix, to approve Hancock Twp 1.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Laird 1

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

Write In Form: None. The Election Day Precinct box was not checked.

Canvassers wanted it noted that on the Receiving Board Receipt & Certificate, you cannot have the same people giving and receiving of the election materials.

A Motion was made by Valorie Troesch, seconded by Charlie Markham, to approve Laird 1.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Osceola 1

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

Write In Form: Beverly Schmitz 2.

The Canvassers wanted it noted that on the Receiving Board Receipt & Certificate, you cannot have the same people giving and receiving of the election materials.

A Motion was made by Charlie Markham, seconded by Valorie Troesch to approve Osceola 1.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Osceola 2

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

Write In Form: Beverly Schmitz 19.

A Motion was made by Sharon Foix, seconded by Barbara Manninen, to approve Osceola 2.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Osceola 4

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

Write In Form: None.

A Motion was made by Sharon Foix, seconded by Barbara Manninen, to approve Osceola 4.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Portage 2

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

Write In Form: None. The Election Day Precinct Box was not checked.

A Motion was made by Valorie Troesch, seconded by Charlie Markham, to approve Portage 2.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Portage 4

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

Write In Form: None. The Election Day Precinct Box was not checked.

The Canvassers wanted it noted that on the Receiving Board Receipt & Certificate the same people cannot give and receive the election materials. One (1) person did both.

A Motion was made by Sharon Foix, seconded by Barbara Manninen, to approve Portage 4.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Portage AVCB

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

Write In Form: None.

A Motion was made by Valorie Troesch, seconded by Sharon Foix to approve Portage Township AVCB.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Quincy 1

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

Write In Form: None.

A Motion was made by Charlie Markham, seconded by Barbara Manninen, to approve Quincy 1.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Schoolcraft 1

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

Write In Form: None. The Election Day Precinct Box was not checked.

Canvassers wanted it noted that on the cover page, there was a cross out without any initials. The worker should have initialed it.

A Motion was made by Sharon Foix, seconded by Valorie Troesch, to approve Stanton 1.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Stanton 1

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

Write In Form: None. The Election Day Precinct Box was not checked.

A Motion was made by Valorie Troesch, seconded by Charlie Markham, to approve Stanton 1.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Stanton 2

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

Write In form: None. The Election Day Precinct Box was not checked.

Canvassers wanted it noted that on the Election Inspectors Closing Certificate, there was a cross out with no initials. The worker should have initialed their correction.

A Motion was made by Sharon Foix, seconded by Valorie Troesch, to approve Stanton 2.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Torch Lake 1

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

Write In Form: None.

The Canvassers asked that it be noted that on the Election Inspectors Closing Certificate, there was no seal number for Container No. 1, and no seal number for the Memory Compartment.

A Motion was made by Valorie Troesch, seconded by Sharon Foix to approve Torch Lake 1.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Torch Lake 2

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

Write In Form: None.

The Canvassers asked that it be noted that on the Election Inspectors Closing Certificate, there is no seal number for Container 1, and the Memory Compartment is also missing a seal number.

A Motion was made by Valorie Troesch, seconded by Sharon Foix, to approve Torch Lake 2.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Torch Lake AVCB

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

Write In Form: None.

A Motion was made by Valorie Troesch, seconded by Charlie Markham, to approve Torch Lake AVCB.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

City of Hancock 1

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

Clerk Kelly will run a new report as the report at Canvassing including Early Voting Totals. Canvassers will compare the report and tabulator tape at the November 10th meeting.

Write In Form: Dustin Mitchell 2.

The Canvassers asked that it be noted that on the Election Inspector's Certificate, none of the boxes were checked.

City of Hancock 2

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

Clerk Kelly will run a new report as the report at Canvassing including Early Voting Totals. Canvassers will compare the report and tabulator tape at the November 10th meeting.

Write In Form: Dustin Mitchell 5.

City of Hancock 3

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

Clerk Kelly will run a new report as the report at Canvassing including Early Voting Totals. Canvassers will compare the report and tabulator tape at the November 10th meeting.

Write In Form: Dustin Mitchell 1. No total was written on the form. It was only tallied.

City of Hancock AVCB

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

Write In Form: Dustin Mitchell 1-Precinct 2.

The Canvassers wanted it noted that on the Clerk's Preparation Certificate, there was a cross out, but no initials. On the Final Seal of Record, for Container No. 2, there were cross outs, and again no initials. The worker should always initial.

A Motion was made by Valorie Troesch, seconded by Charlie Markham, to approve City of Hancock AVCB.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

City of Houghton 1

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

Write In Form: None.

A Motion was made by Valorie Troesch, seconded by Charlie Markham, to approve City of Houghton 1.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

City of Houghton 2

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

Write In Form: None. The Election Day Precinct Box was not checked.

The Canvassers asked that it be noted that on the Election Inspectors Closing Certificate, that there was no seal number for the Memory Compartment.

A Motion was made by Valorie Troesch, seconded by Charlie Markham, to approve City of Houghton 2.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

City of Houghton AVCB

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

Write In Form: None.

The Canvassers wanted it noted that on the Final Seal of Record, there was a cross out with no initials. On Container No. 1, there was a cross out again with no initials. On the Receiving Board Receipt & Certificate, there was a cross out on Container 1 with again no initials. The worker should be initialing any corrections.

A Motion was made by Valorie Troesch, seconded by Sharon Foix, to approve City of Houghton AVCB.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Public Comments:

Clerk Kelly stated the Canvassers will meet the following Tuesday at 1:00 pm to count any MOVE ballots and cured signature ballots.

Adjourn meeting:

A Motion was made by Valorie Troesch, seconded by Charlie Markham, to adjourn the meeting at 4:08 pm. Until November 10, 2026 at 1:00 pm at the County Clerk's Office.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Call to Order-November 10, 2026-Continued Canvassing:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Barbara Manninen at 1:00 p.m on November 10, 2026 at the County Clerk's Office. The following responded to roll call to the County Clerk, Jennifer Kelly: Barbara Manninen, Democrat; Charlie Markham, Republican; Valorie Troesch, Democrat and Sharon Foix, Republican. Also in attendance was Barry Fink from the Leage of Women Voters.

Pledge of Allegiance:

The Canvassers did the Pledge of Allegiance.

Continued Adams AVCB:

The Canvassers compared the tabulator tape to the Statement of Votes Cast.

A Motion was made by Valorie Troesch, seconded by Sharon Foix, to approve City of Houghton AVCB.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Continued City of Hancock, Precinct 1:
The Canvassers compared the tabulator tape to the Statement of Votes Cast.

A Motion was made by Valorie Troesch, seconded by Charlie Markham, to approve City of Hancock Precinct 1.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Continued City of Hancock, Precinct 2:

The Canvassers compared the tabulator tape to the Statement of Votes Cast.

A Motion was made by Barbara Manninen, seconded by Charlie Markham, to approve City of Hancock Precinct 2.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Continued City of Hancock, Precinct 3:

The Canvassers compared the tabulator tape to the Statement of Votes Cast.

A Motion was made by Barbara Manninen, seconded by Sharon Foix, to approve City of Hancock Precinct 3.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

MOVED & CURED SIGNATURE BALLOTS:

Clerk Kelly provided 5 cured signature or MOVE ballots to the Canvassers. The Canvassers opened the envelopes and read the votes.

City Hancock, Precinct 1: Votes were for Straight Party Republican; Nolan Miles, Bills & Warren, M. Kelly, Proposal 1-No, Proposal 2-Yes, Jail-Yes, Hancock Recreation-Yes, CCISD-Yes, Hancock Area District Library-Yes.

Calumet Township, Precinct 1: Votes were for Straight Party Republican, Canvanagh & Hood, M. Kelly, Maldonado & Rick, Bulleit, Daavettila, Halonen, Wickstrom & Zubiena, Proposal 1-No, Proposal-2 Yes, Jail-No, CCISD-Yes.

Calumet Township, Precinct 1: Voters were for Benson, Savit, El-Sayed, Van Ginhoven, Proposal 1-No, Proposal 2-Yes, Jail-No, CCISD-Yes.

City of Houghton, Precicnt1: Votes were for Straight Democrat, Cavanagh and Hood, Proposal 1-No, Proposal 2-Yes, CCISD-Yes.

City of Houghton, Precinct 2: Votes were for Benson, El-Sayed, Van Ginhoven, Proposal 1-No, Proposal 2-Yes, Jail-No, CCISD-Yes.
A Motion was made by Valorie Troesch and seconded by Sharon Foix to certify the November 3, 2026 election.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Public Comments:

None.

Adjournment:

Motion was made by Valorie Troesch and seconded by Sharon Foix to adjourn the meeting at 1:55 pm.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

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Charlie Markham

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Valorie Troesch

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Barbara Manninen

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Sharon Foix

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Jennifer Kelly
Clerk of the Houghton County Canvassers