

**HOUGHTON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

401 E. Houghton Avenue, Houghton, Michigan 49931
Telephone: (906) 482-8307

**SUPPORTING HOUSE BILLS 5152 AND 5153
RESOLUTION #26-02**

WHEREAS; at a Regular Meeting on March 10, 2026, the Houghton County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, House Bills 5152 and 5153 have been introduced in the Michigan Legislature to amend the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, providing critical protections for homeowners during mortgage foreclosure proceedings; and

WHEREAS, County Officials in Michigan have identified a pattern of predatory practices where third-party firms target vulnerable residents who are facing mortgage foreclosure; and

WHEREAS, these firms exploit homeowners and heirs by convincing them to sell either the property itself or their statutory rights to surplus foreclosure proceeds and redemption, often stripping residents of tens of thousands of dollars in home equity for a fraction of the true value; and

WHEREAS, County Officials have witnessed firsthand these firms targeting vulnerable residents after an auction has concluded, including an instance where an elderly heir was paid \$100 to sign away her rights to over \$10,000 in known surplus proceeds; and

WHEREAS, these predatory activities not only harm homeowners, they create a significant and ongoing burden for County's departments statewide, including the Sheriff's Office, the Register of Deeds, the Probate Court, and the Corporate Counsel, which must expend public resources to manage fraudulent claims and improperly filed probate estates; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 5153 would directly stop this predatory model by making a mortgagor's right to surplus money and right of redemption non-assignable and

non-transferable after a notice of foreclosure is recorded, except through legitimate testate or intestate succession; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 5152 would further protect homeowners by requiring a mandatory, plain-English “Notice of Rights” for any conveyance of property after a foreclosure notice is recorded, ensuring the seller fully understands they are waiving their rights to redemption, occupancy, and surplus proceeds; and

WHEREAS, the Counties across Michigan have identified the burdens created by these practices and are asking the Houghton County Board of Commissioners for a Resolution of support for this vital legislation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Houghton County Board of Commissioners fully supports House Bills 5152 and 5153, which will protect Houghton County residents and residents across the State of Michigan, from foreclosure fraud, preserve home equity for families, and reduce the burden on local government resources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk shall forward copies of this Resolution to the Governor of the State of Michigan, the Majority Leader of the Michigan Senate, the Speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives, and all Michigan Counties for their consideration and action and distribute to all County Clerks to be a posted communication in each County.

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/failed.

Tom Tikkanen, Chairman
Houghton County Board of Commission

Date

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

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 Monthly Meeting held on March 10, 2026, 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 March, 2026.

Jennifer Kelly, County Clerk
County of Houghton

Mary Hardies, Chair, District 1
Michelle Hamlin, Vice-Chair, District 5
Bob DeVriendt, District 2
Lloyd Peltier, District 3
James Madison, District 4



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County of Montmorency Board of Commissioners

Resolution #2026-07

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HOUSE BILLS 5152 AND 5153

At the meeting of the County of Montmorency Board of Commissioners held in the County of Montmorency Building located in Atlanta, Michigan on **March 26, 2026**.

PRESENT: Bob DeVriendt, James Madison, Mary Hardies, Lloyd Peltier and Michelle Hamlin

ABSENT: None

The following resolution was made by **Bob DeVriendt** and seconded by **Lloyd Peltier**, to-wit:

WHEREAS, House Bills 5152 and 5153 have been introduced in the Michigan Legislature to amend the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, providing critical protections for homeowners during mortgage foreclosure proceedings; and

WHEREAS, Officials from other counties in Michigan have identified a pattern of predatory practices where third-party firms target vulnerable residents who are facing mortgage foreclosure; and

WHEREAS, these firms exploit homeowners and heirs by convincing them to sell either the property itself or their statutory rights to surplus foreclosure proceeds and redemption, often stripping residents of tens of thousands of dollars in home equity for a fraction of the true value; and

WHEREAS, County officials from other counties have witnessed firsthand these firms targeting vulnerable residents after an auction has concluded, including an instance where an elderly heir was paid \$100 to sign away her rights to over \$10,000 in known surplus proceeds; and

WHEREAS, these predatory activities not only harm homeowners, they create a significant and ongoing burden for County's departments statewide, including the County Clerk, Sheriff's Office, the Register of Deeds, the Probate Court, and the Corporate Counsel, which must expend public resources to manage fraudulent claims and improperly filed probate estates; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 5153 would directly stop this predatory model by making a mortgagor's right to surplus money and right of redemption non-assignable and non-transferable after a notice of foreclosure is recorded, except through legitimate testate or intestate succession; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 5152 would further protect homeowners by requiring a mandatory, plain-English "Notice of Rights" for any conveyance of property after a foreclosure notice is recorded, ensuring the seller fully understands they are waiving their rights to redemption, occupancy, and surplus proceeds; and

WHEREAS, the Counties across Michigan have identified the burdens created by these practices and are asking the County of Montmorency Board of Commissioners for a resolution of support for this vital legislation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the County of Montmorency Board of Commissioners fully supports House Bills 5152 and 5153, which will protect Montmorency County residents and residents across the State of Michigan, from foreclosure fraud, preserve home equity for families, and reduce the burden on local government resources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk shall forward copies of this resolution to the Governor of the State of Michigan, the Majority Leader of the Michigan Senate, the Speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives, and all Michigan counties for their consideration and action and distribute to all County Clerks to be a posted communication in each county.

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RESOLUTION DEEMED APPROVED

ROLL CALL VOTE:

APPROVE: Mary Hardies, Lloyd Peltier, Michelle Hamlin, James Madison and Bob DeVriendt

DENY: None

ABSENT/ABSTAIN:

Signed by:
Mary Hardies
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Mary Hardies, Chairperson
County of Montmorency BOC, Michigan

Dated: **March 26, 2026**

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss
COUNTY OF MONTMORENCY)

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of Montmorency County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the Montmorency County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held on the 26th day of March, 2026, and that notice of said meeting was given in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, and further certify that the above resolution was adopted at said meeting.

Cheryl A. Neilsen
Cheryl A. Neilsen, Clerk
County of Montmorency, Michigan

Dated: 3/30/26

March WS

**THE KALKASKA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION 2026-03
SUPPORTING HOUSE BILLS 5152 AND 5153**

WHEREAS, at a Regular Meeting on January 21, 2026, the Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, House Bills 5152 and 5153 have been introduced in the Michigan Legislature to amend the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, providing critical protections for homeowners during mortgage foreclosure proceedings; and

WHEREAS, County Officials in Michigan have identified a pattern of predatory practices where third-party firms target vulnerable residents who are facing mortgage foreclosure; and

WHEREAS, these firms exploit homeowners and heirs by convincing them to sell either the property itself or their statutory rights to surplus foreclosure proceeds and redemption, often stripping residents of tens of thousands of dollars in home equity for a fraction of the true value; and

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WHEREAS, House Bill 5152 would further protect homeowners by requiring a mandatory, plain-English "Notice of Rights" for any conveyance of property after a foreclosure notice is recorded, ensuring the seller fully understands they are waiving their rights to redemption, occupancy, and surplus proceeds; and

WHEREAS, the Counties across Michigan have identified the burdens created by these practices and are asking the Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners for a resolution of support for this vital legislation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners fully supports House Bills 5152 and 5153, which will protect Kalkaska County residents and residents across the State of Michigan, from foreclosure fraud, preserve home equity for families, and reduce the burden on local government resources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk shall forward copies of this resolution to the Governor of the State of Michigan, the Majority Leader of the Michigan Senate, the Speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives, and all Michigan counties for their consideration and action and distribute to all County Clerks to be a posted communication in each county.

Commissioner Sieting Motioned to adopt Resolution 2026-03. Supported by Commissioner Matley.

Roll call:

Yeas: Sieting, Matley, Baldwin, Bicum, Comai, Persons, Fisher

Nays: None

Abstention: None

Absent: None

The Chairperson thereupon declared this Resolution approved and adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Kalkaska this 21st day of January, 2026.

Kohn Fisher Jan 23rd 2026

Kohn Fisher, Chairperson

Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners

Deborah Hill

Deborah Hill, Kalkaska County Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Kalkaska, Michigan, at a Regular Meeting held on January 21, 2026.

Deborah Hill

Deborah Hill, Kalkaska County Clerk



**HOUGHTON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF BRINGING AMTRAK PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE TO THE
UPPER PENINSULA**

RESOLUTION #26-07

WHEREAS, Amtrak is working on plans to extend passenger rail service from Milwaukee, WI, as well as other expansions across Northeast Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the federal and state highways have become very busy as tourists travel to enjoy the natural beauty and outdoor recreational opportunities of Michigan's Upper Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak has an opportunity to expand their passenger rail service to the Upper Peninsula which would allow tourists and locals a new mode of transportation which is a benefit to all; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak travel would allow people the advantage of enjoying the scenery and beauty that the Upper Peninsula has to offer, and this would be a safe way of transportation between snowstorms and wildlife as we all drive across the Upper Peninsula; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Houghton County Board of Commissioners supports bringing Amtrak passenger rail service to the Upper Peninsula.

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

Moved by Commissioner:

Supported by Commissioner:

Roll Call Vote:

Yes:

No:

Absent:

Motion carried.

Tom Tikkanen, Chairman
Houghton County Board of Commission

Date

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

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 Monthly Meeting held on April 14, 2026, the original of which Resolution is on file in my office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my official signature, this 14th day of April, 2026.

Jennifer Kelly, County Clerk
County of Houghton



Keweenaw County
Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners
Eagle River, Michigan

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF BRINGING AMTRAK PASSENGER
RAIL SERVICE TO THE UPPER PENINSULA (#25-6)**

WHEREAS, Amtrak is working on plans to extend passenger rail service from Milwaukee, WI to Green Bay, WI, as well as other expansions across Northeast Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the federal and state highways have become very busy as tourists travel to enjoy the natural beauty and outdoor recreational opportunities of Michigan's Upper Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak has an opportunity to expand their passenger rail service to the Upper Peninsula which would allow tourists and locals a new mode of transportation which is a benefit to all; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak travel would allow people the advantage of enjoying the scenery and beauty that the Upper Peninsula has to offer and this would be a safe way of transportation between snowstorms and wildlife as we all drive across the Upper Peninsula;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners supports bringing Amtrak passenger rail service to the Upper Peninsula.

Yeas: 5 Nays: 0

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Donald Piche, Chairman

11-19-2025

Dated

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
)ss.
COUNTY OF KEWEENAW)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the resolution adopted by the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting held on November 19, 2025, and I further certify that public notice of such meeting was given as provided by law.

Julie A. Carlson, Keweenaw County Clerk

Fw: Resolution template for Amtrak service

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Date Wed 3/11/2026 3:25 PM
To Board of Commissioners <boc@houghtoncounty.net>
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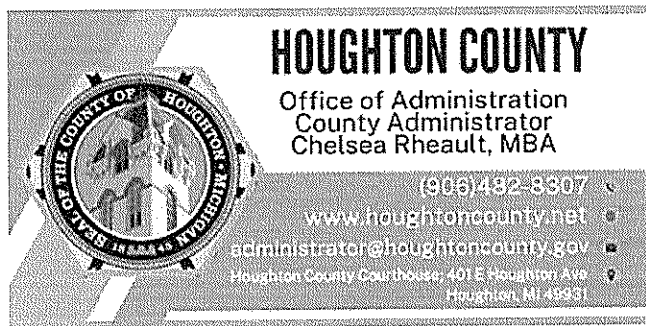
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Board of Commissioners,

Attached is the template Louis shared with me-- this was included in last nights Board packet.

Please let me / Louis know what, if any, additional materials are being requested for the next Board meeting, since it was tabled last night.

Best,



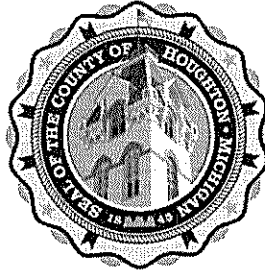
From: louis vallance <airportlou@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 4, 2026 10:45 AM
To: Administrator <administrator@houghtoncounty.gov>
Subject: Resolution template for Amtrak service

CAUTION: This email originated from outside the organization of Houghton County. Exercise **EXTREME** caution when opening external attachments or links from unknown senders.

Here is a resolution for you to use. From your neighbor Keeweenaw County

Sincerely

Louis Vallance



**HOUGHTON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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RESOLUTION DECLARING INTERNATIONAL COMPOST AWARENESS WEEK

(May 3-9, 2026)

Resolution #26-04

WHEREAS, composting is a way of returning organic resources to the soil and is a way of conserving water during extreme drought or flooding conditions, reducing water consumption and non-point pollution; and a proven method of decreasing the dependence on chemical fertilizers and decreasing erosion; and

WHEREAS, composting is an effective form of waste reduction, reuse and recycling; and since organic materials make up approximately 30% of the material going to landfills, composting is becoming one of the primary methods communities use to reach waste diversion goals; and

WHEREAS, materials such as yard trimmings, vegetable cuttings, biosolids, food scraps, manures, and hay shavings, when properly managed to protect public health and the environment, have all been composted and converted into a beneficial product known as compost; and

WHEREAS, communities, through their local governments, highway departments, soil conservation service and extension offices, and public works professionals, can have significant impact on clean water, soil, climate change, and landfill diversion by using compost for public works projects; and

WHEREAS, composting supports the MI Healthy Climate Plan to promote economic development, protect water and air quality, improve public health, and lessen reliance on landfills; and

WHEREAS, the Compost Research & Education Foundation, along with Canada,

Australia, the United Kingdom, and other countries have declared the first full week of May to be the annual International Compost Awareness Week; and,

WHEREAS, this year's theme is Compost: Feed the Soil that Feeds Us. The 2026 theme was chosen with the goal of highlighting the benefits of composting in agriculture and food production, and its role in supporting healthy, nutritious food, and by extension, healthy people and communities. Beyond responsible waste management, composting recognizes the interconnectedness between every person who eats and the earth that provides all of our food, as well as our agency in feeding the earth our scraps so that the soil may continue to provide for us abundantly. Compost grows healthy soil, healthy food, and a healthy Michigan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Houghton County Board of Commissioners hereby declares the week of May 3, 2026 through May 9, 2026 as International Compost Awareness Week, in recognition of the efforts of Houghton County households, businesses, farmers, landscapers, extension agents, recyclers, public workers, composters, watershed health advocates, and plant growers everywhere who contribute to the positive impacts of composting.

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

Moved by Commissioner:

Supported by Commissioner:

Roll Call Vote:

Yes:

No:

Motion carried.

Tom Tikkanen, Chairman Date
Houghton County Board of Commission

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
)ss.
COUNTY OF HOUGHTON)

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my official signature, this 14th day of April, 2026.

Jennifer Kelly, County Clerk
County of Houghton



**Houghton County
Board of Commissioners
Agenda Item Request Form**

Please fill out the following form to request an item be added to the agenda for the upcoming Houghton County Board of Commissioners meeting.

Submitter Information:

- Name: Krissy Sundstrom
- Department/Organization (if applicable): Copper Country Recycling Initiative
- Phone Number: 906.370.5747
- Email Address: krissy@coppercountryrecycling.com

Agenda Item Details:

- Title of Agenda Item: International Compost Awareness Week Resolution
- Requested Meeting Date: April 6 Work Session per Chairman
- Brief Description of the Item (include any decisions needed):

A resolution to declare May 3-9, 2026 International Compost Awareness Week to raise awareness of composting and recognize all who compost in Houghton County

- Are you requesting time to speak at the meeting?
 Yes
 No
- Supporting Documents Attached?
 Yes
 No
 (If yes, please list): Letter, State Resolution, and Template

Signature: Krissy Sundstrom

Date: 3/29/2026



COPPER COUNTRY Recycling Initiative

26298 E Grosse Point Shores Road
Hancock, MI 49930

March 27, 2026

Houghton County Board of Commissioners
401 East Houghton Ave
Houghton, MI 49931

Dear Houghton County Board of Commissioners,

Thank you for your continued service to Houghton County and for your ongoing discussions regarding materials management and the costs associated with waste disposal.

Food waste and other organic materials make up one third of our landfill waste. When sent to landfills, compostable materials contribute to methane emissions and leachate production. Leachate from the K&W Landfill in Ontonagon is transported back to Houghton County for treatment at our wastewater facility, increasing both financial and environmental costs.

One practical and cost-effective way to reduce these impacts is to encourage backyard composting. Composting food scraps and yard waste decreases the volume of material sent to the landfill while returning nutrients to local soils. Backyard composting requires minimal equipment and is free to the County and low-cost for residents.

At a Western UP Materials Management Planning Committee meeting, it was noted that glacial activity displaced much of our region's fertile soil, leaving sandy soils and limited topsoil. Composting therefore supports not only waste reduction but also long-term soil health and community resilience by keeping nutrients local rather than sending them to the landfill.

International Compost Awareness Week will be observed May 3 to 9, 2026, with the theme "Compost! Feed the Soil that Feeds Us." The Governor of Michigan has previously proclaimed this week statewide, and other counties have adopted local resolutions recognizing it.

We respectfully request that the Houghton County Board of Commissioners adopt a resolution recognizing International Compost Awareness Week in May 2026. Such recognition would:

- **Raise public awareness about organics diversion**
- **Encourage voluntary backyard composting**
- **Support long-term cost reduction in waste management**
- **Reinforce stewardship of Houghton County's natural resources**

We believe this is a practical, non-partisan action that aligns with fiscal responsibility and community resilience. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jonathon Nagel
Executive Director
Copper Country Recycling Initiative

2025 State of Michigan Resolution

May 4 - 10, 2025: Compost Awareness Week

May 04, 2025

WHEREAS, composting is a way of returning organic resources to the soil and is a way of conserving water during extreme drought or flooding conditions, reducing water consumption and non-point pollution; and a proven method of decreasing the dependence on chemical fertilizers and decreasing erosion; and,

WHEREAS, composting is an effective form of waste reduction, reuse, and recycling; and since organic materials make up approximately 30% of the material going to landfills, composting is becoming one of the primary methods communities use to reach waste diversion goals; and,

WHEREAS, materials such as yard trimmings, vegetable cuttings, biosolids, food scraps, manures, and hay shavings, when properly managed to protect public health and the environment, have all been composted and converted into a beneficial product known as compost; and,

WHEREAS, communities, through their local governments, highway departments, soil conservation service and extension offices, and public works professionals, can have a significant impact on clean water, soil, climate change, and landfill diversion by using compost for public works projects; and,

WHEREAS, composting supports the MI Healthy Climate Plan to promote economic development, protect water and air quality, improve public health, and lessen reliance on landfills; and,

WHEREAS, this year's theme is Sustainable Communities Begin with Compost! The 2025 theme highlights composting of all kinds of communities at any scale - from backyard home composter, to community composters, to large-scale facilities, to all those who recognize the many benefits of using compost on our soils. Composting empowers communities to manage their own waste, create job opportunities, and support healthy soils with locally made compost; and,

WHEREAS, the Compost Research & Education Foundation, along with Canada, Australia, the United Kingdom, and other countries have declared the first full week of May to be the annual International Compost Awareness Week; and,

WHEREAS, we recognize the efforts of the Compost Research & Education Foundation, extension agents, soil conservation stewards, householders, landscapers, farmers, recyclers, public workers, composters, watershed health advocates, and plant growers everywhere who contribute to the positive impacts of composting;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim May 4-10, 2025 as Compost Awareness Week in Michigan.

HOUGHTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
401 East Houghton Ave Houghton, MI 49931
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A RESOLUTION DECLARING INTERNATIONAL COMPOST AWARENESS WEEK
(May 3-9, 2026)

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Houghton County Board of Commissioners hereby declares the week of May 3, 2026 through May 9, 2026 as International Compost Awareness Week, in recognition of the efforts of Houghton County households, businesses, farmers, landscapers, extension agents, recyclers, public workers, composters, watershed health advocates, and plant growers everywhere who contribute to the positive impacts of composting.

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

Moved by Commissioner:

Supported by Commissioner:

Roll Call Vote:

Yes:

No:

Motion carried/failed.

Tom Tikkanen, Chairman
Houghton County Board of Commission

Date

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.



**HOUGHTON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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**RESOLUTION OPPOSING ANY LEGISLATION PREEMPTING LOCAL CONTROL FOR THE
CONSTRUCTION OF DATA CENTERS/BATTERY STORAGE FACILITIES**

RESOLUTION #26-08

WHEREAS, data centers/battery storage facilities are large-scale industrial facilities that require substantial amounts of land, electricity, and water resources; and

WHEREAS, the growth of data center/battery storage facility development across the United States has placed increasing strain on local electrical grids, water supplies, and public infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the construction and operation of data centers/battery storage facilities may negatively impact nearby residential communities through noise pollution, visual impacts, environmental degradation, and reduced quality of life; and

WHEREAS, data centers/battery storage facilities may conflict with the County's comprehensive plan, zoning ordinances, and long-term land use priorities; and

WHEREAS, the siting of data centers/battery storage facilities may limit future economic development opportunities by consuming land and utility capacity that could otherwise support more diverse, employment-generating uses; and

WHEREAS, residents of Houghton County have expressed significant concern regarding the cumulative impacts of data center/battery storage facility development on the environment, infrastructure, and community; and

WHEREAS, if local control is preempted, a county, township, city or village would be unable to determine requirements for construction, operation, use or maintenances of a data center/battery storage facility; and

WHEREAS, if a county already has a data center/battery storage facility policy, practice, regulation, rule, or ordinance on record, it may be null and void; and

WHEREAS, all other types of energy facilities, while regulated by the Michigan Public Service Commission, must adhere to local zoning.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Houghton County Board Commissioners respectfully requests that the Michigan Legislators, in their respective Bodies, along with the Governor, expedite quickly action to repeal PA 233 and PA 235.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that if subsequent legislation is considered relative to data centers/battery storage facilities and futuristic "Green Energy" programs that proper inclusion of Michigan townships, cities, and villages be included in the planning and construction to ensure the safety of the Environment and appropriate measures be included to ensure property restoration of the ecosystem.

AND FINALLY, that the appropriate Michigan Department be authorized to ensure restoration compliance upon the abandonment of the property.

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

Moved by Commissioner:

Supported by Commissioner:

Roll Call Vote:

Yes:

No:

Absent:

Motion carried.

Tom Tikkanen, Chairman
Houghton County Board of Commission

Date

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY, MICHIGAN
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OPPOSING ANY LEGISLATION PREEMPTING LOCAL CONTROL FOR THE
CONSTRUCTION OF DATA CENTERS/BATTERY STORAGE FACILITIES

RESOLUTION 01-2026

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WHEREAS, data centers/battery storage facilities may conflict with the County's comprehensive plan, zoning ordinances, and long-term land use priorities; and

WHEREAS, the siting of data centers/battery storage facilities may limit future economic development opportunities by consuming land and utility capacity that could otherwise support more diverse, employment-generating uses; and

WHEREAS, residents of St. Joseph County have expressed significant concern regarding the cumulative impacts of data center/battery storage facility development on the environment, infrastructure, and community; and

WHEREAS, if local control is preempted, a county, township, city, or village would be unable to determine requirements for construction, operation, use, or maintenance of a data center/battery storage facility; and

WHEREAS, if a county already has a data center/battery storage facility policy, practice, regulation, rule, or ordinance on record, it may be null and void; and

WHEREAS, all other types of energy facilities, while regulated by the Michigan Public Service Commission, must adhere to local zoning,

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the St. Joseph Board of Commissioners respectfully requests that the Michigan Legislators, in their respective Bodies, along with the Governor, expedite quickly action to repeal PA 233 and PA 235.

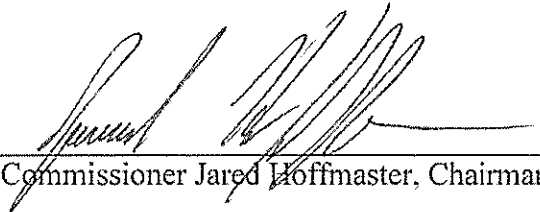
LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that if subsequent legislation is considered relative to data centers/battery storage facilities and futuristic "Green Energy" programs that proper inclusion of Michigan townships, cities, and villages be included in the planning and construction to ensure


the safety of the Environment and appropriate measures be included to ensure proper restoration of the ecosystem.

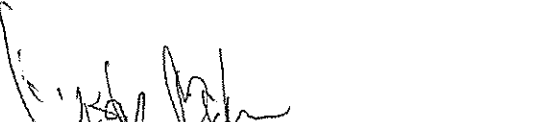
AND FINALLY, that the appropriate Michigan Department be authorized to ensure restoration compliance upon the abandonment of the property.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners on this 20 th day of January 2026.


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Commissioner Jared Hoffmaster, Chairman

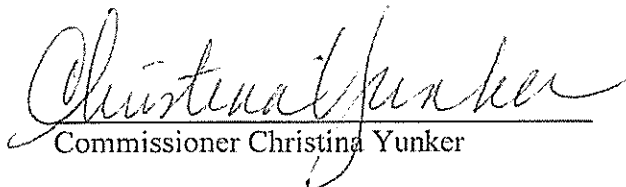

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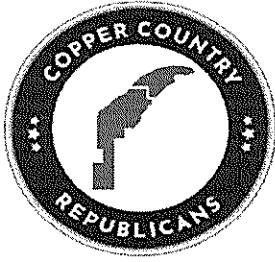

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COPPER COUNTRY REPUBLICAN PARTY
HOUGHTON COUNTY

Letter of Support for Sherriff Joshua Saaranen

Dear Sheriff Saaranen,

On behalf of the Copper Country Republican Party, we express our strong support for your recent statement on your oath of office and commitment to our community.

You have clearly stated that your oath to uphold the U.S. Constitution and the Michigan Constitution is the foundation of every decision you make. We applaud your dedication to protecting public safety, enforcing the law, and directing resources where they will have the greatest impact for the citizens of our county and those who travel through it.

Your clear stance on non-binding resolutions is both responsible and refreshing. As you noted, such symbolic measures carry no legal authority and do not enhance public safety. We agree that true leadership means focusing on meaningful actions grounded in constitutional authority, operational realities, and the best interests of the community.

Decisions regarding cooperation with federal authorities must be based on the law and what actually serves our county's safety and well-being. Your statement demonstrates the pragmatic, oath-driven leadership our community needs and deserves.

The Copper Country Republican Party stands with Sheriff Saaranen who prioritize constitutional fidelity and real public safety. We commend your continued focus on championing the safety of the community that elected you.

We offer our full support as you carry out your duties. Please let us know how the Copper Country Republican Party can assist your efforts to keep our communities safe.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan Holcomb". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dan Holcomb
Chairman of the Copper Country Republican Party



LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR SHERIFF JOSHUA SAARANEN'S STATEMENT ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND UPHOLDING THE RULE OF LAW

Keweenaw Indivisible would like to thank Sheriff Joshua Saaranen for his words, and we express our support for the Sheriff's recent statement of commitment to community safety and the rule of law in our community. We would also like to say thank you to our colleagues in the Copper Country Republicans, whose fruitful discussions lead to the common ground that we share in this letter of support.

The common ground is this: we believe in the safety and security of all members of our community.

We believed our original resolution clearly communicated this, which was its purpose. The sheriff heard us, and worked to find a way we could accomplish its objectives, particularly given the responding resolution from the Copper Country Republicans.

While we still stand by every word in our original resolution, we accept there are other ways to accomplish its objectives.

Our objective is to communicate safety to *all* of our community members. We are driven by the conviction we all have a part to play in making our communities safe. We need all of us together to work as a community to battle the real ills and challenges our people face: violent crime, drug related offences, and other real threats to our safety, while allowing people to live, work, play, go to school, and otherwise be a part of our social fabric.

And we believe this should be a calling to ALL of our community, regardless of immigration status. While resolutions are non-binding, they still matter as clear statements of how constitutional principles guide local practice. We grounded our resolution in constitutional principles, including Fourth Amendment protections, equal protection and due process, and well-established limits on requiring local governments to carry out federal enforcement.

What is critical is our local law enforcement officials clarify their policies with regards to federal immigration enforcement, such as ICE. Specifically, they should clarify that they do not enforce immigration law because they do not act on administrative warrants. This means, while our local law enforcement cannot interfere with federal immigration enforcement, they will not carry it out themselves.

Furthermore, Sheriff Saaranen has made it clear it is his policy to be at the forefront of any attempted operations by federal agents in our communities, including ICE. And while we will continue to act within the law in response to agencies like ICE, we trust that Sheriff Saaranen will uphold his duty to ensure those agencies do the same.

Simply put, our local law enforcement is not a force for conducting immigration raids or deportation operations.

This means ALL of us should feel comfortable and safe approaching a uniformed law enforcement officer to report crimes and share information which helps keep our community safe. This means being able to go to school, find healthcare, live, work, and play in this community.

It means this is true, *regardless* of immigration status.

Furthermore, those of us who feel threatened or frightened by what we're witnessing unfold in Minneapolis can have faith our local law enforcement will not be a part of bringing ICE-like operations to our community.

Thank you to Sheriff Saaranen, the board of commissioners, and our colleagues in the Copper Country Republican Party for helping us make this statement in support of our community.

— Keweenaw Indivisible Leadership


Jail Committee Report

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Good Afternoon County Commissioners,

Attached is the report that our Jail Committee has collectively compiled based on our meetings, discussions, and work done over the past 5 months. Thanks to Faith for doing the heavy lifting of the first draft.

The main conclusion of our report is summarized below. There is some quality supporting information and descriptions in the report though, so I hope you can make the time to read it.

Recommendations:

1. Continue the work to do space planning for the proposed facility
2. Seek input from local experts
3. Make formal Board commitments
4. Weigh trade-offs for a November vote versus a later vote
5. Budget the jail project

Feel free to reach out to myself or any of the committee members to discuss any portion of the report. I will not be able to attend the monthly meeting on Tuesday to provide a rundown or summary, but I believe Faith will be there.

Thanks for considering our input and we look forward to hearing about the next steps of the jail initiative.

Best Regards,

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Jail Committee Report

April 10, 2026



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3. Gretchen Janssen, Commissioner
4. Faith Morrison, League of Women Voters of the Copper Country (LWVCC)
5. Valorie Troesch- LWVCC
6. Dan Holcomb, Copper Country Republicans chair
7. Mike Hamilton, trades, retired
8. Todd LaRoux, Building Department
9. Justin LaCosse, Houghton County Democratic Party
10. Andrea Johnson (new member of the committee as of 03/20/26, 97th District Court Drug Treatment Court Case Manager)

Former member: Sharon Foix, Copper Country Republicans (resigned 03/02/26)

Useful web links:

Houghton County	https://houghtoncounty.net
2026 Jail Project	https://houghtoncounty.net/2026_jail_project.php
2026 Jail feedback link	https://forms.cloud.microsoft/g/THKRayEYdu
Jail Committee FB page	https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61587667299354f
Jail Committees minutes	https://www.houghtoncounty.net/2026_jail_project.php
2025 Jail Project	https://houghtoncounty.net/jail.php
Abonmarch/Byce master plan	https://www.houghtoncounty.net/jail/hc_jail_development_plan.pdf
2025 Conceptual Design	https://www.houghtoncounty.net/docs/jail_building_imagery.pdf
2018 Jail Taskforce	https://www.houghtoncounty.net/commissions-jail%20taskforce.php
LWVCC	https://lwvccmi.org
Press Releases	https://my.lwv.org/michigan/copper-country/houghton-county-jail-update

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Formation of the Committee

In May 2025, the Board of Commissioners of Houghton County determined that the condition, size, and design of the current jail facility is inadequate and that a new jail should be built. A millage was put before the voters of Houghton County on August 5, 2025 to authorize a \$32 million bond to raise funds to build a new jail for Houghton County (see Appendix). The millage did not pass (44% Yes versus 56% No). Three committees were formed to investigate some aspects of this failed effort:

1. County Held Properties Committee—This committee investigated whether funds for a new jail could be generated from the sale of county-held properties
2. Sharon Avenue and Jail Property-Use Committee—This committee investigated the possible re-uses of both the former church building on the County's Sharon Avenue property and the current jail building on Houghton Avenue.
3. Jail Committee—This committee had the objective to develop a proposed plan for a new jail/sheriff's office that the voters will support.

All committees met in meetings open to the public and with minutes taken and posted (https://www.houghtoncounty.net/2026_jail_project.php). The Jail Committee met approximately monthly from November 2025 to April 2026 (see Appendix).

This is the April 10, 2026 report of the Jail Committee to the Houghton County Board of Commissioners.

Actions of the Committee

Our Objective: Develop a proposed plan for a new Jail/Sheriff's Office that the voters will support?

Preliminary discussions

The committee began with a review of the 2025 millage and discussed why it did not pass. The millage had been endorsed by both Copper Country Republican Party and the Houghton County Democratic Party. The discussion raised the following issues with passing the 2025 millage:

Reasons For a "No" vote on the 2025 Jail Millage

1. Voters did not want higher taxes
2. Controversies about acquisition of Sharon Avenue property and potential tear down of church building (waste of money)
3. Inmates don't need nicer places to live
4. Why so high a price (\$32 million)? Why not one of the cheaper plans suggested by the consultants?
5. Need to specify the plans better (uncertainty in the plan)
6. Did not like the specific plan (questions of why not some other plan)
7. Some people want other properties sold to reduce costs to taxpayers
8. Didn't address detainees that have mental health issues or are juveniles
9. The jail issue was pushed down their throat during the campaign to pass the millage
10. The jail project planning conducted was not transparent enough; commissioners not responsive
11. County might take in out-of-county inmates and they do not want this

From this list, some of the issues related to the design of the jail, some were related to issues being addressed by the other two committees, and some reflected lack of support for improving the conditions in the jail or objections to how the project had been developed or presented. See the following table for a breakdown.

Issues related to the design of the jail

Jail Committee

- Voters did not want higher taxes (cost of the jail)
- Why so high a price (\$32 million)? Why not one of the cheaper plans suggested by the consultants?
- Need to specify the plans better (uncertainty in the plan)
- Did not like the specific plan (questions of why not some other plan)
- Didn't address detainees with mental health issues, juvenile holdover

Issues addressed by the other two committees:

Sharon Avenue and Jail Use Committee

- Controversies about acquisition of Sharon Avenue property and potential tear down of church building (waste of money)

County Held Properties Committee

- Some people want other properties sold to reduce costs to taxpayers

Issues that reflect lack of support for improving the conditions in the jail or objections to how the project had been developed or presented

Board of Commissioners

- Inmates don't need nicer places to live
- The jail issue was pushed down their throat during the campaign to pass the millage
- The jail project planning conducted was not transparent enough; commissioners not responsive
- County might take in out-of-county inmates and they do not want this

The Jail Committee focused primarily on the first grouping of issues, all related to the design of the jail. Our activities are described in the sections below.

Communicating with the public

The purpose of the committee was to develop a proposed plan for a new jail/sheriff's office that the voters will support. This purpose had two parts: 1) developing a building plan for a new facility and 2) guiding the plan with considerations of the views of the public, since we seek a plan that the voters will support.

The committee addressed the second part first, discussing what we knew of the views of the public and also establishing methods of communicating with the public both during our work and in a campaign for a future jail millage.

The committee identified that social media is where many members of the public get their information. The committee brainstormed how to get a good sense of the public's views:

1. Solicit direct feedback. The county IT staff set up a link that would allow visitors to give advice, express opinions, and ask questions. (direct link: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/g/THKRayEYdu>) The comments received there are shared with the committee and become input to the design/discussion.
2. Create videos for Facebook, Instagram, other social media to provide the public with information about jail conditions—a committee member made a trial video which was discussed, and this clarified what kind of videos would be most effective. A volunteer from the community is now actively researching and creating social media videos/posts for the committee.
3. Establish a Facebook page for the committee. With input from a member of the public, the FB page was established and a few members were trained on how to make postings and encouraged to do so. Comments are monitored. (<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61587667299354f>; see Appendix). This effort is largely untapped and would benefit from a willing individual to spearhead it, because we have ideas for many postings to help inform the public. We also have an Instagram page that is only partially active.
4. Issue press releases –The LWVCC has taken this on, and the press releases are emailed to members of the press and posted on the League's website (<https://my.lwv.org/michigan/copper-country/houghton-county-jail-update>).
5. Assemble and post Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs). The LWVCC had FAQs prepared from the previous millage, and these were updated and are posted on the

League's website (lwvccmi.org) and a link to them was posted on the Committee's Facebook page.

6. Improve the County's website- Website Ad Hoc Committee has been constituted and is meeting to improve the public's access to information from the county.
7. Public service announcements- A PSA on WOLV encourages the public to keep up-to-date with the jail discussions.

There are additional tasks on our lists that have yet to be accomplished to aid in the public communication:

1. Need a history of the last 25 years of the effort to address the jail issues (see Appendix).
2. Need a history of the search for an appropriate place for a new jail (this is associated with the 2018 Jail Taskforce's recommendations, <https://www.houghtoncounty.net/commissions-jail%20taskforce.php>).
3. Write up for the public a discussion of why the current jail is in the condition it is (Short answer: the 1963-built jail has been updated as appropriate, but the spaces to do the work are inadequate and hemmed in by the housing so cannot readily be enlarged).
4. Post on social media the reasons why our committee believes the Sharon Avenue property is the best location for the jail.
5. Create additional social media postings based on work done to date and as the County proceeds to next steps.
6. Once videos get developed, add to the YouTube channel for the county (<https://www.youtube.com/@CountyofHoughton>).
7. Post/share on social media the existence of the press releases and links to jail materials on the League's pages.

Seeking additional funds other than taxes

The Jail Committee has pursued federal funding to cover the costs for the design and engineering work for a new Houghton County Jail. Federal funding is available through Congressionally Directed Spending Requests that are submitted by a region's U.S. Representative and U.S. Senators. Two requests were submitted this year, one through Representative Jack Bergman's office and a second through Senator Elissa Slotkin's office. See the press release from the LWCC in the Appendix.

Issues related to the design of the jail

The strongest opinion expressed by the public is that the cost of the jail is too high. The committee investigated design and building changes that would decrease this cost. One big issue is where to place the jail. A second significant issue is how big the individual spaces in the new jail need to be. And a third issue is which spaces/functions should be in the new jail.

Jail location

The committee discussed several of the possible choices for where to build the new jail including the property nearest to the courthouse, other properties in Houghton and outside of the city of Houghton, and the Sharon Avenue property. We reviewed the findings of the 2018 Jail Taskforce and their recommendations, and we found that report persuasive. That committee looked at Camp Kitwen, a Dodge Street location, and several other properties. Feedback at that time indicated a strong public sentiment against locating a jail near downtown. In response to that feedback, the 2018 Jail Taskforce recommended to the Board to find a property not in downtown Houghton but within the City of Houghton. That is what the Board did, and this was the reason for the purchase of the Sharon Avenue property. Please see the 2018 Jail Taskforce's website for details.

By state law, the sheriff is required to maintain an office within the county seat, in this case within the city limits of Houghton. A separate requirement states that the Sheriff is the individual responsible for the operation of the county's jail, which includes the safety of the jail's staff and inmates. The lean nature of the operations of the jail and the sheriff's office in Houghton County require active daily participation by the sheriff. Remote oversight by the sheriff would have staffing implications that would add significantly to the operational costs of the jail and may be a practical impossibility without substantial increases to the operational budget. Further, as the separation distance between the jail facility and the courthouse increases, so do labor costs related to transportation of inmates. As a result, locating the jail facility outside the city limits of Houghton would saddle the county with significant recurring obligations that are likely to offset any savings realized in the initial construction of the jail or retrofit of an existing facility. For this reason, while locations outside of Houghton were considered, none were able to overcome the disadvantages described above.

The Jail Committee voted to endorse building the new jail and sheriff's office at the Sharon Avenue property.

Sizes of spaces within the jail

To investigate the details of the design of a new jail, the committee formed a subcommittee, chaired by Sheriff Josh Saaranen, called the Jail Needs Subcommittee. This subcommittee met approximately twice a month and produced a report for the Jail Committee with its recommendations.

The Jail Needs Subcommittee was able to extract from the Abonmarch/Byce (AB) master plan a table of square footages for each of the departments in the jail/sheriff's office. These square footages are said by AB to relate to the appropriate size of a 51-bed jail. A jail that can house 51 inmates is the appropriate minimum size for a county of our jail's average daily population (ADP), accounting for the average amount of extra space that is needed to ensure that proper classification of inmates can take place.

The 51-bed AB numbers form the basis of a discussion of what the minimum sizes should be for the operations of the new jail in Houghton County. The Needs Subcommittee report presents the following recommendations and findings:

- 1. The primary issue is safety. Our jail facility needs to be inherently safe for workers, inmates, and the public. It is not possible to modify the current jail to make the necessary improvements.*
- 2. The five scenarios produced by the jail captain and reviewed by the subcommittee show what the needs are in an improved jail/sheriff's office facility.*
- 3. The AB square footages and layout are a good starting point to understanding the size and work-flow needs in a jail that complies with MDOC [Michigan Department of Corrections] requirements.*
- 4. Estimated costs would go down if we replace the contingency factors used by AB with actual knowledge of what construction surprises we are likely or unlikely to face in a build on the Sharon Avenue property.*
- 5. Experienced engineers/designers are the ones to make tradeoffs that could further reduce the cost of the build (by shrinking spaces, or sharing spaces, for instance). This work would be done in conjunction with the Sheriff's staff to ensure the critical needs are met. Once again, safety and effectiveness of the jail are primary concerns.*
- 6. Anything that reduces inmate population would also reduce costs. Thus, Treatment Court and other diversion programs should be important considerations.*
- 7. An on-site arraignment courtroom, juvenile holding, and space to deal with both inmates in mental health crisis and for drug/alcohol testing are essential additional pieces for a new Houghton County jail and should appear explicitly in the plans with the other crucial spaces that were previously identified by AB.*

A final note. The longer we stretch out the process of making the necessary changes, the more funds are “wasted” on the current jail – an unsafe, out-of-date, not fit-to-purpose facility. It is not fiscally responsible to delay further.

Diversions Programs (reduce the ADP; increase community safety)

Funding from the State of Michigan is available to counties through the Community Corrections Act (CCA) to support local efforts to divert appropriate individuals from jail/prison into community-based corrections programs. Marquette County leads the Regional Community Corrections Advisory Board (CCAB), which Houghton County can join and utilize the existing administrative structure of, to access funds and enhance our justice system operations. As a CCAB member, we could incorporate the use of an evidence-based pretrial risk assessment tool during the jail booking process to inform bail decisions and identify individuals appropriate for pretrial release or alternatives to incarceration such as Treatment Court. At the same time, the pretrial risk assessment identifies those higher risk individuals who should be incarcerated due to an increased likelihood of reoffending or failing to appear for court, thereby improving public safety. In addition to this jail population management tool, as a CCAB member we can increase access to drug/alcohol treatment and other rehabilitation programs to address the needs of individuals involved with the criminal justice system.

To access CCA funds for the next fiscal year, Houghton County would need to appoint one Commissioner from the County Board to the Marquette Regional CCAB by June 1, 2026. An informational meeting with a representative from Marquette County is scheduled for April 30, 2026, at 12:00pm in the Houghton County District Court courtroom for anyone who is interested.

While the focus of this committee is to develop a plan for a new jail that voters will support, it is essential to examine how our jail is being used and the various entry points (e.g., new arrests, probation violations, warrants, etc.) that lead to a jail booking. What processes can be adjusted to more efficiently use taxpayer money and more effectively reduce recidivism? These are discussions that could occur among key justice system decision makers going forward to ensure the most responsible use of our jail space, as well as other county resources.

Note that the jail is over capacity as of the writing of this report.

Recommendations

The Jail Committee offers the recommendations detailed below. Above all, continue to involve the public in all steps of this project. Additional specific recommendations follow.

Moving forward with jail design

Continue the work to do space planning for the proposed facility. Based on the AB 51-bed space numbers (in a draft spreadsheet the committee is working on; not included in this report), volunteer work could continue with some brainstorming sessions to fully identify spaces to be included, including the features and characteristics required to enable safe and efficient execution of jail staff's daily activities. This exercise would ideally result in the following:

- A jail facility vision that meets the specific and basic needs of Houghton County.
Note: The jail will be no larger than necessary and at a minimum complexity (i.e. no "gold plating".)
- By understanding the needs of the Sheriff and his team, efficiencies may be captured in the design of the jail that to minimize staffing and recurring maintenance costs.
- A jail concept that includes modest features and spaces to enable diversion and rehabilitation, ADP is minimized (resulting in a smaller jail facility.)
- Create a block definition diagram (BDD) to document what features/ equipment would need to exist in each. The result would be a reasonably complete list of spaces and a high-level plan of what goes where, which could then be used later by a professional as a resource/starting point to inform the size estimates and also things like the spaces' power/data/utility requirements. The goal would be to make sure when we say "booking" or "evidence storage" that we're all picturing the same thing and we're able to communicate this vision to the professionals and the public.
- By clearly communicating these needs to a future design firm, the non-recurring engineering cost to the county would ideally be reduced by streamlining the requirements definition and stakeholder engagement phases of the design process.

Once this exercise is complete, better definition of the jail size and features would exist. This information could facilitate engagement with local contractors to get their feedback on the likely construction cost (more below). This is intended to be a two-way dialog – feedback will be solicited from contractors on ways to minimize construction costs, if they are willing to provide that feedback.

Local experts' input (RFI, RFQ, Meet and Greet)

Seek input from local experts. At the most recent committee meeting there was considerable discussion of perhaps having an RFI—*Request for Information* event or document submittal or an RFQ—*Request for Qualifications* document submittal where interested parties would submit their qualifications and plan for delivering a jail to the County. Both of these requests, or even a simple workshop or meet and greet, would serve as an open venue to invite local (and not local) contractors to come and hear what type of a build is under consideration and to offer their views of the plans and possible ways forward. It is thought that getting this type of group together could help build confidence that a smaller amount of funding could be sought while still raising enough revenue to build a safe and effective jail that meets standards. Formal engineering plans would need to be contracted for in the future with an RFQ or RFP (Request for Proposals), but getting local input might be a step to help understand how much funding is actually needed, since the current cost estimate, while based on the consultants' expert opinion and by applying estimation techniques based on other areas, still represents a very large range of costs, making it difficult to commit to a specific number without risking of under- or over-estimation.

This discussion went further into project delivery types, and we discussed the traditional Design-Bid-Build, Design-Build, CM with incentivized profit, and the fact that there are a few other possible project delivery methods that might work. We are unsure if they are all permissible under the County's procurement policy and ask that the commissioners determine that with their legal counsel so it can be determined if any of the options besides Design-Bid-Build could be pursued. There is a chance for project cost savings if all delivery types can be considered.

Formal Board commitments

Make formal Board commitments. Members of the public have expressed concerns about what exactly the plan is for the jail project. For example, several years ago, there was discussion of moving the courts to Sharon Avenue and some wonder if that still is the plan. Talk of demolishing the church building resulted in a sharp response from the public, and the change by the Sharon Avenue committee to thoughtfully assessing re-use of that building was a positive outcome. Without a clear and concise plan for jail-related projects, misinformation and assumptions can spread though the community, drowning out the actual deliberations of decisionmakers.

What is the solution to this? Going to a millage before there is a formal plan involves asking the public to rely on County leadership to make sound judgements. Will the public agree to

do that? The three-committee process of the last many months is a testimony to the Board's commitment to serious, open engagement with the public. What more can be done? Here are some suggestions:

1. Go on the record (formal votes) about plans that are established. For example, the millage resolution used in 2025 is very broad. Can the millage "ask" be more specific? With guardrails?
2. Commit to shortening the bond or reducing the number of mils if costs are less than imagined, and if it is legally possible to do this. Contingency planning inflates costs to cover unknowns in a project. If things work out well and costs are not as high as feared, the Board could commit to shortening the bond or reducing the number of mils to save the taxpayers money.
3. Establish an ongoing process for the public to have input and share information with the public. Find someone willing to spearhead Facebook postings of the project developments, for example.
4. Address the issues summarized in the third section of the table on page 5 and issue statements about them. For example, can the County commit that it is not seeking to house other counties' prisoners?
5. Support diversion programs. Every arrestee who can safely be released on their own recognizance is money saved by the taxpayers. Every arrestee who is correctly identified as being appropriately incarcerated increases community safety. Also, taxpayers' money is saved every time a county diversion program succeeds in preventing an offender from becoming a repeat offender. The regional Treatment Court is a successful diversion program in place in Houghton County. Greater emphasis on pre-trial risk assessment of arrestees saves money and increases public safety.

Millage planning and timing

Weigh trade-offs for a November vote versus a later vote. The Board of Commissioners is tentatively planning for a November 2026 millage vote. The time is short for completing sufficient design work that would be convincing to the public prior to that.

The Jail Committee has discussed whether engineering plans need to be developed for there to be a successful millage. Are there actions, short of presenting completed engineering plans, that could be taken to meet the needs of the public in their decision making? The committee assessed the advantages and disadvantages of a November 2026 millage election.

Here are the advantages: there will be an election in November and thus the ~\$30,000 cost of a special election in the future would be avoided if the millage is on the November ballot. Also, some members of the public feel that November is the only time to have such an important ballot question, as it is the main election day. Additionally, every necessary repair to the current jail is, in the long term, a waste of taxpayers' money.

Disadvantages include the limited amount of time the County has to develop a new plan that voters will support. If it is the same plan as last time, some of the committee believe it is unlikely to pass. Also, voters may get "jail millage fatigue" and be further infuriated that they keep being asked to support it. Then if it fails and is put on a future ballot, they may feel like the millage is being attempted to be snuck by them if it is done during a minor election in the future. Also, the County will not know in November 2026 if it has been awarded either of the grant requests that were sent in to the federal government, so it may be asking for more than it needs.

Budget the jail project

Budget the jail project. The jail is a priority of the Board; priorities are in the budget. The 2027 budget of the County will soon be under development for September adoption. The costs for moving forward with jail plans should be part of the county's budget and trade-offs with other services made clear. If funds are not raised through a millage, and if the jail is essential, then the costs fall on the general funds of the county. Even if the funds can be raised through a millage, it would show good will to the county residents if the county can prove that it will pay for a portion of the jail with its annual budget so that the millage ask is less than the full cost of the jail.

Future of the Committee

Many of the Committee members are committed to continuing the work of the County on this project as the planning proceeds. The next scheduled meeting of this committee is May 7, 2026 at 4pm in the 5th floor conference room of the Houghton County Courthouse. They would encourage members of the other committees to join them if those committees are not continuing after this point.

Acknowledgements

Members of the public who made public comments at our meetings or on our Facebook page through the County's link or otherwise communicated them to the committee. The Sheriff and his staff, whose participation has been essential.

Jennifer Kelly and staff of the Clerk's office – for minutes, agenda, Microsoft Teams, participation in the meetings.

Chelsea Rheaux, Paige Setter-Hallwachs, Alexandra Jahfetson, and other members of Houghton County Administration who have assisted.

Alex Radke-Houghton County IT support.

Krissy Sundstrum for her assistance with setting up Social Media accounts.

All members of the various committees past and present working to address the County's jail needs.

Behind-the-scenes volunteers who have worked to address the needs of the people of Houghton County for a safe and efficient jail.

Members of the Board of Commissioners.

Appendices

- I. Jail Resolution passed by a 4-1 vote of the Houghton County Board of Commissioners May 13, 2025 calling for the construction of a new jail for the county.
- II. Meeting dates and the members of the committee's subcommittee.
- III. Houghton County Jail Committee Facebook Page
- IV. History of Houghton County Jail Millages
- V. LWVCC Press Release April 7, 2026 on two applications for federal assistance for the jail project.

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**RESOLUTION SUBMITTING
JAIL AND COUNTY BUILDING IMPROVEMENT BOND
PROPOSAL**

COUNTY OF HOUGHTON

**State of Michigan
Resolution #25-007**

Minutes of a regular meeting of the County Board of Commissioners of the County of Houghton, State of Michigan (the "County"), held on May 13, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time.

PRESENT: Commissioners: Tikkanen, Keranen, Anderson, Janssen, Britz.

ABSENT: Commissioners: None.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Commissioner Anderson and supported by Commissioner Janssen.

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners (the "County Board") of the County of Houghton, Michigan (the "County"), has determined that it is necessary for the health, safety and welfare of the County and its residents and property owners that the County acquire, construct, furnish and equip new county jail facilities, and remodel, re-construct, renovate, furnish and equip existing county buildings, including interests in land, site improvements, and parking improvements, together with rights-of-way, appurtenances and attachments thereto, and demolition of existing buildings (the "Projects"); and

WHEREAS, the County Board has determined that the County should borrow money in an amount not to exceed Thirty-Two Million Dollars (\$32,000,000), and issue general obligation unlimited tax bonds of the County in such amount, in one or more series (the "Bonds"), for the purpose of paying all or part of the cost of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the County Board has determined that a proposal to issue the Bonds for the Project shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the County at an election to be held in the County on Tuesday, August 5, 2025 (the "Election Date"); and

WHEREAS, in order for the bond proposal to be submitted to the qualified electors, it is necessary for the County Board to certify the ballot wording of the proposal to the County Clerk as required by Act 116, Public Acts of Michigan, 1954, as amended (the "Michigan Election Law").

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The bond proposal attached hereto as Exhibit A (the "Bond Proposal") shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the County on the Election Date.

2. The ballot wording of the Bond Proposal is hereby certified to the County Clerk for submission to the County's electors on the Election Date. The County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to file this Resolution and/or complete any such forms, certificates or documents as may be required by the County Clerk to evidence the foregoing certification and/or submission by no later than Tuesday, May 13, 2025.

3. The County Clerk is hereby directed to (a) post and publish notice of the last day of registration and notice of the election as required by the Michigan Election Law; and (b) have prepared and printed, as provided by the Michigan Election Law, ballots for submitting the Bond Proposal at the election, which ballots shall contain the proposal appearing herein, or the proposition shall be stated as a proposal on the voting machines, which ballots may include other matters presented to the electorate on the same date.

4. The estimated millage rate in the first year and simple average annual millage rate set forth in the Bond Proposal, which have been prepared for the County by Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated, financial advisors to the County, are reasonable estimates of such millage rates based on current assumptions.

5. The County may incur expenditures for the Project prior to receipt of proceeds of the Bonds and may advance monies for that purpose from funds available to the County, to be reimbursed from proceeds of the Bonds when available. The County makes the following declarations for the purpose of complying with the reimbursement rules of Treas. Reg. § 1.150-2 pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended:

- (a) If the ballot proposal is approved by the electors, the County reasonably expects to reimburse itself with proceeds of the Bonds for certain costs of the Project which were paid or will be paid from available funds of the County subsequent to sixty (60) days prior to today.
- (b) The maximum principal amount of debt expected to be issued for the Project, including issuance costs, is \$32,000,000.
- (c) A reimbursement allocation of the capital expenditures described above with the proceeds of the Bonds will occur not later than 18 months after the later of (i) the date on which the expenditure is paid, or (ii) the date the Project is placed in service or abandoned, but in no event more than three (3) years after the original expenditure is paid. A reimbursement allocation is an allocation in writing that evidences the County's use of the proceeds of the Bonds to reimburse the County for a capital expenditure made pursuant to this resolution.

6. Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C. is hereby approved as bond counsel for the Bonds.

7. Robert W. Baird & Co., Incorporated is hereby approved as registered municipal advisor for the Bonds.

8. All resolutions and parts of resolutions, insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution, are hereby repealed.

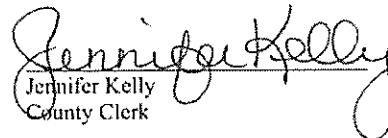
AYES: Commissioners: Anderson, Janssen, Tikkanen, Britz (4)

NAYS: Commissioners: Keranen (1)

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.


Tom Tikkanen
Chairman

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the attached is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the County Board of Commissioners of the County of Houghton, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on May 13, 2025 and that the meeting was conducted and public notice of the meeting was given pursuant to Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of the meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by the Act.


Jennifer Kelly
County Clerk

II: Meeting dates and the members of the committee's subcommittee.


Jail Committee Meetings (monthly)

1. 11/3/25
2. 12/8/25
3. 1/5/26
4. 2/2/26
5. 3/2/26
6. 3/23/26 (joint with Jail Needs Subcommittee)
7. 4/6/26
8. 5/7/26 (scheduled)

Jail Needs Subcommittee Members

1. Sheriff Josh Saaranen
2. Detective Charlie Klein
3. Captain Travis Dessellier
4. Faith Morrison
5. Valorie Troesch
6. Justin LaCosse
7. Mike Hamilton
8. Jennifer Kelly
9. Susanna Peters

III.



Houghton County Jail Committee · Follow
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What is the Houghton County Jail Committee?

The voters in Houghton County have rejected funding for a new jail 3 times in the past 16 years. Each time, voters have said that the process was not transparent, that the proposed jail plan is too expensive, that a new jail simply coddles prisoners, etc. This Jail Committee was formed by volunteer residents after the most recent millage proposal failed in August 2025. The committee members believe that the Houghton County jail is a dangerous place for the people who work there and for the public. It needs to be replaced. The purposes of the Committee are to:

- Get voter feedback about why the jail millage failed
- Give the public an opportunity to ask questions, get answers, and give ideas
- Keep voters fully informed about what is going on in terms of planning for a new jail facility
- Make a recommendation to the County Board of Commissioners for a fiscally responsible safe and modern jail concept that the voters will approve

What kind of information is shared here?

- Current Jail Deficiencies
- Location for new jail
- MDOC requirements
- Consequences of doing nothing
- Required spaces in a jail
- Size
- Building type / construction materials
- Total cost
- Cost to the taxpayer

What can you do?

We invite you to ask questions, make comments, share ideas and suggestions, and give feedback. We will read and consider everything you submit. You are entitled to share your opinions but please be respectful. What you submit will be seen by everyone who accesses this page. You are also welcome to attend Jail Committee meetings. They are all open to the public and are announced in advance.

Comparisons among past millage requests



Attempts to replace the jail in:

1. **2000**
 - a) 34 beds + 21 work camp beds
 - b) Failed 25%/75% **\$3.3 million**

2. **2011**—on the property next to Courthouse (Dodge St)
 - a) 110 beds + 21 work camp beds (Too big)+Sheriff's office & District court
 - b) Failed 26%/74% **\$15 million**

3. **2018** on the back of the Courthouse (work camp where current jail is located; no new sheriff's office)
 - a) 55 beds; Jail only
 - b) Failed 49%/51% **\$11 million**

4. **2025**—Sharon Avenue, Jail and Sheriff's office, small courtroom;
 - a) 70 beds, **\$32 million**
 - b) Failed 44%/56%

PRESS RELEASE LWVCC, April 7, 2026

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE COPPER COUNTRY

Addressing Issues with the Houghton County Jail

Faith Morrison, *Advocate for Addressing HoCo Jail Issues*
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Special Topic: Two Congressionally Directed Spending Requests Submitted for Engineering Costs related to the Houghton County Jail Project

The Houghton County Jail Committee has pursued Federal funding for expenses in design engineering work for a new Houghton County jail. Federal funding is available through Congressionally Directed Spending Requests that are submitted by a region's U.S. Representative and U.S. Senators. Two requests were submitted this year, one through Representative Jack Bergman's office and a second through Senator Elissa Slotkin's office.

History

First submission (Representative Bergman)

On December 8, 2025, Jail Committee member Dan Holcomb invited Colin Gwillim from Representative Jack Bergman's Office to attend the committee meeting to discuss what federal grants may be available to assist the County in building a jail. From the minutes of that meeting: "[Gwillim] stated there is potential funding for a community project through **Congressionally Directed Spending**. It is a community facility program for rural areas [FY 2027 **Community Project Funding Requests**], and jails are an approved project type. This happens one (1) time per year through an Appropriation Committee. The Appropriation Committee accepts application in January or February 2026 and then would hope to recommend funding the project for the next fiscal year in the fall [Fall 2027]."

The Jail Committee agreed that this idea was worth pursuing. At the January 5, 2026 Jail Committee meeting there was a discussion of what should be the "ask" for the request, and it was determined that engineering work towards the jail design of up to \$2 million would be appropriate and would best advance the campaign to address the problems with the Houghton County jail. Holcomb agreed to spearhead the application process.

Over several months Holcomb completed the application with input from the Jail Committee and the Congressman's office and submitted it to Congressman Bergman's website in March 2026 with two letters of support:

1. 97th District Court Judge Nicholas Daavettila and Houghton County Prosecutor Daniel Helmer
2. Houghton County Sherrif Josh Saaranen

Second Submission (Senator Slotkin)

On March 25, 2026, Jail Committee member Valorie Troesch spoke with Jay Gage, Senator Slotkin's U.P. representative, about opportunities for federal funding for the Houghton County jail project, specifically, funds to help with engineering/architectural development plans. She indicated to Gage that a similar proposal was submitted to Rep. Bergman's office for \$2 million.

Troesch learned that there are federal funding opportunities available through Senator Slotkin, through the **FY27 Congressionally Directed Spending** program, but the deadline for grant submission was rapidly approaching (deadline = 11:59 pm Monday, March 31, 2026). Gage said that a proposal for \$1 million would be appropriate for engineering development of the jail project.

Troesch contacted other members of the jail Committee and folks interested in supporting the Houghton County jail project and volunteered to coordinate the submission of a request. She was able to obtain five letters of support:

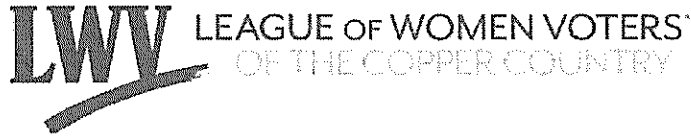
1. Houghton County Board of Commissioners
2. 97th District Court Judge Nicholas Daavetila and Houghton County Prosecutor Daniel Helmer
3. Houghton County Sherrif Josh Saaranen
4. Chief Public Defender David Gemignani from Tri-County Public Defenders
5. Co-Presidents Faith Morrison and Linda Belote, League of Women Voters of the Copper Country

Troesch submitted the request through Senator Slotkin's online portal on March 28, 2026.

Both requests are for fiscal year 2027 monies and the proposals went to federal programs that are highly competitive. The projects that receive funding will be notified in 2027.

In both submissions, a good case was made for the need for the engineering plans. The public has expressed that it will only support a jail building project that is clear, economical, and sufficiently well planned; getting to this level of design requires the kind of engineering work proposed. Frank and open conversations with the public are needed to move forward with a solution to address the issues with the Houghton County jail.

The letter of support from the League of Women Voters of the Copper Country is appended.



March 26, 2026

To Whom it May Concern,

On behalf of the League of Women Voters of the Copper Country we are writing to support the **FY 2027 Community Project Funding Request** addressing engineering and design cost for a new Houghton County Jail (Houghton, Michigan). The request is for the much-needed funds to cover essential steps towards building a new jail and sheriff's office to replace the 1963 jail that is currently in place.

Houghton County has needed a new jail for a long time, and the LWV of the Copper Country has been working with the Houghton County Board and other stakeholders to address this problem for three decades. We are a vibrant rural community that has seen recent growth after decades of struggle after our signature copper mining industry declined and then disappeared from our community in the 1960s. We are caught in a bind—the jail is an expensive investment for our community, but we struggle to afford the engineering and design work that would allow us to build community support for this long-term investment.

Four different plans for a new jail have gone before the electorate and failed in the last 25 years (2000, 2011, 2018, and 2025). Each design was different and an attempt to convince the public of the need and merits of each design. The failure of these ballot measures indicate that the voters need more details and more input in order to support what is now a likely \$35 million project.

The proposed *Community Project Funding* would assist Houghton County by providing **\$1 million in funds** for engineering and design work that would specify sizes and spaces to be included in the project and their associated costs and tradeoffs. This detailed engineering work is absolutely essential to the ultimate project of convincing the electorate to fund the new facility. The community's participation in examining the design plan, weighing in, and making compromises to reduce costs, is essential community work without which we are unlikely to succeed in the fifth time the County requests funds for the needed jail.

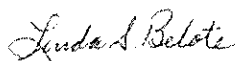
The current jail was built in 1963 and has been expanded into the former living quarters of the sheriff that were once part of the facility. The jail is older than the computer revolution, and updating and maintaining technology-related updates is one of the problems with the jail. As more than 6 decades have passed, it has been increasingly difficult to keep up with advances in corrections policy and standards. The working spaces of our jail facility require many rooms to serve two or three or four purposes, causing the jail staff to have to juggle the various things that are happening at any one time. This is a recipe for incidents, is inherently unsafe, and it has only been through the diligence and talents of our current jail staff that we have avoided a serious incident in the last several decades. To be proactive in providing essential jail services to Houghton County, we need a new jail.

As a non-partisan community group that has been active in the community since 1960, the League of Women Voters of the Copper Country is in an excellent position to comment on the jail situation in our county—the need is urgent, and allocating the requested funds would have a significant impact throughout our region. We urge you to award this funding.

Sincerely,



Faith A. Morrison
Co-President



Linda Belote
Co-President

*League of Women Voters of the Copper Country
P. O. Box 815, Houghton, MI 49931*

To: Board of Commissioners
From: Chelsea Rheault, County Administrator
Date: April 10, 2026
Re: Accounting Services RFP

I am writing to inform you that the Request for Proposals (RFP) for accounting services closed on April 10, 2026. At the time of closing, the County did not receive any submissions.

Additionally, both the County Treasurer and I made direct outreach efforts to reputable accounting professionals to notify them of this opportunity. Those contacted responded that they do not have the capacity or availability to take on additional work at this time.

Given the lack of response and the current market limitations, I respectfully recommend that the Board not reissue this RFP. Instead, I propose that we manage these services in-house by utilizing our long-time financial consultant in coordination with the incoming County Finance Manager.

This approach will allow us to maintain continuity, ensure timely completion of financial responsibilities, and avoid further delays associated with reissuing and re-advertising the RFP.

RFP for Accounting Services

1. Introduction and Background

Houghton County, Michigan (the “County”) is requesting proposals from qualified Certified Public Accounting (CPA) firms and/or governmental accounting firms to assist with reconciling the County’s cash balances so that they accurately reflect bank balances across all County accounts and align with the County’s general ledger.

The County maintains multiple bank accounts and funds, and discrepancies currently exist between recorded cash balances in the general ledger and actual bank balances. The County seeks professional assistance to identify, analyze, and resolve these discrepancies, establish accurate reconciled balances, and recommend improvements to internal controls and reconciliation processes.

2. Scope of Services

The selected firm will be expected to provide services that may include, but are not limited to, the following:

Review and assessment of all County bank accounts, funds, and related general ledger cash accounts.

Reconciliation of bank statements to the general ledger across all funds and accounts.

Identification and documentation of discrepancies, timing differences, posting errors, unsupported balances, or misclassifications.

Assistance in determining appropriate adjusting journal entries needed to bring the general ledger cash balances into agreement with bank balances.

Preparation of detailed reconciliation schedules and supporting documentation suitable for audit purposes.

Coordination with County staff to obtain records, explain findings, and validate proposed adjustments.

Recommendations for improved cash reconciliation procedures, internal controls, and best practices to prevent future discrepancies.

Optional: Assistance with implementation of recommended procedures and staff training (if requested).

3. Deliverables

At a minimum, the selected firm shall provide:

A comprehensive reconciliation of all County cash accounts to corresponding bank balances.

A written summary of findings, including the nature and cause of discrepancies identified.

A list of proposed and/or posted adjusting journal entries.

Final reconciled cash balances by fund and account.

Recommendations for ongoing reconciliation processes and internal control improvements.

4. Firm Qualifications

Proposals should demonstrate the firm's qualifications, including:

Experience providing governmental accounting and reconciliation services for counties or similar public-sector entities.

Knowledge of Michigan local government accounting requirements and generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

Experience reconciling complex, multi-fund cash environments.

Identification of key personnel who will be assigned to the project, including credentials and relevant experience.

5. Proposal Requirements

Proposals should include the following information:

Firm name, address, and primary contact information.

A brief history and overview of the firm.

Description of the firm's approach and methodology for completing the scope of services.

Proposed timeline and estimated duration of the project.

Identification of staff who will perform the work.

Fee proposal, including hourly rates and/or a not-to-exceed cost.

Disclosure of any potential conflicts of interest.

At least three references from governmental clients for whom similar services were provided.

6. Evaluation Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated based on, but not limited to, the following criteria:

Relevant experience and qualifications.

Understanding of the project and proposed approach.

Ability to meet the County's timeline.

Cost and overall value to the County.

References and past performance with governmental entities.

The County reserves the right to interview one or more firms as part of the evaluation process.

8. Submission Instructions

Proposals should be submitted electronically in PDF format to:

accounting@houghtoncounty.gov

9. Terms and Conditions

The County reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive informalities, and to accept the proposal deemed to be in the best interest of the County.

The County is not responsible for any costs incurred by proposers in preparing or submitting proposals.

All proposals submitted become the property of the County and may be subject to disclosure under the Michigan Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

10. Additional Information

Questions regarding this RFP should be submitted in writing to the contact person listed above by the deadline of April 10, 2026.

Request for Proposals (RFP)

Cybersecurity Services

Issue Date: [Insert Date]

Proposal Due Date: [Insert Date]

1. Introduction

Houghton County is seeking proposals from qualified firms to provide comprehensive cybersecurity services to protect the County's information technology infrastructure, systems, and data.

The County operates a variety of critical systems supporting governmental functions, public safety, financial operations, and public services. The selected vendor will play a key role in strengthening the County's cybersecurity posture and ensuring compliance with applicable regulations and best practices.

2. Objective

The objective of this RFP is to secure a qualified cybersecurity provider to:

- Assess current cybersecurity risks and vulnerabilities
 - Implement and/or recommend security controls and improvements
 - Monitor systems for threats and respond to incidents
 - Support compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and standards
 - Provide ongoing cybersecurity guidance and support
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3. Scope of Services

The selected firm may be asked to provide some or all of the following services:

A. Risk Assessment & Auditing

- Conduct comprehensive cybersecurity risk assessments
- Perform vulnerability scans and penetration testing
- Identify gaps in policies, procedures, and technical controls

- Provide detailed reports with prioritized recommendations

B. Managed Security Services

- Continuous network monitoring and threat detection
- Endpoint protection and response
- Security Information and Event Management (SIEM) services
- Firewall and intrusion detection/prevention system management

C. Incident Response

- Develop and/or update incident response plans
- Provide breach response and forensic investigation services
- Assist with reporting requirements and remediation

D. Compliance & Policy Development

- Assist with compliance (e.g., CJIS, HIPAA, PCI-DSS, as applicable)
- Develop and update cybersecurity policies and procedures
- Provide audit support and documentation

E. Training & Awareness

- Conduct employee cybersecurity awareness training
- Provide phishing simulations and reporting tools

F. Additional Services

- Backup and disaster recovery planning
- Business continuity planning
- Security architecture consulting

4. Vendor Qualifications

Proposers should demonstrate:

- Experience providing cybersecurity services to government entities or similarly complex organizations

- Relevant certifications (e.g., CISSP, CISM, CEH, etc.)
 - Knowledge of applicable regulatory requirements
 - Proven incident response capabilities
 - Ability to provide references from comparable clients
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5. Proposal Requirements

Proposals should include the following:

A. Company Information

- Company overview and history
- Organizational structure
- Key personnel and qualifications

B. Approach & Methodology

- Description of services offered
- Proposed approach to cybersecurity management
- Tools and technologies utilized

C. Experience

- Relevant project experience
- Case studies or examples
- References (minimum of three)

D. Pricing

- Detailed fee structure (hourly, fixed, or retainer-based)
- Any additional costs or optional services

E. Timeline

- Proposed implementation timeline
 - Availability for ongoing support
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6. Evaluation Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated based on:

- Experience and qualifications
- Understanding of County needs
- Quality and completeness of proposal
- Cost and value
- References

7. Submission Instructions

Proposals must be submitted no later than **[Insert Deadline Date and Time]**.

Submissions should be sent to:

[Insert Contact Name]
Houghton County Administrator's Office
[Insert Email Address]

Late submissions may not be considered.

8. Questions

Questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing to **[Insert Email Address]** by **[Insert Date]**.

9. Terms and Conditions

- Houghton County reserves the right to reject any or all proposals
- The County may request additional information or interviews
- The selected vendor will be required to enter into a formal agreement
- All costs associated with proposal preparation are the responsibility of the proposer

10. Confidentiality

All information submitted will be subject to applicable public records laws, including the Michigan Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

11. Contract Term

The anticipated contract term is **[Insert Term, e.g., one (1) year with optional renewals]**.

Addition to Scope of Services / General Requirements

The selected cybersecurity firm must demonstrate the ability and willingness to work collaboratively with Houghton County's contracted IT service provider. This includes coordinating efforts, sharing relevant information, and ensuring that cybersecurity measures are effectively integrated with existing IT operations and infrastructure.

The firm shall be expected to:

- Communicate regularly and effectively with the County's IT contractor
- Coordinate implementation of security tools, protocols, and remediation efforts
- Avoid duplication of services and ensure a complementary approach to IT and cybersecurity functions
- Participate in joint planning, incident response, and system reviews as needed

Proposers should describe their experience working alongside third-party IT providers and their approach to maintaining a cooperative and efficient working relationship.

Houghton County Policy: Network Outage and Operational Disruption (Draft)

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish consistent procedures for maintaining operations during network outages or significant IT disruptions, and to provide guidance on employee expectations, productivity, and compensation during such events.

Scope

This policy applies to all Houghton County departments and employees whose work is impacted by network or system outages.

Policy Statement

Houghton County is committed to maintaining continuity of operations to the greatest extent possible during network outages. Employees are expected to remain productive and perform alternative duties when feasible.

Definition of Network Outage

A network outage is defined as a disruption to County-operated systems (including internet, servers, email, or software platforms) that prevents employees from performing their normal job functions.

Procedures

1. Initial Response (0–2 Hours)

- Employees are expected to remain at their workstation or assigned work area.
- Department Heads or Supervisors should:
 - Notify IT immediately.
 - Communicate status updates to staff.
 - Assign alternative work where possible.

2. Intermediate Response (2–4 Hours)

- If the outage persists beyond two (2) hours:

- Department Heads should assess operational impact.
- Employees should be reassigned to alternative productive tasks (see Section 4).
- If no alternative work is available, employees should remain available and on-site unless otherwise directed.

3. Extended Outage (4+ Hours)

- If the outage exceeds four (4) hours:
 - Department Heads may, with approval from the County Administrator, release employees for the remainder of the workday.
 - Consideration should be given to:
 - Ability to perform essential services
 - Public-facing responsibilities
 - Equity across departments

4. Alternative Work Assignments

During outages, employees may be assigned duties that do not require network access, including but not limited to:

- Filing, organizing, and records management
- Cleaning and organizing workspaces or common areas
- Reviewing paper files
- Completing training materials (if accessible offline)
- Assisting other departments with operational needs

Employee Expectations

- Employees are expected to remain engaged and available during outages unless officially released.
- Employees must follow supervisory direction regarding reassignment.
- Unauthorized departure from the workplace may result in use of leave time or disciplinary action.

Compensation

- Non-exempt employees will be compensated for all hours worked in accordance with the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA).
- If employees are released early:
 - Non-exempt employees will be paid only for hours worked unless otherwise authorized.
 - Exempt employees will receive their full salary for the workweek, in accordance with FLSA regulations.

Cleaning duties should be limited to **light, general workplace upkeep** (e.g., organizing files, wiping surfaces, decluttering shared spaces), and should **not involve hazardous conditions or specialized custodial work** unless that is part of the employee's job description.

Authority

Department Heads are responsible for implementing this policy. Final authority for early release of employees rests with the County Administrator and/ or Board of County Commissioners.

Review

This policy shall be reviewed periodically and updated as necessary.

To: Board of Commissioners

From: Chelsea Rheault, County Administrator

Date: April 8, 2026

Re: Inclement Weather and Emergency Closures Policy Draft

Members of the Board,

I have drafted an Inclement Weather and Emergency Closures Policy for your review and consideration, which was earlier presented at the April Work Session Meeting. At this time, I am not aware of a formally approved or consistently applied protocol governing building closures during inclement weather or emergency situations.

In recent months, we have experienced concerns and complaints regarding the timing and communication of building closures. These concerns highlight the need for a clear, standardized policy to ensure consistency, transparency, and coordination across departments.

The intent of this policy is to establish defined procedures for decision-making, communication, and operational expectations during such events.

Following this memorandum, you will find:

1. The original draft of the policy as prepared by my office; and
2. A marked-up version incorporating edits and recommendations from the County Emergency Services Director.

I welcome any feedback from the Board and look forward to discussing this further at an upcoming meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Chelsea Rheault

Houghton County Policy: Inclement Weather and Emergency Closures (Original Draft)

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish clear procedures for County operations during inclement weather or emergency conditions, and to ensure the safety of employees and the public while maintaining essential services.

Scope

This policy applies to all Houghton County departments and employees.

Policy Statement

Houghton County will make reasonable efforts to remain open during inclement weather. However, the safety of employees and the public is the primary consideration when determining whether to delay operations or close County offices.

Authority to Close or Delay

- The **County Administrator**, in consultation with the **Board Chair (or designee)**, has the authority to:
 - Close County offices
 - Delay opening
 - Release employees early
- The County Emergency Management Director and/or Board Chair shall maintain communication with the Houghton County Road Commission (including the Managing Director, Kevin Harju) to obtain current road safety conditions and the status of local school closures when making closure or delay decisions.

Timing of Closure Decisions

- Decisions to close or delay County operations should be made **no later than one (1) hour prior to the start of the normal workday**, whenever possible.

- In rapidly changing or emergency conditions, decisions may be made after this timeframe as necessary.

Notification Procedures

When a closure or delay is declared:

- Notification will be made via:
 - Official County email
 - Local media outlets
 - Ready Op (for employees that opted in)
- Department Heads are responsible for ensuring employees in their departments receive timely notification.

Operational Status Options

1. Full Closure

- All non-essential County offices are closed.
- Only designated essential personnel are required to report to work.

2. Delayed Opening

- Offices will open at a specified later time.
- Employees should report at the delayed start time unless otherwise directed.

3. Early Release

- Employees may be dismissed prior to the end of the workday due to worsening conditions.

Essential Personnel

- Each Department Head shall identify essential personnel required to maintain critical operations.
- Essential employees are expected to report to work unless otherwise directed.

Employee Expectations

When Offices Remain Open

- Employees are expected to report to work as scheduled.
- Employees who feel unsafe traveling may:
 - Use available leave time (vacation, personal, or compensatory time), or
 - Request supervisory approval for alternative arrangements

When Offices Are Closed or Delayed

- Non-essential employees should not report to work during the closure period.
- Employees must follow official communications regarding reporting times.

Remote Work (If Applicable)

- Employees may be authorized to work remotely during inclement weather if:
 - Approved by their Department Head, and
 - Operationally feasible

Department Head Responsibilities

- Ensure continuity of critical services
- Communicate expectations clearly to staff
- Coordinate with the County Administrator regarding operational impacts

Safety Considerations

Employees shall not be required to travel or work under conditions that pose an immediate threat to their health or safety. When County facilities remain open, employees who have reasonable safety concerns regarding travel conditions are encouraged to exercise sound judgment and may utilize available leave balances, in accordance with County policy, for

time not worked.

Monitoring of County Facilities

When a County facility is closed for more than three (3) consecutive days, or when there is a known or suspected structural concern, a facility inspection shall be conducted. The inspection should include, at a minimum, observation of boilers, generators (where applicable), IT infrastructure, doorways, windows, and the building perimeter, including floors, for evidence of leaks or damage.

Responsibility for conducting these inspections shall be assigned as follows: the County Sheriff or designee for the Sheriff's Office; the Airport Manager or designee for the Airport; the Harbormaster or designee for the Marina; the Materials Management Manager or designee for the Materials Management Facility; and the Building and Grounds Manager or designee for the Courthouse.

Each department is strongly encouraged to develop a facility-specific standard operating procedure that establishes a clear chain of responsibility in the event the designated individual is unavailable, and outlines any additional building-specific inspection or monitoring requirements.

Review

This policy shall be reviewed periodically and updated as necessary.

Houghton County Policy: Inclement Weather and Emergency Closures (Draft)

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish clear procedures for closing County Facilities during inclement weather or emergency conditions to ensure the safety of employees and the public while maintaining critical operations.

Scope

This policy applies to all Houghton County departments-Facilities and employees. Facility types are defined by:

- **Courthouse Offices:** all operations in the Courthouse
- **Non-Critical County Facilities:** Courthouse Offices, Transfer Station, Marina
- **Critical County Facilities and Operations:** Sheriff's Office, Maintenance, Emergency Measures, Information Technology, Airport
- **County Facilities:** All county operations (Courthouse, Transfer Station, Airport, Marina, Emergency Measures, Information Technology, Sheriff's Office, etc.)

Facility Emergencies are defined as: incidents that impact the structure, or utilities of a county owned building. These could include incidents such as building fire, collapse, flooded basement, equipment failure, etc. Or it may include a local emergency that would significantly impact Employees safety while attempting to conduct their normal operations or travel to or from County Facilities.

No portion of this policy shall supersede any labor contract obligations of the County.

Contractors, non-County Employees working in County Facilities, and Contract Employees shall also adhere to this policy unless prior arrangements are made with their Department Head and the County Administrator.

Policy Statement

Houghton County will make reasonable efforts to remain open during inclement weather. However, the safety of employees and the public is the primary consideration when determining whether to delay operations or close County offices/Facilities.

During periods of emergency (local disaster, facility emergency) that disrupts normal County Facility operations (e.g. building fire, flood, structural or utility issue, etc.), Houghton County

Commented [CV1]: Is this correct? My interpretation of this is: Courthouse, Sheriff's Office, marina, airport, transfer station.

Commented [CV1R2]: I added clarification of facilities that are critical and not (as I would categorize them). Please verify

Commented [CV2]: Same question

will make reasonable efforts to continue to provide services to the public. Services may be degraded, delayed or completely unavailable based on the severity of the incident.

Authority to Close or Delay

- The **County Administrator**, in consultation with the **Board Chair (or designee)**, has the authority to:
 - Close County offices
 - Delay opening
 - Release employees early
- During periods of severe weather, the County Administrator and County Board Chair (or designee) will evaluate conditions based on any of the following sources of information:
 - Weather briefing data provided by the National Weather Service or Emergency Management Coordinator (usually the afternoon the day before or the morning of)
 - Local school/other agency closure reports on local media (TV6, Keweenaw Report, etc.)
 - Discussion with the Houghton County Road Engineer ((906) 482-3600)
 - Discussion with the Houghton County Sheriff's Office (Sargent on duty) ((906) 482-0055) ~~The County Emergency Management Director and/or Board Chair shall maintain communication with the Houghton County Road Commission (including the Managing Director, Kevin Harju) to obtain current road safety conditions and the status of local school closures when making closure or delay decisions.~~
 - Call with the National Weather Service WFO Marquette ((906) 475-5213)
 - Discussion with the Emergency Management Coordinator
- During Facility Emergencies, the County Administrator, County Board Chair and the appropriate Department Heads (Sheriff's Office, Facilities, and/or Emergency Measures) will discuss potential issues and concern that could impact employees and members of the visiting public. These Department Heads will make recommendations to the County Administrator and County Board Chair.

Commented [CV4]: You can call me, but I don't usually have any information on road conditions until later in the day. Schools don't inform me when they are closed. I just get it from the media. I'd suggest the Administrator and Chair get their information directly from the sources, though I'm available to give recommendations (which are based on the same sources).

Timing of Closure Decisions

- While acknowledging conditions can change rapidly, in general, decisions to close or delay County operations-Facilities and Operations should will be made **no later than one (1) hour prior to the start of the normal workday**, whenever possible.
- A decision to Delay Opening may convert to a Full Closure as conditions evolve. Employees should monitor media, email, etc. (see Notification Procedures) for changes in County status. In rapidly changing or emergency conditions, decisions may be made after this timeframe as necessary.

Commented [CV5]: This is redundant. You're saying "we should do it by this time, maybe, but it might not be the case."

Notification Procedures

When a closure or delay is declared:

- Notification will be made by the Administrator or their designee via:
 - Official County email
 - Local media outlets
 - TV:
 - WLUC (TV6 Marquette)
 - Web:
 - Keweenaw Report
(<https://keweenawreport.com/closingscancellations/>)
 - WLUC (TV6 Marquette)
(<https://www.uppermichiganassource.com/weather/closings/>)
 - Radio:
 - WOLV 97.7FM
 - WCCY (99.3FM, 1400AM)
 - WHKB (102.3FM)
 - WHBS (96.3FM)
 - Ready Op (for employees that opted-in)
- Department Heads are responsible for ensuring employees in their departments receive timely notification, know how closure/delay announcements will be distributed.

Commented [CV6]: and by who? And who is their backup if they are unavailable?

Commented [CV7]: This sounds good on paper, but not sure how it is practical to carry out. How will a Dep. Head know if their employees got the message short of Dept. Heads calling/texting all of their employees? I would recommend deleting.

Essential Employees

- Department Heads with Critical Facilities and Operations shall identify and designate **Essential Employees** required to maintain Critical Facilities and Operations.
 - Critical Facilities and Operations are defined as:
 - Operations necessary for the health, safety, and security of the public or safety, security and operation of County Facilities. These include: law enforcement operations, jail operations (food service, health services, etc.), Emergency Measures, Airport, Maintenance, and Information Technology.
- In accordance with the approved County Emergency Operation Plan (EOP), certain County Employees or Departments may be requested at times of Local Emergency to assist with the emergency operations of the County. These may include, but are not limited to, Finance, Administration, Equalization, Maintenance, Drain Commissioner, Mine Inspector, Building Inspector. The Emergency Management Coordinator will make requests to the County Board Chair to designate these as **Essential Employees** on a temporary basis in the event these employees are required to conduct emergency operations in the County.

Operational Status Options

1. Full Closure

- All ~~Non-Critical County Facilities, non-essential County offices~~ are closed.
- Only designated ~~essential personnel~~ **Essential Employees** are required to report to work, be available to report (on-call), or work remotely as necessary to continue Critical Operations as determined by their Department Head.

2. Delayed Opening

- ~~Non-Critical County Facilities~~ ~~Offices~~ will open at a specified later time.
- **Critical Facilities and Operations** will continue on their normal timeline.
- ~~Non-Essential Employees~~ ~~Employees~~ should report at the delayed start time unless otherwise directed.

Commented [CV8]: You have "non-essential... offices" and then you have Essential Personnel (later). But what are "essential offices"?

Commented [CV9]: Again, does this mean other county entities (Transfer Station, Airport, marina) or are these decided by their direct manager?

- ~~Essential Employees shall report to work, be available to report (on-call), or work remotely as necessary to continue Critical Operations as determined by their Department Head.~~

3. Early Release

- ~~Non-Essential Employees~~ Employees may be dismissed prior to the end of the workday due to worsening conditions.
- ~~Essential Employees~~ will consult with their Department Head to determine if they should: leave, remain, or covert to remote/on-call operations to maintain Critical Operations.

Commented [CV10]: If employees have already stayed home due to safety concerns (and taken vacation, comp-time, etc.) - is there a policy/procedure for what they should do? Is it just the time from start to closure that should be counted as absence time they took? Regardless of the answer, it should be specified as someone will ask/fight about it.

Essential Personnel

- ~~Each Department Head shall identify essential personnel required to maintain critical operations:~~
- ~~Essential employees are expected to report to work unless otherwise directed.~~

Commented [CV11]: This is confusing. Based on the above (Full Closure), essential operations continue, designated essential personnel are required to report to work. But, here it says each department has essential personnel (to maintain critical operations), and those people are required to report. That could be interpreted as 'even though the building is closed, each department will maintain critical operations'.

Employee Expectations

- Employees are expected to monitor conditions prior to leaving their home, monitor email/media sources, and are encouraged to sign up for ReadyOp notifications.
- Employees are encouraged to have a personal plan in place should they not be able to return home from work due to impassable road conditions.
- Employees are expected to ask for clarification from their Department Head if they are unclear on this policy and their role in County Operations during times of inclement weather or emergency.

When Offices/Facilities Remain Open

- Employees are expected to report to work as scheduled.
- Employees are expected to communicate with their Department Head if the Employee is unable to safely arrive at work during time County Facilities remain open.
 - Employees who are unable to safely arrive at work feel unsafe traveling may:
 - Use available leave time (vacation, personal, or compensatory time), or

- Request supervisory approval for alternative arrangements

When Offices Facilities Are Closed or Delayed

- Non-essential employees should not report to work during the closure period.
- Employees must follow official communications notifications (see Notification Procedures) regarding reporting times.

Remote Work (If Applicable)

- Employees may be authorized to work remotely during inclement weather if:
 - Approved by their Department Head, and
 - Operationally feasible

Department Head Responsibilities

- For Department Heads of Critical Facilities and Operations, ensure continuity of operations by maintaining a Continuity of Operations (COO) Plan. This plan should include:
 - Essential Personnel needed to maintain Critical Facilities and Operations.
 - Services from other departments that may be required during non-critical facility closures or emergency incidents (e.g. Maintenance, IT, Emergency Measures, etc.)
 - Backup personnel (minimum of 3 if possible) that could be called upon to maintain Critical Facilities and Operations within the Department.
 - Communicate expectations clearly to staff
 - Coordinate with the County Administrator regarding operational impacts of closures. Especially:
 - Legally required meetings and meeting notifications
 - Time critical functions of the department (e.g. ballot language submission, petitions, grant deadlines, etc.)
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Safety Considerations

Employees shall not be required to travel or work under conditions that pose an immediate threat to their health or safety. When County Facilities remain open, employees who have reasonable safety concerns regarding travel conditions are encouraged to exercise sound judgment and may utilize available leave balances, in accordance with County policy, for time not worked.

Commented [CV12]: This is mostly already addressed elsewhere and could probably be deleted or combined with the "Employee Expectations" section

Monitoring of County Facilities

When a County Facility is closed for more than three (3) consecutive days, or when there is a known or suspected structural, maintenance, or Information Technology concern, a facility inspection/systems check shall be conducted. The inspection should include, at a minimum, observation of boilers, generators (where applicable), IT infrastructure, doorways, windows, and the building perimeter, including floors, for evidence of leaks or damage.

Responsibility for conducting these inspections shall be assigned as follows: the County Sheriff or designee for the Sheriff's Office and Jail; the Airport Manager or designee for the Airport; the Harbormaster or designee for the Marina; the Materials Management Manager or designee for the Materials Management Facility; Information Technology Director for Information Technology systems and infrastructure, and the Building and Grounds Manager or designee for the Courthouse.

~~Each department is strongly encouraged to develop a facility-specific standard operating procedure that establishes a clear chain of responsibility in the event the designated individual is unavailable, and outlines any additional building-specific inspection or monitoring requirements:~~

Review

This policy shall be reviewed periodically and updated after each inclement weather or emergency event, after contract negotiations, or as revisions become apparently necessary.

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Sales Code : F41618

Dealer Rep.	Richard Heinonen	Type	Fleet	Vehicle Line	F-150	Order Code	0407
Customer Name	Houghton Coun	Priority Code	G2	Model Year	2026	Price Level	640

DESCRIPTION	MSRP	DESCRIPTION	MSRP
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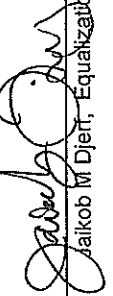
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CHASSELL TWP	4,079,800	5,394,900	0	139,256,200	0	0	148,730,900	2,901,000	151,631,900		
DUNCAN TWP	1,188,135	1,412,235	0	23,609,132	2,099,375	0	28,308,877	1,872,920	30,181,797		
ELM RIVER TWP	0	3,219,410	101,706	47,178,192	0	0	50,499,308	10,261,395	60,760,703		
FRANKLIN TWP	324,234	12,322,739	6,883,063	83,834,650	0	0	103,364,686	6,508,652	109,873,338		
HANCOCK TWP	0	610,100	0	60,336,600	0	0	60,946,700	2,415,300	63,362,000		
LAIRD TWP	3,543,053	680,083	0	36,348,390	0	0	40,571,526	737,688	41,309,214		
OSCEOLA TWP	946,836	6,667,091	4,694,898	85,917,639	690,215	0	98,916,679	4,684,186	103,600,865		
PORTAGE TWP	7,117,298	21,660,103	6,410,005	217,409,478	4,877,754	0	257,474,638	8,903,686	266,378,324		
QUINCY TWP	0	5,591,191	304,500	17,854,624	0	0	23,750,315	8,057,626	31,807,941		
SCHOOLCRAFT TWP	2,459,860	6,120,696	0	100,657,065	2,733,866	0	111,971,487	2,096,447	114,067,934		
STANTON TWP	2,981,600	1,444,400	0	139,625,107	373,900	0	144,425,007	1,913,562	146,338,569		
TORCH LAKE TWP	1,148,228	5,893,029	1,511,034	232,901,820	5,183,344	0	246,637,455	3,371,587	250,009,042		
HANCOCK CITY	0	85,935,248	2,035,399	149,347,443	0	0	237,318,090	10,187,757	247,505,847		
HOUGHTON CITY	0	97,025,285	1,754,427	179,998,067	0	1,368,482	280,146,261	8,034,985	288,181,246		
TOTALS	23,789,044	300,423,076	30,471,168	1,813,832,975	17,410,072	1,368,482	2,187,294,817	99,123,978	2,286,418,795		

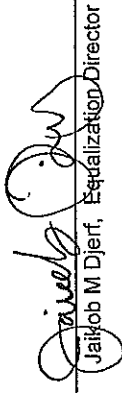
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**TAXABLE VALUES FOR HOUGHTON COUNTY
YEAR: 2026 AD VALOREM**

****REAL PROPERTY****										TOTAL REAL & PERSONAL
TOWNSHIP/ CITY	AGRICULTURAL	COMMERCIAL	INDUSTRIAL	RESIDENTIAL	TIMBER-CUTOVER	DEVELOPMENTAL	TOTAL REAL	PERSONAL	TOTAL REAL & PERSONAL	
ADAMS TWP	0	10,694,671	1,440,057	50,104,128	96,478	0	62,335,334	17,644,223	79,979,557	
CALLUMET TWP	0	22,189,962	2,975,359	112,689,466	700,204	0	138,554,991	9,532,964	148,087,955	
CHASSELL TWP	2,350,977	3,879,806	0	83,937,384	0	0	90,168,167	2,901,000	93,069,167	
DUNCAN TWP	593,975	1,115,244	0	14,818,281	1,024,268	0	17,551,768	1,872,920	19,424,688	
ELM RIVER TWP	0	2,477,406	57,917	28,128,632	0	0	30,663,955	10,261,395	40,925,350	
FRANKLIN TWP	176,986	8,944,841	4,845,567	46,062,755	0	0	60,030,149	6,508,652	66,538,801	
HANCOCK TWP	0	396,053	0	34,714,180	0	0	35,110,233	2,415,300	37,525,533	
LAIRD TWP	1,362,272	528,894	0	21,231,268	0	0	23,122,434	737,688	23,860,122	
OSCEOLA TWP	261,327	5,636,017	3,040,840	48,624,794	558,257	0	58,121,235	4,684,186	62,805,421	
PORTAGE TWP	3,456,083	15,479,873	4,095,772	124,914,228	2,088,033	0	150,033,989	8,903,686	158,937,675	
QUINCY TWP	0	5,118,969	202,386	11,261,373	0	0	16,582,728	8,057,626	24,640,354	
SCHOOLCRAFT TWP	977,597	3,928,747	0	53,064,646	1,405,428	0	59,376,418	2,096,447	61,472,865	
STANTON TWP	1,666,138	1,193,781	0	86,854,447	226,179	0	89,940,545	1,913,562	91,854,107	
TORCH LAKE TWP	481,202	4,089,667	1,113,590	134,473,082	2,370,406	0	142,527,947	3,371,587	145,899,534	
HANCOCK CITY	0	58,850,735	1,489,281	92,525,637	0	0	152,865,653	10,187,757	163,053,410	
HOUGHTON CITY	0	76,365,214	1,403,404	119,497,248	0	773,902	198,039,768	8,034,985	206,074,753	
TOTALS	11,326,557	220,889,880	20,664,173	1,062,901,549	8,469,253	773,902	1,325,025,314	99,123,978	1,424,149,292	

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Jaijeb M Djerf, Equalization Director

HOUGHTON COUNTY RE-CAP OF STATE EQUALIZED & TAXABLE VALUES FOR YEAR: 2025

		101	201	301	401	501	601	TOTAL REAL & PERSONAL	VETERAN'S EXEMPTION MCL 211.7B	SENIOR CITY/DIS HOUSING MCL 211.7D	POVERTY EXEMPTION MCL 211.7U
		AGRI- CULTURAL	COMMERCIAL	INDUSTRIAL	RESIDENTIAL	TIMBER CUTOVER	DEVELOP- MENTAL				
ADAMS	SEV	0	14,669,349	2,860,340	87,185,860	103,585	0	122,463,357	SEV 1,834,555	0	0
TOWNSHIP	TAXABLE	0	10,694,671	1,440,057	50,104,128	96,478	0	79,979,557	TAXABLE 1,067,458	0	0
CALUMET	SEV	0	31,777,217	3,915,796	212,372,708	1,348,033	0	258,946,718	SEV 6,877,628	323,357	198,482
TOWNSHIP	TAXABLE	0	22,189,962	2,975,359	112,689,466	700,204	0	148,087,955	TAXABLE 3,622,613	229,006	118,752
CHASSELL	SEV	4,079,800	5,394,900	0	139,256,200	0	0	151,631,900	SEV 3,968,400	0	0
TOWNSHIP	TAXABLE	2,350,977	3,879,806	0	83,937,384	0	0	93,069,167	TAXABLE 2,362,549	0	0
DUNCAN	SEV	1,188,135	1,412,235	0	23,609,132	2,099,375	0	30,181,797	SEV 405,770	0	0
TOWNSHIP	TAXABLE	593,975	1,115,244	0	14,818,281	1,024,268	0	19,424,688	TAXABLE 310,167	0	0
ELM RIVER	SEV	0	3,219,410	101,706	47,178,192	0	0	60,760,703	SEV 563,326	0	0
TOWNSHIP	TAXABLE	0	2,477,406	57,917	28,128,632	0	0	40,925,350	TAXABLE 167,424	0	0
FRANKLIN	SEV	324,234	12,322,739	6,883,063	83,834,650	0	0	109,873,338	SEV 2,086,408	0	0
TOWNSHIP	TAXABLE	176,986	8,944,841	4,845,567	46,062,755	0	0	66,538,801	TAXABLE 1,138,674	0	0
HANCOCK	SEV	0	610,100	0	60,336,600	0	0	63,362,000	SEV 1,526,200	0	0
TOWNSHIP	TAXABLE	0	396,053	0	34,714,180	0	0	37,525,533	TAXABLE 652,534	0	0
LAIRD	SEV	3,543,053	680,083	0	36,348,390	0	0	41,309,214	SEV 880,243	0	0
TOWNSHIP	TAXABLE	1,362,272	528,894	0	21,231,268	0	0	23,860,122	TAXABLE 407,567	0	0
OSCEOLA	SEV	946,836	6,667,091	4,694,898	85,917,639	690,215	0	103,600,865	SEV 1,262,947	0	0
TOWNSHIP	TAXABLE	261,327	5,636,017	3,040,840	48,624,794	558,257	0	62,805,421	TAXABLE 680,966	0	0

HOUGHTON COUNTY RE-CAP OF STATE EQUALIZED & TAXABLE VALUES FOR YEAR: 2026

		101 AGRI- CULTURAL	201 COMMERCIAL	301 INDUSTRIAL	401 RESIDENTIAL	501 TIMBER CUTOVER	601 DEVELOP- MENTAL	TOTAL REAL	PERSONAL	TOTAL REAL & PERSONAL	VETERAN'S EXEMPTION MCL 211.78		SENIOR CITIDIS HOUSING MCL 211.7D	POVERTY EXEMPTION MCL 211.7U
											SEV	TAXABLE		
PORTAGE	SEV	7,117,298	21,660,103	6,410,005	217,409,478	4,877,754	0	257,474,638	8,903,686	266,378,324	SEV	3,886,563	0	0
TOWNSHIP	TAXABLE	3,456,083	15,479,873	4,095,772	124,914,228	2,088,033	0	150,033,989	8,903,686	158,937,675	TAXABLE	2,399,289	0	0
QUINCY	SEV	0	5,591,191	304,500	17,854,624	0	0	23,750,315	8,057,626	31,807,941	SEV	172,002	0	0
TOWNSHIP	TAXABLE	0	5,118,969	202,386	11,261,373	0	0	16,582,728	8,057,626	24,640,354	TAXABLE	99,841	0	0
HOOLCRAFT	SEV	2,459,860	6,120,696	0	100,657,065	2,733,866	0	111,971,487	2,096,447	114,067,934	SEV	2,363,123	0	0
TOWNSHIP	TAXABLE	977,597	3,928,747	0	53,064,646	1,405,428	0	59,376,418	2,096,447	61,472,865	TAXABLE	1,438,532	0	0
STANTON	SEV	2,981,600	1,444,400	0	139,625,107	373,900	0	144,425,007	1,913,562	146,338,569	SEV	2,901,200	0	0
TOWNSHIP	TAXABLE	1,666,138	1,193,781	0	86,854,447	226,179	0	89,940,545	1,913,562	91,854,107	TAXABLE	2,062,728	0	0
FORCH LAKE	SEV	1,148,228	5,893,029	1,511,034	232,901,820	5,183,344	0	246,637,455	3,371,587	250,009,042	SEV	2,447,774	0	0
TOWNSHIP	TAXABLE	481,202	4,089,667	1,113,590	134,473,082	2,370,406	0	142,527,947	3,371,587	145,899,534	TAXABLE	1,498,435	0	0
HANCOCK	SEV	0	85,935,248	2,035,399	149,347,443	0	0	237,318,090	10,187,757	247,505,847	SEV	3,474,808	0	0
CITY	TAXABLE	0	58,850,735	1,489,281	92,525,637	0	0	152,865,653	10,187,757	163,053,410	TAXABLE	2,181,981	0	0
HOUGHTON	SEV	0	97,025,285	1,754,427	179,998,067	0	1,368,482	280,146,261	8,034,985	288,181,246	SEV	1,635,851	222,442	0
CITY	TAXABLE	0	76,365,214	1,403,404	119,497,248	0	773,902	198,039,768	8,034,985	206,074,753	TAXABLE	1,150,263	222,442	0
HOUGHTON COUNTY	SEV	23,789,044	300,423,076	30,471,168	1,813,832,975	17,410,072	1,368,482	2,187,294,817	99,123,978	2,286,418,795	SEV	36,296,798	545,799	198,482
TOTALS:	TAXABLE	11,326,557	220,889,880	20,664,173	1,062,901,549	8,469,253	773,902	1,325,025,314	99,123,978	1,424,149,292	TAXABLE	21,241,021	451,448	118,752

CHANGES TO STATE EQUALIZED VALUE FOR HOUGHTON COUNTY BETWEEN 2025 to 2026

TOWNSHIPS/CITIES	AGRICULTURAL	COMMERCIAL	INDUSTRIAL	RESIDENTIAL	TIMBER-CUTOVER	DEVELOPMENTAL	TOTAL REAL	PERSONAL	TOTAL REAL & PERSONAL
ADAMS TWP									
2025 SEV	0	12,668,072	2,908,482	78,540,202	54,269	0	94,171,025	17,283,908	111,454,933
2026 SEV	0	14,669,349	2,860,340	87,185,860	103,585	0	104,819,134	17,644,223	122,463,357
Change	0	2,001,277	-48,142	8,645,658	49,316	0	10,648,109	360,315	11,008,424
% of Change	0.00	15.80	-1.66	11.01	90.87	0.00	11.31	2.08	9.88
CALUMET TWP									
2025 SEV	0	28,109,461	3,047,994	190,185,457	1,257,276	0	222,600,188	8,960,687	231,560,875
2026 SEV	0	31,777,217	3,915,796	212,372,708	1,348,033	0	249,413,754	9,532,964	258,946,718
Change	0	3,667,756	867,802	22,187,251	90,757	0	26,813,566	572,277	27,385,843
% of Change	0.00	13.05	28.47	11.67	7.22	0.00	12.05	6.39	11.83
CHASSELL TWP									
2025 SEV	3,459,900	4,814,200	0	123,511,300	0	0	131,785,400	2,950,300	134,735,700
2026 SEV	4,079,800	5,394,900	0	139,256,200	0	0	148,730,900	2,901,000	151,631,900
Change	619,900	580,700	0	15,744,900	0	0	16,945,500	-49,300	16,896,200
% of Change	17.92	12.06	0.00	12.75	0.00	0.00	12.86	-1.67	12.54
DUNCAN TWP									
2025 SEV	980,432	1,253,443	0	22,713,371	1,990,361	0	26,937,607	1,248,515	28,186,122
2026 SEV	1,188,135	1,412,235	0	23,609,132	2,099,375	0	28,308,877	1,872,920	30,181,797
Change	207,703	158,792	0	895,761	109,014	0	1,371,270	624,405	1,995,675
% of Change	21.18	12.67	0.00	3.94	5.48	0.00	5.09	50.01	7.08
ELM RIVER TWP									
2025 SEV	0	3,443,602	86,083	40,101,495	0	0	43,631,180	10,430,902	54,062,082
2026 SEV	0	3,219,410	101,706	47,178,192	0	0	50,499,308	10,261,395	60,760,703
Change	0	-224,192	15,623	7,076,697	0	0	6,868,128	-169,507	6,698,621
% of Change	0.00	-6.51	18.15	17.65	0.00	0.00	15.74	-1.63	12.39
FRANKLIN TWP									
2025 SEV	281,847	10,923,083	5,930,358	76,920,071	0	0	94,055,359	5,674,371	99,729,730
2026 SEV	324,234	12,322,739	6,883,063	83,834,650	0	0	103,864,686	6,508,652	109,873,338
Change	42,387	1,399,656	952,705	6,914,579	0	0	9,309,327	834,281	10,143,608
% of Change	15.04	12.81	16.06	8.99	0.00	0.00	9.90	14.70	10.17

CHANGES TO STATE EQUALIZED VALUE FOR HOUGHTON COUNTY BETWEEN 2025 to 2026

TOWNSHIPS/CITIES	AGRICULTURAL	COMMERCIAL	INDUSTRIAL	RESIDENTIAL	TIMBER-CUTOVER	DEVELOPMENTAL	TOTAL REAL	PERSONAL	TOTAL REAL & PERSONAL
HANCOCK TWP									
2025 SEV	0	524,000	0	54,213,900	0	0	54,737,900	2,420,400	57,158,300
2026 SEV	0	610,100	0	60,336,600	0	0	60,946,700	2,415,300	63,362,000
Change	0	86,100	0	6,122,700	0	0	6,208,800	-5,100	6,203,700
% of Change	0.00	16.43	0.00	11.29	0.00	0.00	11.34	-0.21	10.85
LAIRD TWP									
2025 SEV	2,756,995	600,678	0	31,325,869	0	0	34,683,542	705,312	35,388,854
2026 SEV	3,543,053	680,083	0	36,348,390	0	0	40,571,526	737,688	41,309,214
Change	786,058	79,405	0	5,022,521	0	0	5,887,984	32,376	5,920,360
% of Change	28.51	13.22	0.00	16.03	0.00	0.00	16.98	4.59	16.73
OSCEOLA TWP									
2025 SEV	823,578	6,008,975	4,149,716	77,208,167	661,818	0	88,852,254	3,842,272	92,694,526
2026 SEV	946,836	6,667,091	4,694,898	85,917,639	690,215	0	98,916,679	4,684,186	103,600,865
Change	123,258	658,116	545,182	8,709,472	28,397	0	10,064,425	841,914	10,906,339
% of Change	14.97	10.95	13.14	11.28	4.29	0.00	11.33	21.91	11.77
PORTAGE TWP									
2025 SEV	5,901,378	20,032,490	6,144,132	186,990,325	4,437,661	0	223,505,986	8,607,199	232,113,185
2026 SEV	7,117,298	21,660,103	6,410,005	217,409,478	4,877,754	0	257,474,638	8,903,686	266,378,324
Change	1,215,920	1,627,613	265,873	30,419,153	440,093	0	33,968,652	296,487	34,265,139
% of Change	20.60	8.12	4.33	16.27	9.92	0.00	15.20	3.44	14.76
QUINCY TWP									
2025 SEV	0	2,780,855	256,000	15,854,064	0	0	18,890,919	820,059	19,710,978
2026 SEV	0	5,591,191	304,500	17,854,624	0	0	23,750,315	8,057,626	31,807,941
Change	0	2,810,336	48,500	2,000,560	0	0	4,859,396	7,237,567	12,096,963
% of Change	0.00	101.06	18.95	12.62	0.00	0.00	25.72	882.57	61.37
SCHOOLCRAFT TWP									
2025 SEV	2,266,552	5,250,318	0	88,159,430	2,716,778	0	98,393,078	2,017,946	100,411,024
2026 SEV	2,459,860	6,120,696	0	100,657,065	2,733,866	0	111,971,487	2,096,447	114,067,934
Change	193,308	870,378	0	12,497,635	17,088	0	13,578,409	78,501	13,656,910
% of Change	8.53	16.58	0.00	14.18	0.63	0.00	13.80	3.89	13.60

CHANGES TO STATE EQUALIZED VALUE FOR HOUGHTON COUNTY BETWEEN 2025 to 2026

TOWNSHIPS/CITIES	AGRICULTURAL	COMMERCIAL	INDUSTRIAL	RESIDENTIAL	TIMBER-CUTOVER	DEVELOPMENTAL	TOTAL REAL	PERSONAL	TOTAL REAL & PERSONAL
STANTON TWP									
2025 SEV	2,505,800	1,199,100	0	127,935,221	368,200	0	132,008,321	2,004,279	134,012,600
2026 SEV	2,981,600	1,444,400	0	139,625,107	373,900	0	144,425,007	1,913,562	146,338,569
Change	475,800	245,300	0	11,689,886	5,700	0	12,416,686	-90,717	12,325,969
% of Change	18.99	20.46	0.00	9.14	1.55	0.00	9.41	-4.53	9.20
TORCH LAKE TWP									
2025 SEV	925,573	4,584,339	1,193,407	200,937,356	4,937,410	0	212,578,085	3,463,674	216,041,759
2026 SEV	1,148,228	5,893,029	1,511,034	232,901,820	5,183,344	0	246,637,455	3,371,587	250,009,042
Change	222,655	1,308,690	317,627	31,964,464	245,934	0	34,059,370	-92,087	33,967,283
% of Change	24.06	28.55	26.62	15.91	4.98	0.00	16.02	-2.66	15.72
HANCOCK CITY									
2025 SEV	0	78,534,717	1,864,689	135,521,806	0	0	215,921,212	9,205,796	225,127,008
2026 SEV	0	85,935,248	2,035,399	149,347,443	0	0	237,318,090	10,187,757	247,505,847
Change	0	7,400,531	170,710	13,825,637	0	0	21,396,878	981,961	22,378,839
% of Change	0.00	9.42	9.15	10.20	0.00	0.00	9.91	10.67	9.94
HOUGHTON CITY									
2025 SEV	0	91,034,462	1,700,082	165,904,058	0	2,683,874	261,322,476	8,169,348	269,491,824
2026 SEV	0	97,025,285	1,754,427	179,998,067	0	1,368,482	280,146,261	8,034,985	288,181,246
Change	0	5,990,823	54,345	14,094,009	0	-1,315,392	18,823,785	-134,363	18,689,422
% of Change	0.00	6.58	3.20	8.50	0.00	-49.01	7.20	-1.64	6.94
COUNTY TOTALS									
2025 SEV	19,902,055	271,761,795	27,280,943	1,616,022,092	16,423,773	2,683,874	1,954,074,532	87,804,968	2,041,879,500
2026 SEV	23,789,044	300,423,076	30,471,168	1,813,832,975	17,410,072	1,368,482	2,187,294,817	99,123,978	2,286,418,795
Change	3,886,989	28,661,281	3,190,225	197,810,883	986,299	-1,315,392	233,220,285	11,319,010	244,539,295
% of Change	19.53%	10.55%	11.69%	12.24%	6.01%	-49.01%	11.94%	12.89%	11.98%
ASSESSED VALUE									
% BY CLASS	1.04%	13.14%	1.33%	79.33%	0.76%	0.06%	95.66%	4.34%	100.00%

CHANGES TO TAXABLE VALUE FOR HOUGHTON COUNTY BETWEEN 2025 to 2026

TOWNSHIPS/CITIES	AGRICULTURAL	COMMERCIAL	INDUSTRIAL	RESIDENTIAL	TIMBER-CUTOVER	DEVELOPMENTAL	TOTAL REAL	PERSONAL	TOTAL REAL & PERSONAL
ADAMS TWP									
2025 Taxable	0	10,328,255	1,383,314	47,063,658	54,269	0	58,829,496	17,283,908	76,113,404
2026 Taxable	0	10,694,671	1,440,057	50,104,128	96,478	0	62,335,334	17,644,223	79,979,557
Change	0	366,416	56,743	3,040,470	42,209	0	3,505,838	360,315	3,866,153
% of Change	0.00	3.55	4.10	6.46	77.78	0.00	5.96	2.08	5.08
CALUMET TWP									
2025 Taxable	0	21,180,376	2,696,876	105,972,766	803,053	0	130,653,071	8,960,687	139,613,758
2026 Taxable	0	22,189,962	2,975,359	112,689,466	700,204	0	138,564,991	9,532,964	148,087,955
Change	0	1,009,586	278,483	6,716,700	-102,849	0	7,901,920	572,277	8,474,197
% of Change	0.00	4.77	10.33	6.34	-12.81	0.00	6.05	6.39	6.07
CHASSELL TWP									
2025 Taxable	2,335,040	3,600,060	0	78,419,864	0	0	84,354,964	2,950,300	87,305,264
2026 Taxable	2,350,977	3,879,806	0	83,937,384	0	0	90,168,167	2,901,000	93,069,167
Change	15,937	279,746	0	5,517,520	0	0	5,813,203	-49,300	5,763,903
% of Change	0.68	7.77	0.00	7.04	0.00	0.00	6.89	-1.67	6.60
DUNCAN TWP									
2025 Taxable	578,364	1,006,190	0	14,738,733	985,575	0	17,308,862	1,248,515	18,557,377
2026 Taxable	593,975	1,115,244	0	14,818,281	1,024,268	0	17,551,768	1,872,920	19,424,688
Change	15,611	109,054	0	79,548	38,693	0	242,906	624,405	867,311
% of Change	2.70	10.84	0.00	0.54	3.93	0.00	1.40	50.01	4.67
ELM RIVER TWP									
2025 Taxable	0	2,582,573	56,398	25,961,099	0	0	28,600,070	10,430,902	39,030,972
2026 Taxable	0	2,477,406	57,917	28,128,632	0	0	30,663,955	10,261,395	40,925,350
Change	0	-105,167	1,519	2,167,533	0	0	2,063,885	-169,507	1,894,378
% of Change	0.00	-4.07	2.69	8.35	0.00	0.00	7.22	-1.63	4.85
FRANKLIN TWP									
2025 Taxable	172,334	8,259,230	4,587,300	42,972,486	0	0	55,991,350	5,674,371	61,665,721
2026 Taxable	176,986	8,944,841	4,845,567	46,062,755	0	0	60,030,149	6,508,652	66,538,801
Change	4,652	685,611	258,267	3,090,269	0	0	4,038,799	834,281	4,873,080
% of Change	2.70	8.30	5.63	7.19	0.00	0.00	7.21	14.70	7.90

CHANGES TO TAXABLE VALUE FOR HOUGHTON COUNTY BETWEEN 2025 to 2026

TOWNSHIPS/CITIES	AGRICULTURAL	COMMERCIAL	INDUSTRIAL	RESIDENTIAL	TIMBER-CUTOVER	DEVELOPMENTAL	TOTAL REAL	PERSONAL	TOTAL REAL & PERSONAL
HANCOCK TWP									
2025 Taxable	0	385,642	0	31,845,035	0	0	32,230,677	2,420,400	34,651,077
2026 Taxable	0	396,053	0	34,714,180	0	0	35,110,233	2,415,300	37,525,533
Change	0	10,411	0	2,869,145	0	0	2,879,556	-5,100	2,874,456
% of Change	0.00	2.70	0.00	9.01	0.00	0.00	8.93	-0.21	8.30
LAIRD TWP									
2025 Taxable	1,316,663	514,993	0	20,178,070	0	0	22,009,726	705,312	22,715,038
2026 Taxable	1,362,272	528,894	0	21,231,268	0	0	23,122,434	737,688	23,860,122
Change	45,609	13,901	0	1,053,198	0	0	1,112,708	32,376	1,145,084
% of Change	3.46	2.70	0.00	5.22	0.00	0.00	5.06	4.59	5.04
OSCEOLA TWP									
2025 Taxable	254,462	5,352,795	2,725,542	45,242,777	554,586	0	54,130,162	3,842,272	57,972,434
2026 Taxable	261,327	5,636,017	3,040,840	48,624,794	558,257	0	58,121,235	4,684,186	62,805,421
Change	6,865	283,222	315,298	3,382,017	3,671	0	3,991,073	841,914	4,832,987
% of Change	2.70	5.29	11.57	7.48	0.66	0.00	7.37	21.91	8.34
PORTAGE TWP									
2025 Taxable	3,246,398	14,606,034	4,028,328	116,147,709	2,073,571	0	140,102,040	8,607,199	148,709,239
2026 Taxable	3,456,083	15,479,873	4,095,772	124,914,228	2,088,033	0	150,033,989	8,903,686	158,937,675
Change	209,685	873,839	67,444	8,766,519	14,462	0	9,931,949	296,487	10,228,436
% of Change	6.46	5.98	1.67	7.55	0.70	0.00	7.09	3.44	6.88
QUINCY TWP									
2025 Taxable	0	2,540,653	197,152	10,785,383	0	0	13,523,188	820,059	14,343,247
2026 Taxable	0	5,118,969	202,386	11,261,373	0	0	16,582,728	8,057,626	24,640,354
Change	0	2,578,316	5,234	475,990	0	0	3,059,540	7,237,567	10,297,107
% of Change	0.00	101.48	2.65	4.41	0.00	0.00	22.62	882.57	71.79
SCHOOLCRAFT TWP									
2025 Taxable	1,086,408	3,830,132	0	50,133,831	1,354,524	0	56,404,895	2,017,946	58,422,841
2026 Taxable	977,597	3,928,747	0	53,064,646	1,405,428	0	59,376,418	2,096,447	61,472,865
Change	-108,811	98,615	0	2,930,815	50,904	0	2,971,523	78,501	3,050,024
% of Change	-10.02	2.57	0.00	5.85	3.76	0.00	5.27	3.89	5.22

CHANGES TO TAXABLE VALUE FOR HOUGHTON COUNTY BETWEEN 2025 to 2026

TOWNSHIPS/CITIES	AGRICULTURAL	COMMERCIAL	INDUSTRIAL	RESIDENTIAL	TIMBER-CUTOVER	DEVELOPMENTAL	TOTAL REAL	PERSONAL	TOTAL REAL & PERSONAL
STANTON TWP									
2025 Taxable	1,514,355	927,542	0	81,424,182	226,805	0	84,092,884	2,004,279	86,097,163
2026 Taxable	1,666,138	1,193,781	0	86,854,447	226,179	0	89,940,545	1,913,562	91,854,107
Change	151,783	266,239	0	5,430,265	-626	0	5,847,661	-90,717	5,756,944
% of Change	10.02	28.70	0.00	6.67	-0.28	0.00	6.95	-4.53	6.69
TORCH LAKE TWP									
2025 Taxable	416,017	3,937,044	1,084,315	127,275,833	2,197,575	0	134,910,784	3,463,674	138,374,458
2026 Taxable	481,202	4,089,667	1,113,590	134,473,082	2,370,406	0	142,527,947	3,371,587	145,899,534
Change	65,185	152,623	29,275	7,197,249	172,831	0	7,617,163	-92,087	7,525,076
% of Change	15.67	3.88	2.70	5.65	7.86	0.00	5.65	-2.66	5.44
HANCOCK CITY									
2025 Taxable	0	57,076,859	1,450,136	86,842,413	0	0	145,369,408	9,205,796	154,575,204
2026 Taxable	0	58,850,735	1,489,281	92,525,637	0	0	152,865,653	10,187,757	163,053,410
Change	0	1,773,876	39,145	5,683,224	0	0	7,496,245	981,961	8,478,206
% of Change	0.00	3.11	2.70	6.54	0.00	0.00	5.16	10.67	5.48
HOUGHTON CITY									
2025 Taxable	0	71,271,038	1,366,513	113,027,871	0	2,238,343	187,903,765	8,169,348	196,073,113
2026 Taxable	0	76,365,214	1,403,404	119,497,248	0	773,902	198,039,768	8,034,985	206,074,753
Change	0	5,094,176	36,891	6,469,377	0	-1,464,441	10,136,003	-134,363	10,001,640
% of Change	0.00	7.15	2.70	5.72	0.00	-65.43	5.39	-1.64	5.10
COUNTY TOTALS									
2025 Taxable	10,920,041	207,399,416	19,575,874	998,031,710	8,249,958	2,238,343	1,246,415,342	87,804,968	1,334,220,310
2026 Taxable	11,326,557	220,889,880	20,664,173	1,062,901,549	8,469,253	773,902	1,325,025,314	99,123,978	1,424,149,292
CHANGE	406,516	13,490,464	1,088,299	64,869,839	219,295	-1,464,441	78,609,972	11,319,010	89,928,982
% of Change	3.72%	6.50%	5.56%	6.50%	2.66%	-65.43%	6.31%	12.89%	6.74%
% BY CLASS	0.8%	15.5%	1.5%	74.6%	0.6%	0.1%	93.0%	7.0%	100.00%

HOUGHTON COUNTY--2026 HOMESTEAD (PRE) & NON-HOMESTEAD (NON-PRE) VALUE COMPARISONS
ALL FIGURES ARE EXPRESSED IN TAXABLE VALUE

UNIT	2026 % OF PRE	2026 % OF NON-PRE	2026 PRE		2026 NON-PRE		2026 TAXABLE VALUE w/ EX	2026 VETERANS EX MCL 211.7B	2026 SEN CIT/DIS HSG MCL 211.7D	2026 TAXABLE VALUE MINUS EX
			TAXABLE VALUE	TAXABLE VALUE	TAXABLE VALUE	TAXABLE VALUE				
001 ADAMS	65.2%	34.8%	52,133,025	27,846,532	79,979,557	1,067,458	0	78,912,099		
001/045 SOUTH RANGE VILLAGE	57.0%	43.0%	10,033,351	7,573,288	17,606,639			17,606,639		
002 CALUMET	55.9%	44.1%	82,789,840	65,298,115	148,087,955	3,622,613	229,006	144,236,336		
002/041 CALUMET VILLAGE	27.2%	72.8%	3,455,609	9,270,993	12,726,602			12,726,602		
002/042 COPPER CITY VILLAGE	61.6%	38.4%	1,740,668	1,084,109	2,824,777			2,824,777		
002/044 LAURIUM VILLAGE	68.2%	31.8%	23,912,270	11,127,241	35,039,511			35,039,511		
003 CHASSELL	71.9%	28.1%	66,929,787	26,139,380	93,069,167	2,362,549	0	90,706,618		
004 DUNCAN	30.5%	69.5%	5,932,105	13,492,583	19,424,688	310,167	0	19,114,521		
005 ELM RIVER	27.5%	72.5%	11,258,108	29,667,242	40,925,350	167,424	0	40,757,926		
006 FRANKLIN	54.7%	45.3%	36,406,737	30,132,064	66,538,801	1,138,674	0	65,400,127		
007 HANCOCK TWP	70.5%	29.5%	26,438,314	11,087,219	37,525,533	652,534	0	36,872,999		
008 LAIRD	53.3%	46.7%	12,715,337	11,144,785	23,860,122	407,567	0	23,452,555		

UNIT	2026 % OF		2026 PRE		2026 NON-PRE		2026 TAXABLE		2026 VETERANS EX		2026 SEN CIT/DIS HSG		2026 TAXABLE VALUE	
	PRE	NON-PRE	TAXABLE VALUE	TAXABLE VALUE	TAXABLE VALUE	TAXABLE VALUE	MCL 211.7B	MCL 211.7D	MCL 211.7B	MCL 211.7D	MINUS EX	MINUS EX		
009 OSCEOLA	59.8%	40.2%	37,539,267	25,266,154	62,805,421	680,966	0	0	62,124,455					
010 PORTAGE	58.5%	41.5%	92,983,960	65,953,715	158,937,675	2,399,289	0	0	156,538,386					
011 QUINCY	38.4%	61.6%	9,450,984	15,189,370	24,640,354	99,841	0	0	24,540,513					
012 SCHOOLCRAFT	62.6%	37.4%	38,488,464	22,984,401	61,472,865	1,438,532	0	0	60,034,333					
012/043 LAKE LINDEN VILLAGE	63.6%	36.4%	12,180,416	6,966,385	19,146,801				19,146,801					
013 STANTON	67.9%	32.1%	62,382,062	29,472,045	91,854,107	2,062,728	0	0	89,791,379					
014 TORCH LAKE	50.2%	49.8%	73,220,353	72,679,181	145,899,534	1,498,435	0	0	144,401,099					
051 HANCOCK CITY	49.9%	50.1%	81,339,751	81,713,659	163,053,410	2,181,981	0	0	160,871,429					
052 HOUGHTON CITY	44.3%	55.7%	91,283,267	114,791,486	206,074,753	1,150,263	222,442	222,442	204,702,048					
2026 % TOTALS: 54.9% 45.1%														
2026 HOUGHTON COUNTY PRE & NON-PRE TOTALS: 781,291,361 642,857,931 1,424,149,292 21,241,021 451,448 1,402,456,823														
PRE NON-PRE														

HOUGHTON COUNTY EQUALIZATION DEPARTMENT

April 14, 2026

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>% OF COUNTY BY EQUALIZED VALUE</u>	<u>% OF COUNTY BY TAXABLE VALUE</u>	<u>2026 EQUALIZED VALUE</u>	<u>2026 TAXABLE VALUE</u>
			2,286,418,795	1,424,149,292
ADAMS	5.36% # 8	5.62% # 8	122,463,357	79,979,557
CALUMET	11.33% # 3	10.40% # 4	258,946,718	148,087,955
CHASSELL	6.63% # 6	6.54% # 6	151,631,900	93,069,167
DUNCAN	1.32% # 16	1.36% # 16	30,181,797	19,424,688
ELM RIVER	2.66% # 13	2.87% # 12	60,760,703	40,925,350
FRANKLIN	4.81% # 10	4.67% # 9	109,873,338	66,538,801
HANCOCK TWP	2.77% # 12	2.63% # 13	63,362,000	37,525,533
LAIRD	1.81% # 14	1.68% # 15	41,309,214	23,860,122
OSCEOLA	4.53% # 11	4.41% # 10	103,600,865	62,805,421
PORTAGE	11.65% # 2	11.16% # 3	266,378,324	158,937,675
QUINCY	1.39% # 15	1.73% # 14	31,807,941	24,640,354
SCHOOLCRAFT	4.99% # 9	4.32% # 11	114,067,934	61,472,865
STANTON	6.40% # 7	6.45% # 7	146,338,569	91,854,107
TORCH LAKE	10.93% # 4	10.24% # 5	250,009,042	145,899,534
HANCOCK CITY	10.83% # 5	11.45% # 2	247,505,847	163,053,410
HOUGHTON CITY	12.60% # 1	14.47% # 1	288,181,246	206,074,753
	100.00%	100.00%		
<u>HOUGHTON COUNTY TOTAL EQUALIZED & TAXABLE VALUE:</u>			<u>2,286,418,795</u>	<u>1,424,149,292</u>

HOUGHTON COUNTY--2026--% OF VALUE CHANGE BY UNIT--BOTH ASSESSED & TAXABLE VALUES
FROM YEAR 2025 TO YEAR 2026

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>% OF ASSESSED CHANGE</u>	<u>% OF TAXABLE CHANGE</u>	<u>ASSESSED 2025 (AV)</u>	<u>ASSESSED 2026 (AV)</u>	<u>TAXABLE 2025 (TV)</u>	<u>TAXABLE 2026 (TV)</u>
			2,041,879,500	2,286,418,795	1,334,220,310	1,424,149,292
ADAMS	9.88%	5.08%	111,454,933	122,463,357	76,113,404	79,979,557
CALUMET	11.83%	6.07%	231,560,875	258,946,718	139,613,758	148,087,955
CHASSELL	12.54%	6.60%	134,735,700	151,631,900	87,305,264	93,069,167
DUNCAN	7.08%	4.67%	28,186,122	30,181,797	18,557,377	19,424,688
ELM RIVER	12.39%	4.85%	54,062,082	60,760,703	39,030,972	40,925,350
FRANKLIN	10.17%	7.90%	99,729,730	109,873,338	61,665,721	66,538,801
HANCOCK TWP	10.85%	8.30%	57,158,300	63,362,000	34,651,077	37,525,533
LAIRD	16.73%	5.04%	35,388,854	41,309,214	22,715,038	23,860,122
OSCEOLA	11.77%	8.34%	92,694,526	103,600,865	57,972,434	62,805,421
PORTAGE	14.76%	6.88%	232,113,185	266,378,324	148,709,239	158,937,675
QUINCY	61.37%	71.79%	19,710,978	31,807,941	14,343,247	24,640,354
SCHOOLCRAFT	13.60%	5.22%	100,411,024	114,067,934	58,422,841	61,472,865
STANTON	9.20%	6.69%	134,012,600	146,338,569	86,097,163	91,854,107
TORCH LAKE	15.72%	5.44%	216,041,759	250,009,042	136,374,458	145,899,534
HANCOCK CITY	9.94%	5.48%	225,127,008	247,505,847	154,575,204	163,053,410
HOUGHTON CITY	6.94%	5.10%	269,491,824	288,181,246	196,073,113	206,074,753
<u>TOTAL COUNTY:</u>	<u>11.98%</u>	<u>6.74%</u>	<u>2,041,879,500</u>	<u>2,286,418,795</u>	<u>1,334,220,310</u>	<u>1,424,149,292</u>

2026 PARCEL COUNTS
HOUGHTON COUNTY EQUALIZATION
April 14, 2026


TOWNSHIP/CITY	AG	COMM	IND	RES	T-C	DEV	TOTAL REAL	TOTAL PERSONAL	TOTAL REAL & PERSONAL
ADAMS TWP	0	85	11	1,455	4	0	1,555	58	1,613
CALUMET TWP	0	332	38	3,864	42	0	4,276	236	4,512
CHASSELL TWP	66	61	0	1,397	0	0	1,524	38	1,562
DUNCAN TWP	11	23	0	585	51	0	670	25	695
ELM RIVER TWP	0	24	6	540	0	0	570	25	595
FRANKLIN TWP	4	77	29	982	0	0	1,092	73	1,165
HANCOCK TWP	0	5	0	502	0	0	507	11	518
LAIRD TWP	39	7	0	1,029	0	0	1,075	18	1,093
OSCEOLA TWP	9	59	26	1,208	17	0	1,319	70	1,389
PORTAGE TWP	85	128	21	2,227	160	0	2,621	103	2,724
QUINCY TWP	0	17	2	177	0	0	196	17	213
SCHOOLCRAFT TWP	34	74	0	1,346	97	0	1,551	62	1,613
STANTON TWP	46	10	0	1,637	8	0	1,701	20	1,721
TORCH LAKE TWP	21	36	4	2,378	167	0	2,606	57	2,663
HANCOCK CITY	0	449	16	1,340	0	0	1,805	187	1,992
HOUGHTON CITY	0	298	7	1,537	0	28	1,870	310	2,180
COUNTY TOTAL	315	1,685	160	22,204	546	28	24,938	1,310	26,248

Collaborative Agreement

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Hello All,

Attached please find the collaborative agreement to rent space at the Salvation Army for 'Connections not Cuffs' activities and events. Please let me know if you have questions or need additional information.

Thank you in advance for your time in reviewing this, and for your ongoing support of this project.

Best,
Gail

Definitions

Agreement - This collaboration agreement as entered into by and between The Salvation Army and the Collaborator

Center- The Salvation Army Hancock Bread of Life Center (HBOLC) 408 Ravine Street, Hancock, MI 49931

The Salvation Army – The Salvation Army in Illinois Corporation, (TSA) 5550 Prairie Stone Pkwy, Hoffman Estates, IL 60192

Collaborator – Houghton County, 401 E Houghton Ave., Houghton, MI 49931

Contractor – Contracted staff working on the SAMHSA-funded 'Connections not Cuffs' Program

Collaborator Representations

The Collaborator represents to TSA the following:

- a. The Collaborator's Federal Employee Identification Number (FEIN) is 38-6004855
- b. The Collaborator is an entity in good standing with its state of incorporation / business registration.

TSA Representations

TSA represents to Collaborator the following:

- a. TSA is an Illinois Corporation,
- b. TSA has the following Federal Employee Identification Number: 36-2167910,
- c. TSA is in good standing with the Secretary of State of Illinois and all other jurisdictions whereby TSA is registered as a foreign corporation,
- d. The individual signing this Agreement for the TSA has the proper authority to do so under its organizational documents.

Term of Agreement

This collaborative relationship shall commence at the time of countersignature to this Agreement and shall continue until 09/29/2029. This Agreement will be reviewed for renewal annually to ensure continued compliance with all pertaining funding sources. Any renewal of this Agreement will require review and approval of the appropriate board/council of TSA. However, there shall not be any space available until that time which TSA determines, in their sole discretion, that TSA is ready to commence the activities contemplated under this Agreement.

Scope of Service

Houghton County will partner with The Salvation Army to utilize space in the Hancock Bread of Life Center that includes use of the commercial kitchen, a dedicated office, the gym, community room and kid's rooms. The 'Connections not Cuffs' program will use the Bread of Life Center as a central hub for gatherings that will allow us to host holiday dinners, sober social events, self-help meetings, women's groups, men's groups and AA and NA events. Houghton County will pay The Salvation Army Hancock Bread of Life Center \$1,000 a month for FY 25, increasing to \$1,100 a month for FY 26 and FY 27, increasing to \$1,200 per month for FY 28 and FY 29.

Responsibilities of Contractor:

The following is a list of Contractor responsibilities under this Agreement. Please note that TSA and Contractor agree that this list is not inclusive and may be supplemented by additional responsibilities as further described in this Agreement.

- A) Contractor will be responsible for the overall management and implementation of the program contemplated herein. The Collaborator shall monitor the program for compliance to all applicable laws and regulations.
- B) Contractor agrees to provide copies of their insurance (which is wholly paid for by the Contractor as required by TSA (see requirements attached at Exhibit "A"). The certificates of insurance which are required under TSA policy (with TSA indicated as a named insured) shall be provided prior to TSA prior to execution of this Collaboration Agreement. Further description of this indemnification is described below in "Joint Responsibilities, Section F".
- C) The Contractor shall always provide necessary staff for instruction and supervision of the activities related to the program.
- D) The Contractor agrees to abide by all rules governing activities and behavior at the facility as prescribed by TSA, as may be amended from time to time.
- E) In furtherance of this Agreement and in relation to the work contemplated herein, the Contractor shall, in accordance with the laws of the State where the facility sits, report child abuse and neglect to the proper child protective services (or law enforcement agency), as necessary, and the Contractor also agrees to inform TSA personnel immediately upon learning of any child abuse or neglect occurring at the facility.
- F) The Contractor shall ensure all literature, publications, and advertising of the program and services should list the name of the facility as The Salvation Army of the Copper Country or The Bread of Life Center in Hancock.
- G) The Contractor shall ensure all printed material - which includes or involves The Salvation Army - is approved by the TSA Staff member contact prior to printing, posting and distribution.

H) The Contractor understands that if TSA has actual knowledge that an individual employee or volunteer is a registered sex offender, such individual shall be denied access to The Salvation Army's facility. By signature on this document, Contractor represents to TSA, that Contractor, nor any of Contractor's guests, which may from time to time attend the facility are to Contractor's knowledge registered sex offenders in any legal jurisdiction, and that furthermore, that the Contractor, including its officers, directors, employees and agents have an affirmative duty to TSA to immediately disclose to TSA any change in Contractor's knowledge of the registered sex offender status for any officer, director, agent or employee of Contractor or any of Contractor's guests who may from time to time seek admittance at the facility pursuant to this Agreement.

Responsibilities of TSA:

The Salvation Army shall provide the following:

Facilities: The Center shall provide the Contractor access to the appropriate rooms necessary for the program. The schedule of room use is to be mutually agreed upon based on the timing of the program being collaborated on. TSA will provide the following:

- a. A dedicated office at the HBOLC facility. When available, they will also use the "common areas" in the building which includes the chapel, lobby, gym (including room 5, 6, 7, and storage accessed from the gym floor), large common room, bathrooms, and kitchen.
- b. Access to facility
- c. Contractor will be issued keys to access the building and the common areas. This does not include TSA social services offices.
- d. Maintenance & Repairs (review items under joint responsibilities)
- e. Internet Access
- f. Hours of operation will be mutually agreed upon ahead of any event

Joint Responsibilities

A) Program Monitoring: The Center and Contractor in-conjunction shall co-monitor the program for compliance to all applicable laws and regulations. Such monitoring shall be accomplished by coordinated effort on part of a Contractor staff person and Center liaison.

B) Termination of Agreement: It is agreed this Agreement is effective upon countersignature until 10/31/29. It is further agreed that this Agreement may be terminated upon sixty (60) days written notice by either TSA or the Collaborator.

Because of the interest of the TSA in all program participants, TSA reserves the right to terminate a program immediately if there are illegal or unethical activities or such that are contrary to the mission of TSA, its POSITION STATEMENTS or POLICIES AND PROCEDURES. If it is able, TSA will attempt to continue said program without

the participation of the Contractor until another contractor can be found or the program can be terminated at minimal loss to the participants.

- C) **Maintenance:** The Contractor shall be responsible for cleaning the areas used by it, at the end of each use. (This includes removal of program garbage (if excessive); sweeping and/or wiping up spills on floor area used by Contractor; wiping down tables, counters and cupboards)
- D) **Background Clearance:** The Contractor will ensure that those working directly with minors and/or vulnerable adults on the premises of The Salvation Army have cleared a background check for issues relating to abuses against minors and/or vulnerable adults. The Contractor will obtain Safe-From-Harm training for staff and volunteers who are working directly with children and or vulnerable adults. The Salvation Army reserves the right to have the staff and volunteers fill out The Salvation Army "Working with Minors" form and to do background checks through its normal operating procedures, and in compliance with Salvation Army policy.
- E) **Signage:** Any signage used in conjunction with the Contractor's work at the facility will be approved and posted by TSA. Contractor shall not cause any signage or advertisement to be displayed other than that which is approved and posted by TSA.
- F) **Hold Harmless Indemnification:** Contractor agrees to indemnify TSA pursuant to the terms of the Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement (attached at Exhibit "B"). It is understood that such indemnity shall survive the termination of this Collaboration Agreement.
- G) **Prohibition Against Assignment:** Neither this Collaboration Agreement or any duties or obligations hereunder shall be assignable or transferable to any other party beyond Contractor.
- H) **Modifications:** This Collaboration Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties hereto, and it is acknowledged that no other promises or representation have been made or are relied upon by either party entering into this Agreement. This Agreement shall not be amended or modified in any way except by a written memorandum signed by authorized representatives of the parties.
- I) **Service Alignment:** (The Salvation Army Mission Statement) *The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.*

While the Collaborator and Contractor may or may not hold to the same belief structure as The Salvation Army, its program and staff will make a reasonable effort to not negate, undermine or work against the mission of The Salvation Army, its applicable position statements and its policies or procedures. It will also be open to the natural integration and free expression of the ministry of The Salvation Army to its participants if they choose to through self-determination.

As a federal and state community partner, The Salvation Army remains required to abide by all applicable boundaries, policies and procedures set forth by Federal financial assistance programs such as SAMHSA, TANF, CCDBG, MEAP, etc.

General Business Terms

Applicable Laws and Regulations

This Agreement shall be subject to, governed by and construed according to the laws of the State of Illinois. The Collaborator shall comply with all local, state, and federal laws and regulations related to the performance of this Agreement to the extent that the same may be applicable. To the extent that a provision of this Agreement is contrary to the Constitution or laws of the State of Illinois or of the United States, the provisions shall be void and unenforceable. However, in the event that a provision of this Agreement is determined to be unenforceable, the balance of this Agreement shall remain in force between the parties unless terminated by consent of both the Collaborator and TSA.

The Collaborator must be registered and maintain good standing with the Secretary of State of the State in which the work is to be performed and other regulatory agencies, as may be required by law or regulations. The Collaborator shall utilize personnel authorized to work in the United States in accordance with applicable federal and state laws for work performed in the United States.

No Employee Relationship

Both TSA and Collaborator agree that the Collaborator will not act as an employee in the performance of this Agreement. Accordingly, the Collaborator shall be responsible for payment of all taxes including Federal, State and local taxes arising out of the Collaborator's activities in accordance with this Agreement, including by way of illustration but not limitation, Federal and State income tax, Social Security tax, Unemployment Insurance taxes, and any other taxes or business license fees as required. Furthermore, Collaborator is not an employee, agent or entity of TSA for any purpose whatsoever, nor is any personnel employed by the Collaborator to perform this collaborative work under this Agreement to be in any way whatsoever considered employees of TSA. Collaborator further agrees that none of its personnel are entitled to any benefits from TSA under the provision of any applicable Workmen's Compensation Act or any of the benefits granted to employees of TSA. The Collaborator is under an express obligation to inform its employees that they are not entitled to any TSA benefits.

Disputes

All controversies between TSA and the Collaborator which arise under, or are by virtue of, this Agreement and which are not resolved by mutual agreement, shall be decided with litigation being the sole form of dispute resolution in all such disputes, and exclusive jurisdiction for all such disputes under this agreement shall reside in Illinois. The prevailing party to any such litigation shall have its reasonable legal fees paid by the losing party. The

court of competent jurisdiction in Illinois shall determine who is the prevailing party.

Amendments

All amendments to this Agreement must be in writing and signed by both TSA and Collaborator.

Exclusive Agreement

The terms contained in this Agreement, including all attachments hereto, amendments or mutually agreed upon scope changes, shall constitute the entire understanding and agreement between TSA and Collaborator with respect to the collaborative relationship contemplated in this Agreement. This Agreement shall supersede all prior oral and written communications between us and may be amended only in writing and signed by both parties.

No term of this Agreement shall be deemed waived, and no breach of this Agreement excused, unless the waiver or consent is in writing signed by the party granting such waiver or consent.

The terms of this Agreement which by their nature are to survive this agreement will survive its expiration or termination.

Both Collaborator and TSA acknowledge and agree that each party may correspond or convey documentation via internet e-mail and that neither party has control over the performance, reliability, availability, or security of internet e-mail. Therefore, neither Collaborator nor TSA will be liable for any loss, damage, expense, harm or inconvenience resulting from the loss, delay, interception, corruption, or alteration of any internet e-mail due to any reason beyond either party's reasonable control.

This Signature Page is attached to and is an integral part of The Collaboration Agreement by and between TSA and the Collaborator. The individuals executing this document are authorized to do so under the by-laws or governing documents of their respective organizations.

TSA:

THE SALVATION ARMY, an Illinois Corporation

Authorized Signature

Date

Rochelle McClintock

Wisconsin Upper Michigan Divisional Commander

Collaborator:

Houghton County, a Michigan municipality

Authorized Signature

Date

Tom Tikkanen, President

Houghton County Board of Commissioners

Attached

Exhibit A - Certificate of Insurance from Collaborator

Exhibit B - Hold Harmless and Indemnification Form Executed by Collaborator

Exhibit B - Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement

In consideration of the privilege of using the Salvation Army's Hancock Bread of Life Center at 408 Ravine Street, Hancock, MI 49930, Contractor agrees to assume the risk for any injuries, including death, that may be sustained by members of our organization or any person invited as part of our group in connection with the use of said premises.

Further, we agree to indemnify, hold harmless, assume liability for, and defend The Salvation Army Hancock Bread of Life Center, its trustees, officers, members, and agents from all costs and expenses including, but not limited to, attorney's fees, reasonable investigative and discovery costs, court costs, and any other sums which the Hancock Bread of Life Center, its trustees, officers, members, and agents may pay or become obligated to pay for injury, including death, to persons or damage to property resulting from our use of said premises or from our actions or omissions and arising from any cause, including vehicles, except for matters caused by the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the Hancock Bread of Life Center or its trustees, officers, members, and agents while acting within the scope of duties of such relationship to The Salvation Army Hancock Bread of Life Center.

I hereby certify that I have the authority to sign this agreement.

Gail Ploe, 'Connections not Cuffs' Project Director

Jason Rota, 'Connections not Cuffs' Treatment Court Support Specialist

Savanna Weber, 'Connections not Cuffs' SUD/Mental Health Counselor

Madeline Pintar, 'Connections not Cuffs' Peer Recovery Coach

Joe Foster, P.S.
276 Oak Street
Allouez, Michigan 49805

April 6, 2026

Jeff West, P.S.
U.P. Engineers and Architects, Inc.
100 Portage Street
Houghton, Michigan 49931

Dear Jeff,

Enclosed please find your 2026 Survey & Remonumentation contract for Houghton County. Please review, fill out, sign, and include a Certificate of Insurance naming Houghton County as Additional Insured, and return to me by April 13, 2026.

Please contact me with any questions that you may have at (906) 281-1218 or via email at fosterjoe@charter.net.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Joe Foster, P.S.
Houghton/Keweenaw County Representative

Enclosure

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT
2026 Grant
Survey and Remonumentation

This AGREEMENT is made this 14th day of April 2026, by and between the County of Houghton, 401 E. Houghton Avenue, Houghton, MI 49931 and U. P. Engineers & Architects, Inc. (SURVEYOR) (ADDRESS) 100 Portage St., Houghton, MI 49931.

Section 1 - Scope of Work

1.1 Basic Services

1.1.1 The SURVEYOR will provide all services and equipment necessary to monument / remonument the corners as described in Exhibit A attached to and made part of this AGREEMENT.

1.1.2 All work will be performed pursuant to the State Survey and Remonumentation Act, Act 345 of the 1990 Michigan Public Acts and Administrative Rules promulgated there under and the Houghton County Monumentation and Remonumentation Plan approved by the State Remonumentation Plan Commission on August 26, 1992.

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1.1.4 The SURVEYOR may provide monthly written progress reports to the County by the 10th day of each month, will supply any corner reports for presentation to the Peer Review Group, and will attend meetings when the corner reports are reviewed.

1.1.5 Upon acceptance by the COUNTY the SURVEYOR will record corners using appropriate forms and pay the applicable fees.

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1.2.1 The SURVEYOR may provide additional services upon request by the COUNTY related to the Survey and Remonumentation Act including but not limited to: preparation of State progress reports, grant application (s) and Plan amendments.

Section 2 - County Responsibilities

2.1 The COUNTY shall appoint a County Representative who shall be the COUNTY's agent in the performance of this AGREEMENT.

2.2 The COUNTY will provide the SURVEYOR access to all records in its possession pertaining to the work covered by this AGREEMENT.

2.3 The COUNTY shall promptly notify the SURVEYOR of any amendments to Act 345 or changes to the Administrative Rules promulgated there under which may affect the provision of services.

2.4 The COUNTY will provide, at its expense, caps and monument boxes which will be used in the research and monumentation of corners pursuant to this AGREEMENT.

Section 3 - Payment

3.1 The COUNTY will pay the SURVEYOR within 30 days of invoice for services rendered based on the fee schedule contained in EXHIBIT B, made part of this AGREEMENT.

Section 4 - Term of Agreement/Amendments

4.1 This AGREEMENT shall remain in full force and effect until December 31, 2026.

4.2 The work described in EXHIBIT A shall be completed by December 31, 2026.

4.3 By December 1, 2024, and December 1, 2025, Amendments expanding the Scope of Work shall be prepared by the COUNTY describing the next calendar-year work program contained in the Houghton County Monumentation and Remonumentation Plan. These amendments shall be incorporated into this AGREEMENT by mutual consent of the COUNTY and SURVEYOR.

4.4 By December 31, 2024, and December 31, 2025, Amendments adjusting the fees contained in EXHIBIT B shall be prepared by the SURVEYOR and incorporated into this AGREEMENT by mutual consent of the parties.

4.5 Amendments agreed to under subsections 4.3 and 4.4 shall be contingent upon receipt of a Grant offer(s) from the Michigan Department of Commerce, State Survey and Remonumentation Commission for the applicable calendar year.

Section 5 - Assurances/Indemnification

5.1 The Surveyor agrees to comply with all pertinent Federal and State regulations and legislation involving civil rights, equal opportunity, and affirmative action including (but not limited to) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and Act No. 453, Michigan Public Acts of 1976.

5.2 The SURVEYOR and all of its subcontractors are responsible for ensuring that precautions are exercised at all times for the protection of persons and property. The safety provision of all applicable laws and building and construction codes shall be observed. The SURVEYOR and its subcontractors are responsible for compliance with all Federal and State laws and municipal ordinances and regulations in any manner affecting the work in this AGREEMENT and shall at all times carefully observe and comply with all rules, ordinances and regulations. The SURVEYOR and its subcontractors

shall secure all necessary certificates and permits from municipal or other public authorities as may be required in connection with the performance of work covered by this AGREEMENT.

5.3 No member of the Legislature of the State of Michigan or any individual employed by the State shall be permitted to share in this AGREEMENT of any benefit that arises there from.

5.4 The SURVEYOR shall report to the State Contracting Officer within five days after the end of each month that this Agreement is in effect the name(s), social security number(s), and amount of payment made to any former State of Michigan employee who:

- A. Retired from the State between June 2, 1984, and September 30, 1984, under the provisions of Acts 2 and 3 of the Public Acts of 1984; and
- B. Are less than 62 years of age; and
- C. Performed services purchased by the State under the provisions of this AGREEMENT during the month.

No report is required for any month during which the SURVEYOR has no employee as described above assigned to work performed under the provisions of this AGREEMENT.

5.5 To the extent that liabilities, obligations, damages, claims, costs, charges, and expenses are caused by any negligent act, error, or omission of the Monumentation Surveyor (or anyone directly or indirectly employed by it) arising from the services rendered by the Monumentation Surveyor, the Monumentation Surveyor agrees to hold harmless and indemnify the COUNTY and the State of Michigan (and its agents and employees) from and against said liabilities, obligations, damages, claims, costs, charges, and expenses imposed upon the SURVEYOR.

5.6 SURVEYOR shall at all times be an independent contractor and shall not be agent, employee, or representative of the COUNTY. SURVEYOR shall be solely responsible for the selection, supervision, and payment (including the provision of all fringe benefits and withholding of all taxes) of all employees and subcontractors of SURVEYOR necessary to accomplish the work. No such employee of the SURVEYOR shall be an agent of COUNTY.

Section 6 - Insurance

6.1 The SURVEYOR and all of its subcontractors shall provide and maintain during the term of this AGREEMENT public liability, property damage, and worker's compensation insurance insuring the interests of the COUNTY and State of Michigan against any and all claims which may rise out of the SURVEYOR'S or subcontractor operations under the terms of this AGREEMENT.

6.2 Specific insurance provisions are contained in EXHIBIT C attached to and made part of this AGREEMENT.

Section 7 - Assignment

The SURVEYOR may not assign this AGREEMENT without the consent of the COUNTY.

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All documents, reports and certificates prepared by the SURVEYOR with respect to work performed under this AGREEMENT shall be made available to the COUNTY prior to payment for any portion of the work. Upon final payment for any portion of the work copies of all such records shall be delivered to the COUNTY

COUNTY and SURVEYOR, and respective partners, successors, executors, assigns and legal representatives of each are bound by this AGREEMENT to the other party of this AGREEMENT and to the partners, successors, administrators, assigns and legal representatives of such other party inn respect of all covenants, agreements and obligations of this AGREEMENT.

Nothing herein shall be construed to give any rights or benefits hereunder to anyone other than COUNTY and SURVEYOR.

This AGREEMENT constitutes the entire AGREEMENT between COUNTY and SURVEYOR and supersedes all prior written or oral understandings between them. This AGREEMENT may only be amended, supplemented, modified or cancelled by a duly executed, written instrument.

In witness whereof, the parties hereto have made and executed this AGREEMENT as of the day and year first written above.

FOR THE COUNTY

FOR THE SURVEYOR

COUNTY GRANT ADMINISTRATOR

U.P. Engineers & Architects, Inc.

NAME OF FIRM / INDIVIDUAL



AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

DATE

4-06-2026

DATE

EXHIBIT A TO
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT
2026 Grant

Survey and Remonumentation

T53N, R35W:

Research: H-03; I-02, 03; J-03; K-01, 02, 03; L-03 (8 Corners).

Traverse Lines: H-03 to G-03; I-02 to I-01; K-01 to K-13 (T54N, R35W); L-03 to M-03 (4 Lines).

Traverse/cap: H-03; I-02, 03; J-03; K-01, 02, 03; L-03 (8 Corners).

Basic services include:

1. Performing research, field investigation, uncover or locate corner evidence, witnesses (find or establish), assembling all information and providing the County Representative copies for Peer Review Group. Attendance at Peer Review Group meeting(s).
2. Placing State Plane coordinates on each corner. GPS stations will be set approximately two miles apart within one chain of the section line.
3. Traversing Lines.
4. Installing an appropriate corner marker and cap as determined by the County Representative.
5. Filing a Land Corner Recordation Certificate as required by Act 74 of the 1970 Michigan Public Acts, as amended, being Sections 54.201 to 54.219(d) of the Michigan Compiled Laws.
6. Provide Plan maps for each section on reproducible Mylar, 18" x 24" in size including all traverse points and corners.

Additional services required, when so assigned by the County Representative, including reviewing the work of others or in part performing the Basic Services described above for miscellaneous corners not identified above.

EXHIBIT B TO
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT


SURVEY AND REMONUMENTATION
HOUGHTON COUNTY
2026 Grant

PAYMENT/FEE SCHEDULE

BASIC SERVICE	PER CORNER	PER LINE	LCRC'S	MAPS	TOTAL
For research (8)	225.00				1,800.00
Traverse lines (4)		575.00			2,300.00
Traverse/Cap (8)	1,350.00				10,800.00
Installing corner monument					
Filing Recordation Certificate					
Recording Fees:					
8 LCRC's			30.00		240.00
2 Maps				30.00	60.00
TOTAL					\$ 15,200.00

EXHIBIT C TO
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT
SURVEY AND REMONUMENTATION
HOUGHTON COUNTY
2026 Grant

NAME U.P. Engineers & Architects, Inc.
ADDRESS 100 Portage Street
Houghton, MI 49931
WORKERS COMP. INSURANCE CARRIER Accident Fund National
POLICY NUMBER AF WCP 100118018
GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE CARRIER Home-Owners
POLICY NUMBER 33124168
COUNTY ENDORSEMENT See Attached
(ADDITIONAL INSURED)


SIGNATURE

4-06-2026
DATE

PROOF OF INSURANCE IS REQUIRED

NOTICE TO PROCEED

TO: U. P. Engineers & Architects, Inc.
100 Portage St.
Houghton, MI 49931

DATE: April 14, 2026

You are hereby notified to commence work in accordance with the Agreement dated April 14, 2026, on or before April 15, 2026, and you are to complete the WORK within 261 consecutive days thereafter. The date of completion of all WORK is therefore December 31, 2026.

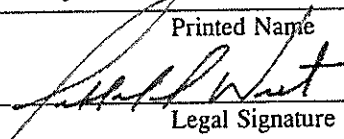
Houghton County, Owner

By: 
Houghton County Representative

ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICE

Receipt of the above NOTICE TO PROCEED is hereby acknowledged by U.P. Engineers & Architects, Inc.
Company Name

this 06 day of April, 2026.

By: Jeffrey J. West, P.S.
Printed Name
By: 
Legal Signature
Title: President

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5. Filing a Land Corner Recordation Certificate as required by Act 74 of the 1970 Michigan Public Acts, as amended, being Sections 54.201 to 54.219(d) of the Michigan Compiled Laws.
6. Provide Plan maps for each section on reproducible Mylar, 18" x 24" in size including all traverse points and corners.

Additional services required, when so assigned by the County Representative, including reviewing the work of others or in part performing the Basic Services described above for miscellaneous corners not identified above.

EXHIBIT B TO
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT


SURVEY AND REMONUMENTATION
HOUGHTON COUNTY
2026 Grant

PAYMENT/FEE SCHEDULE

BASIC SERVICE	PER CORNER	PER LINE	LCRC'S	MAPS	TOTAL
For research (6)	225.00				1,350.00
Traverse lines (3)		575.00			1,725.00
Traverse/Cap (6)	1,350.00				8,100.00
Installing corner monument					
Filing Recordation Certificate					
Recording Fees:					
6 LCRC's			30.00		180.00
2 Maps				30.00	60.00
TOTAL					\$ 11,415.00

EXHIBIT C TO
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT
SURVEY AND REMONUMENTATION
HOUGHTON COUNTY
2026 Grant

NAME CHN SURVEYING LLC
ADDRESS 19582 MCKINLEY ST.
HANCOCK, MI 49930
WORKERS COMP. INSURANCE CARRIER RLI INSURANCE
POLICY NUMBER PSW 0003875
GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE CARRIER RLI INSURANCE
POLICY NUMBER PSB 0006929
COUNTY ENDORSEMENT COUNTY OF HOUGHTON
(ADDITIONAL INSURED)


SIGNATURE

4/10/26
DATE

PROOF OF INSURANCE IS REQUIRED

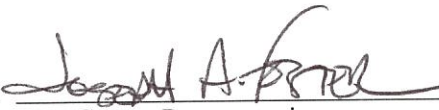
NOTICE TO PROCEED

TO: CHN Surveying
19582 McKinley St.
Hancock, MI 49930

DATE: April 14, 2026

You are hereby notified to commence work in accordance with the Agreement dated April 14, 2026, on or before April 15, 2026, and you are to complete the WORK within 261 consecutive days thereafter. The date of completion of all WORK is therefore December 31, 2026.

Houghton County, Owner

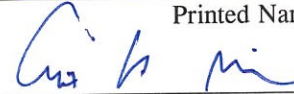
By: 
Houghton County Representative

ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICE

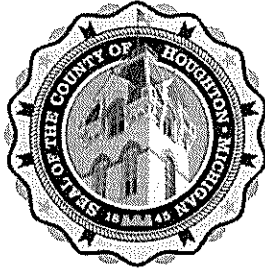
Receipt of the above NOTICE TO PROCEED is hereby acknowledged by CHN SURVEYING LLC
Company Name

this 10 day of APRIL, 2026.

By: CHRISTOPHER A NIELSEN
Printed Name

By: 
Legal Signature

Title: OWNER



**HOUGHTON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

401 E. Houghton Avenue, Houghton, Michigan 49931
Telephone: (906) 482-8307

**RESOLUTION OF HOUGHTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO ESTABLISH
WATER SYSTEM AND SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM RATES AND CHARGES**

RESOLUTION #26-06

WHEREAS, the Houghton County Memorial Airport Committee is required to annually review all water and sewer system rates, fees, and charges, pursuant to Section 10.1 of the Houghton County Industrial Airpark and Memorial Airport Water System Ordinance, and Section 35 of the Houghton County Industrial Airpark and Memorial Airport Sanitary Sewer System Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Airport Committee is further authorized to recommend rate revisions to the Houghton County Board of Commissioners as may from time to time be necessary or appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the Houghton County Memorial Airport Committee has submitted its recommendation to the Houghton County Board of Commissioners for adjustment of water and sewer rates, fees, and charges, as set forth in the proposed Rate Schedule attached as Exhibit A.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: SECTION 1. ADOPTION OF WATER AND SANITARY SEWER RATES The Houghton County Board of Commissioners establishes those water and sanitary sewer rates set forth in the Rate Schedule attached hereto as Exhibit A, effective for the April billing cycle starting on/about April 15th , 2026.

SECTION 2. IMPLEMENTATION The Airport Manager is hereby authorized and directed to take all steps necessary to implement the water and sanitary sewer rates set forth in this.

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

Moved by Commissioner:

Supported by Commissioner:

Roll Call Vote:

Yes:

No:

Absent:

Motion carried.

Tom Tikkanen, Chairman
Houghton County Board of Commission

Date


RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

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 Monthly Meeting held on April 14, 2026, the original of which Resolution is on file in my office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my official signature, this 14th day of April, 2026.

Jennifer Kelly, County Clerk
County of Houghton


 Outlook

Fw: Water / Sewer Rate Resolution information for Board of Commissioners Mtng

From Tom Tikkanen <tom.tikkanen@houghtoncounty.gov>

Date Wed 4/8/2026 4:09 PM

To Chelsea Rheault <chelsea@houghtoncounty.gov>

 6 attachments (544 KB)

Item 1 - 6 - 2026-0326 Resolution Water and Sanitary Sewer Rates.pdf; 2026-03 Water Increase Letter Final.docx; 2026-03 Water and Sewer Increase Letter Final.docx; Torch Lake Area Sewage Authority Resolution_20260126.pdf; Item 1 - 6 - 2026-0326 Water and Sewer Rates, Exhibit A.pdf; Water Sewer Rate Resolution Information Sheet for HCBOC Mtng.docx;

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From: Casey Polkinghorne <casey@cmxairport.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2026 1:02:36 PM

To: Tom Tikkanen <tom.tikkanen@houghtoncounty.gov>; Roy Britz <roy.britz@houghtoncounty.gov>; Glenn Anderson <glenn.anderson@houghtoncounty.gov>

Cc: Jillian Spagnotti <jillian@cmxairport.gov>

Subject: Water / Sewer Rate Resolution information for Board of Commissioners Mtng

Gentlemen,

As you know, I will be out of town at the Voilaire Aviation Forum during the Board of Commissioners meeting next Tuesday and the Water and Sewer Rate Resolution must be presented for a roll call vote.

Here is what is attached to this email:

-“Water Sewer Rate Resolution Information Sheet for HCBOC Mtng” – cliff notes for the meeting – probably the only thing that you may need for the meeting in case you get questions (besides the resolution).

-“Item 1-6 – 2026-0326 Resolution Water and Sanitary Sewer Rates” – The resolution

-“Item 1-6-2026-0326 Water and Sewer Rates, Exhibit A” – Rate sheet – Exhibit A of the resolution

-“2026-03 Water and Sewer Increase Letter Final” – Sample water/sewer letter sent to customers

-“2026-03 Water Increase Letter Final” – Sample water letter sent to customers

-“Torch Lake Area Sewage Authority Resolution” – Resolution that added a \$1.42/1,000 gal for sewer

The resolution was reviewed by Roger Zappa and now that we have a good format (resolution, letters, and rate form) for rate increases, it will be much easier to stay on track annually.

If I am free at the time of the meeting, I will dial in remotely.

I will send the Resolution and Exhibit A to Paige so it can be printed for the meeting and then signed/processed.

Other highlights for the meeting are:

-March was a good month – despite higher-than-average cancellations for the month of March, we had the second highest enplanements in over 20 years (as far as I went back) and a completed load factor of 86%. Last years' numbers (enplanements) was the only year that was slightly higher.

-Sun Country Airlines will be flying out on April 22nd and coming back on April 25h.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I am leaving on Sunday and returning late Thursday night.

Respectfully,
Casey

Casey Polkinghorne
Airport Manager
Houghton County Memorial Airport (CMX)
O: 906-482-3970
C: 906-231-2256
casey@cmxairport.gov

**RESOLUTION OF HOUGHTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TO ESTABLISH WATER SYSTEM AND
SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM RATES AND CHARGES**

RESOLUTION NO. 26 - _____

WHEREAS, the Houghton County Memorial Airport Committee is required to annually review all water and sewer system rates, fees, and charges, pursuant to Section 10.1 of the Houghton County Industrial Airpark and Memorial Airport Water System Ordinance, and Section 35 of the Houghton County Industrial Airpark and Memorial Airport Sanitary Sewer System Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Airport Committee is further authorized to recommend rate revisions to the Houghton County Board of Commissioners as may from time to time be necessary or appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the Houghton County Memorial Airport Committee has submitted its recommendation to the Houghton County Board of Commissioners for adjustment of water and sewer rates, fees, and charges, as set forth in the proposed Rate Schedule attached as Exhibit A.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

SECTION 1. ADOPTION OF WATER AND SANITARY SEWER RATES

The Houghton County Board of Commissioners establishes those water and sanitary sewer rates set forth in the Rate Schedule attached hereto as Exhibit A, effective for the April billing cycle starting on/about April 15th, 2026.

SECTION 2. IMPLEMENTATION

The Airport Manager is hereby authorized and directed to take all steps necessary to implement the water and sanitary sewer rates set forth in this.

MOTION BY: _____

MOTION SUPPORTED BY: _____

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES:

NAYS: _____

ABSENT: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

Motion Carried:

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

Dated: _____, 2026

Tom Tikkanen Chair
Houghton County Board of Commissioners

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss.
COUNTY OF HOUGHTON)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the County of Houghton, Michigan, at a meeting of its Board of Commissioners on the ____ day of _____, 2026, the original of which resolution is on file in my office. I further certify that the meeting was held and the minutes therefor were filed in compliance with Act. No. 267 of the Public Acts of 1976.

Jennifer Kelly, Houghton County Clerk



HOUGHTON COUNTY
MEMORIAL AIRPORT

March 9th, 2026

[Customer Name]
[Customer Address]
[City, State ZIP]

Dear Water Customer,

The Houghton County Airport Committee is proposing an increase in the rates charged to Airport water and sewer customers. These proposed rates reflect increases from Upper Michigan Water Company and Torch Lake Area Sewage Authority, combined with rises in operating costs for both systems.

Proposed Water Rates:

- Minimum Base Rate: \$50.48 for the first 2,000 gallons or less
- Administrative Fee: \$10.00
- Additional Usage: \$26.24 per 1,000 gallons above the first 2,000 gallons

In addition to these rate changes, supplementary water and/or sewer fees will also be implemented (as applicable). A detailed breakdown of these fees is included in the attached document for your review.

The rate changes will become effective with the April 2026 billing cycle. The Committee will hold a public hearing on March 26, 2026, at 1:00 PM in the Houghton County Memorial Airport conference room to address any questions or concerns you may have.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we work to maintain high-quality water and sewer services for our community.

Sincerely,

Casey J. Polkinghorne
Airport Manager
Houghton County Memorial Airport

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HOUGHTON COUNTY
MEMORIAL AIRPORT

March 9th, 2026

[Customer Name]
[Customer Address]
[City, State ZIP]

Dear Water and Sewer Customer,

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Proposed Water Rates:

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- Administrative Fee: \$10.00
- Additional Usage: \$26.24 per 1,000 gallons above the first 2,000 gallons

Proposed Sewer Rates:

- Minimum Base Rate: \$105.00 for the first 2,000 gallons or less
- Administrative Fee: \$10.00
- Additional Usage: \$54.21 per 1,000 gallons above the first 2,000 gallons

In addition to these rate changes, supplementary water and/or sewer fees will also be implemented (as applicable). A detailed breakdown of these fees is included in the attached document for your review.

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RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING SEWER RATES
Torch Lake Area Sewage Authority
Houghton County, Michigan

WHEREAS, The Board of the Torch Lake Area Sewage Authority, county of Houghton, State of Michigan (the "Authority") has adopted ORDINANCE NO. 01-26-2026 (the ordinance) that establishes a sewer user charge system for the use of the waste water system of the Authority (the "System"); and

WHEREAS, the ordinance provides that the rates and charges shall be established and revised by resolution of the Authority Board; and

WHEREAS, the Authority Board intends to establish rates and charges for the use of the System.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The following rates and charges for the use of the System shall become effective for the Village of Lake Linden, MuniBilling, TLASA and Osceola Township:

Commodity Charge (O & M)	\$12.34 per 1,000 gallons
(Large User Surcharge)	\$3.34 per 1,000 gallons over 10,000 (Except The Houghton County Airport which is 20,000 gallons) GPPD Annual Average
Houghton County Airport Expansion Surcharge	\$1.42 per 1,000 gallons
Debt Service Charge: Principal/Reserve	\$1.67 per 1,000 gallons
Base Rate for Interest	\$12.64 bimonthly per user
Capital Connection Fee	\$2,050 per connection
Turn on/Turn off Fee	Actual time and material
Osceola Township Billing Surcharge	\$1.34 per bill
Torch Lake Township billing Surcharge	\$6.58 per bill

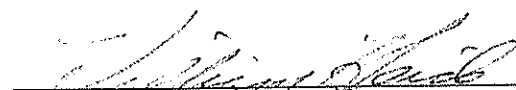
(Minimum 4000 gallons to be billed bimonthly to residential customer and monthly to Champion Welding, Koppers and Houghton County Airport)

2. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.

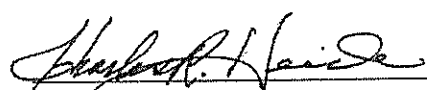
ADOPTED this 26th day of January 2026

By the Authority Board of the County of Houghton.

Ayes: 8
Nays: 0
Absent: none



William Heide, Chairman Date

 1/14/2025

Charles R. Heide, Secretary Date



**HOUGHTON COUNTY
MEMORIAL AIRPORT**

Exhibit A

WATER RATES

Connection Administration Charge	\$1,000	
Service Connection/Inspection Charge	Cost plus 15%	
Ready to serve, Base rate	\$50.48	Per month for 2,000 gallons*
Commodity Charge	\$26.24	Per 1,000 Gallons over 2,000 Gal*
Administrative Fee	\$10.00	Per Month
Fire Suppression Connection – 4"	\$20.00	Per Month
Fire Suppression Connection – 6"	\$30.00	Per Month
Fire Suppression Connection – 8"	\$40.00	Per Month
Hydrant Rental	\$150.00	Per Month
Hydrant Water Use	\$15.00	Per 1,000 gallons Meter Meter Pit
	Cost Plus 20%	Materials and Installation
Delinquent Account Charge-Late Fee	\$20.00	Per Month
Delinquent Shut Off	\$50.00	
Delinquent Turn On	\$50.00	
Check Returned for Non-sufficient Funds	\$45.00	
Customer Requested Turn Off	\$40.00	
Customer Requested Turn On	\$40.00	
Winter/Vacant Fee	\$40.00	Per Month
Change of Ownership	\$40.00	
Meter Replacement - Owner Request or Damage	\$350.00	
Meter Replacement - Airport Request	No Charge	
Customer Change Fee	\$20.00	
Water Meter Inspection Fee	\$40.00	
Water Meter Tampering -First offense	\$150.00	Plus meter Pit Costs
Water Meter Tampering -Second offense	\$300.00	Plus meter Pit Costs

SANITARY SEWER RATES

Connection Administration Charge	\$1,000 Service	
Connection/Inspection Charge	Cost plus 15%	
Ready to serve, Base rate	\$105.00	Per month for 2,000 gallons
Commodity Charge	\$54.21	Per 1,000 Gallons over 2,000 Gal
Administrative Fee	\$10.00	Per Month
Delinquent Account Charge-Late Fee	\$20.00	Per Month Check
Returned for Non-sufficient Funds	\$45.00	
Change of Ownership	\$40.00	

*Flow Rates are based on Water Meter readings

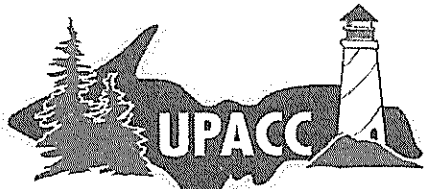
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WATER / SEWER RATE RESOLUTION INFORMATION SHEET FOR HOUGHTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING 4/14/2026

- We have been behind on raising our water and sewer rates at the airport including not charging “normal” fees that municipalities charge.
- Proposed rates reflect increases from Upper Michigan Water Company, Torch Lake Sewage Authority, increasing costs, and significant water system improvements.
- During the Airport Committee Meeting on March 26th, a motion was made by Commissioner Britz and seconded by Chairman Tikkanen for the resolution to be presented to the Houghton County Board of Commissioners for approval on April 14th.
- Some notable rate changes in Exhibit A
 - Fire Suppression Connections – did not previously exist, but is normal
 - Delinquent Shut Off/Turn On fees – did not previously exist, but is normal - this requires manhours to accomplish
 - Customer Requested Turn Off/Turn On fees – did not previously exist, but is normal - this requires manhours to accomplish
 - Water - Ready to serve, Base rate – went up \$2/2,000 gal
 - Sewer - Ready to serve, Base rate – went up \$3.42/2,000 gal
 - Surcharge from Torch Lake Area Sewage Authority was \$1.42/1,000 gal (\$2.84/2,000 gal) – this ends up being \$.58 increase going to airport for sewer.
- Letters were sent to all water and sewer customers during the week of March 9th to inform them of the Airport Committee Meeting held on March 26th where rates were going to be discussed. Sample letters are attached.
- Rates will become effective with the April 2026 billing cycle



U.P. Association of County Commissioners

P.O. Box 606
2501 14th Avenue South
Escanaba, MI 49829

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www.upcap.org

To: Upper Peninsula County Commissioners
From: Jonathan Mead, UPCAP Executive Director
Subject: UPACC Spring Conference – May 14-15, 2026
Date: March 19, 2026

Preparations are being finalized for the Upper Peninsula Association of County Commissioners' (UPACC) Spring Conference to be held at Island Resort & Casino, Harris, MI, beginning with registration at 12:15 on Thursday, May 14th, and ending at approximately 11:00 a.m. on Friday, May 15th, 2026. **Please note all times are Eastern Daylight Time.

A group of rooms has been set aside for individuals seeking overnight accommodations at the Island Resort & Casino. You must call 1(800) 682-6040 ASAP to secure room reservations. To get the conference room rate, indicate that you are with UPCAP—Commissioners Block #25184. Check-in is at 5:00 p.m., and Check-out is at 11:00 a.m.

A registration form has been sent to your clerk and/or administrator. The Conference (early bird) registration fee is \$150.00, which includes Thursday appetizers, hospitality hour, dinner, and breakfast on Friday morning. After April 24th, the cost increases to \$200 per person.

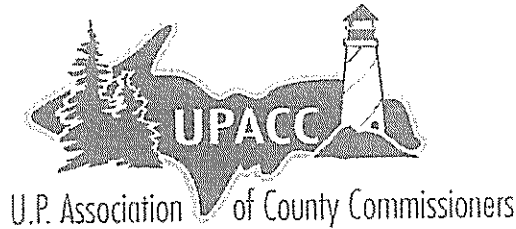
Again, you are responsible for your hotel reservations.

JM: til
cc: County Clerks

**UPACC Spring Conference
Island Resort & Casino
Harris, MI**

Registration Form

May 14-15, 2026



Name _____ Name _____
 Name _____ Name _____
 Name _____ Name _____

		RATES		
COUNTY	NUMBER ATTENDING	EARLY BIRD Registration Fee (ends 04-24-/26)	Individual Registration Fee (after 04/24/26)	TOTAL DUE
_____	_____	\$150.00 each	\$200.00	\$ _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
 U.P. Association of County Commissioners
 P.O. Box 606
 Escanaba, MI 49829

**** Please note, there will be NO refunds issued after May 5th**

****Please include payment with registration.**



Outlook

Letter of Appreciation

From Chelsea Rheault <chelsea@houghtoncounty.gov>
Date Mon 4/6/2026 1:17 PM
To Board of Commissioners <boc@houghtoncounty.net>
Cc Paige Setter-Hallwachs <paige.setter@houghtoncounty.gov>

Attached is the draft-- let me know if there are any changes proposed:

The Honorable Jack Bergman
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Bergman,

On behalf of Houghton County, I would like to extend our sincere appreciation for your continued support of our community and the residents of Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

We are especially grateful for your advocacy and leadership in securing federal funding, including \$385,000 for patrol vehicles and \$5,500,000 for the Canal Road reconstruction project. These investments are vital to maintaining public safety and improving critical infrastructure within our region. Your efforts directly contribute to enhancing the quality of life for our residents and ensuring that our communities remain safe, connected, and resilient.

Additionally, we want to thank you for your support in response to the devastating fire in Calumet. Your attention to the needs of affected residents and your commitment to assisting in recovery efforts have not gone unnoticed. During challenging times, your responsiveness and dedication make a meaningful difference.

We appreciate your ongoing commitment to our region and your strong representation of the Upper Peninsula. Thank you for your continued service and support.

Sincerely,

Houghton County

Tri-County Public Defenders Profit & Loss Detail

March 2026

2:56 PM

04/01/26

Accrual Basis

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Class	Split	Amount	Balance
Ordinary Income/Expense								
Income								
42000 · State Income								
Deposit	03/12/2026		Tri-County Public De...	January expe...		10000 · TCPD ...	85,524.35	85,524.35
Deposit	03/12/2026		Tri-County Public De...	February exp...		10000 · TCPD ...	76,041.27	161,565.62
Total 42000 · State Income							161,565.62	161,565.62
Total Income								
Expense								
51000 · Salaries & Wages								
General Journal	03/13/2026	25-20		Bi-weekly pay ...		-SPLIT-	23,165.61	23,165.61
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53100 · Health Insurance								
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64300 · Legal Research Online								

Tri-County Public Defenders Profit & Loss Detail

March 2026

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04/01/26

Accrual Basis

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Class	Split	Amount	Balance
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67510 · Building Rent	03/23/2026	4378	Phoenix Funding	1 year mainte... lease paymen...		10000 · TCPD ...	179.47	1,529.39
Check								
Total 67510 · Building Rent								
67525 · Copier Lease & Maintenance Cont	03/06/2026	4374	OPG			10000 · TCPD ...	1,349.92	1,349.92
Check								
67525 · Copier Lease & Maintenance Cont	03/23/2026	4378	Phoenix Funding	1 year mainte... lease paymen...		10000 · TCPD ...	179.47	1,529.39
Check								
Total 67525 · Copier Lease & Maintenance Cont								

**Tri-County Public Defenders
Profit & Loss Detail**

March 2026

2:56 PM

04/01/26

Accrual Basis

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Class	Split	Amount	Balance
Total 67500 · Rent Expense								
							4,029.39	4,029.39
67700 · Cell phone reimbursement								
Check	03/06/2026	4365	David Gemignani	3/26		10000 · TCPD ...	40.00	40.00
Check	03/06/2026	4366	Ann Harris	3/26		10000 · TCPD ...	40.00	80.00
Check	03/06/2026	4367	Cameron Herrington	3/26		10000 · TCPD ...	40.00	120.00
Check	03/06/2026	4368	Joshua Makkonen	3/26		10000 · TCPD ...	40.00	160.00
Check	03/06/2026	4369	Mandy Daniels	3/26		10000 · TCPD ...	40.00	200.00
Check	03/06/2026	4370	Taryn C. Clisch	3/26		10000 · TCPD ...	40.00	240.00
Check	03/06/2026	4371	Michelle A. Clisch	3/26		10000 · TCPD ...	40.00	280.00
Total 67700 · Cell phone reimbursement								
							280.00	280.00
68500 · Utilities								
68510 · Electric							278.03	278.03
Check	03/23/2026	4381	UPPCO			10000 · TCPD ...	278.03	278.03
Total 68510 · Electric								
							278.03	278.03
68520 · Gas								
Check	03/06/2026	4372	Semco			10000 · TCPD ...	192.66	192.66
Check	03/31/2026	4386	Semco			10000 · TCPD ...	190.51	383.17
Total 68520 · Gas								
							383.17	383.17
68550 · Water and Sewer								
Check	03/23/2026	4380	City of Houghton			10000 · TCPD ...	27.93	27.93
Total 68550 · Water and Sewer								
							27.93	27.93
Total 68500 · Utilities								
							689.13	689.13
68700 · Equipment/Furniture Expenses								
Check	03/25/2026	4385	UP And Running	2 Dell monitor...		10000 · TCPD ...	499.98	499.98
Check	03/25/2026	4385	UP And Running	Dell Optiplex ...		10000 · TCPD ...	1,995.00	2,494.98
Check	03/25/2026	4385	UP And Running	SonicWall net...		10000 · TCPD ...	670.00	3,164.98
Total 68700 · Equipment/Furniture Expenses								
							3,164.98	3,164.98
Total Expense								
							70,800.55	70,800.55
Net Ordinary Income								
							90,765.07	90,765.07
Net Income								
							<u>90,765.07</u>	<u>90,765.07</u>



**Houghton County
Board of Commissioners
Agenda Item Request Form**

Please fill out the following form to request an item be added to the agenda for the upcoming Houghton County Board of Commissioners meeting.

Submitter Information:

- Name: Alex Radke
- Department/Organization (if applicable): IT
- Phone Number: 6166104058
- Email Address: alex.radke@houghtoncounty.gov

Agenda Item Details:

- Title of Agenda Item: Lapel Mics for Board of Commissioners
- Requested Meeting Date: 4/14/26
- Brief Description of the Item (include any decisions needed):

JAVS Quote for AV system to bring louder, clearer audio to board to address the growing concern that voices are hard to hear in-person and virtually.

- Are you requesting time to speak at the meeting?

Yes
 No

- Supporting Documents Attached?

Yes
 No

(If yes, please list): _____

Signature: _____

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alex Radke".

Date: 4/2/2026



Quote

13020 Middletown Industrial Blvd
 Louisville KY 40223
 United States
 Phone: 502.244.8788
 www.javs.com
 Tax ID # 61-0990800

3/13/2026	JAVQ-41689

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Laura Lamerland, Court Administrator Houghton County 12th Circuit Court 401 E Houghton Ave Houghton MI 49931 United States	Houghton County 12th Circuit Court Recording Courtroom 401 E Houghton Ave Houghton MI 49931 United States
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Shelly Knopf	4/12/2026	Net 30
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SID-89601 - The customer is inquiring about additional mics for their JAVS system. They request to add 6 lavalier mics for when commissioners use the room.

This installation will be done during next regular maintenance visit.

Item	Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit Price	Total Price
-	WIRELESS LAPEL MICROPHONES	2			
JAV-ATW-1421/L	System 20 Pro Two Body Pack/Lavalier Mic Kit	2		1,249.00	2,498.00
JAV-ATW-T1401	System 20 PRO Body-Pack Transmitter	2		269.00	538.00
JAV-MT830CW	Omnidirectional Condenser Lavalier Microphone	2	EACH	109.00	218.00
JAV-ATW-CHG3AAD	Two-Bay Charging Station with AC Adapter (3000 Series)	3	EACH	269.00	807.00
JAV-AAANIMH-BATT	Energizer Rechargeable AA NiMH Batteries - (4) Pack	3		21.00	63.00
JAV-MPA-PHX	Microphone Pre-Amp Adapter with 3-Pos Phoenix connector for adding non-FlexMics to the JAVS Processor	6	EACH	140.00	840.00
JAV-LABOR	Labor for Installation & Setup	2	EACH	185.00	370.00
End of Group					5,334.00
JAV-Shipping	Shipping	1	EACH	75.00	75.00

Total \$5,409.00



Outlook

John Deere Mini Excavator maintenance

From Curt Judson <curt@houghtoncounty.gov>

Date Fri 3/20/2026 1:16 PM

To Chelsea Rheault <chelsea@houghtoncounty.gov>; Board of Commissioners <boc@houghtoncounty.net>

 1 attachment (315 KB)

75G Undercarriage Replacement.pdf;

Good afternoon,

On Wednesday, March 18th, I had McCoy here at the Transfer Station to replace some seals on the John Deere 75G. I also had them look at the tracks and get me a quote on what it would be to replace them. The tracks are in much need of replacing. We have used the life out of them, and currently the pads are gone, and we have a lot of exposed metal that does not allow for much traction on the concrete floor (along with the fact that it degrades the floor). Technically this is a budgeted repair. For this years budget, I allotted \$116,000 for equipment upgrades knowing we had a couple of expenses coming up. We currently have \$90,000 of that budgeted amount remaining. I am attaching the quote of \$20,376.90 from McCoy for this much needed maintenance on this very crucial piece of equipment. I am also inquiring if I could move forward with the repair now?

Thanks,
Curt



McCoy Construction & Forestry
 6442 US Highway 2 & 41 & M-35
 Escanaba, MI 49829
 Phone: (906) 789-9054
 http://mccoycf.com

Remit Payment to:
 McCoy Construction & Forestry, Inc.
 ATTN: Accounts Receivable
 501 Bell St.
 Dubuque, IA 52001

*** PROFORMA INVOICE ***

Quote Expires: 04/19/2026

SERVICE QUOTATION

Invoice To Account No: 58776

HOUGHTON COUNTY SOLID WASTE
 TRANSFER STATION
 TERRIE BRAY
 401 E HOUGHTON AVE.
 HOUGHTON MI 49931
 Phone: (906)482-8872

Deliver To:

HOUGHTON COUNTY SOLID WASTE
 TRANSFER STATION
 17808 ERICKSON DRIVE
 ATLANTIC MINE MI 49905
 Phone: (906)482-8872

Invoice Number:
 Invoice Date: 03/20/2026
 Location: 02
 Work Order Number: 723585
 Payment Type: Account
 Customer PO No:
 Make/Model: JOHN DEERE 75G
 Meter Reading: 7879
 Serial Number: 1FF075GXHFJ015585
 Equipment Number: HCTS015585CC
 Fleet Number:
 Page: 1 of 2

/TTM -F-0000031 Retail

CONCERN:
 TRAVEL TIME AND MILEAGE

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CORRECTION:
 CHARGES ARE FOR TRAVEL TIME & MILEAGE
 LOCATION:
 TECH:

Labor: \$1,000.00	Parts: \$0.00	OL&M: \$0.00	Misc: \$0.00	Sub-Total: \$1,000.00
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Gen2 Retail

CONCERN:
 Undercarriage replacement ***Pads pre-installed from factory

- Remove track chain
- Remove sprocket
- Remove idler
- Remove upper rollers
- Remove bottom rollers
- Install new rollers
- Install new idler
- Install new sprocket
- Install chain with pads pre-installed
- Repeat for opposite side

x687984

CORRECTION:
 ** Charges may be additional to estimate for freight and oils. Labor may vary upon tear down and inspection. Overtime is applicable after 8.0 hours and may be additional to estimate. Wear items will be additional to estimate (i.e. o-rings, gaskets, seals).

PartNumber	Description	Quantity	Net Price	Extended Price	Taxed Ind
01643-31445	WASHER	2.00	\$0.31	\$0.62	N
1033559AM	SPROCKETS	2.00	\$303.05	\$606.10	N
11G-32-21211	BOLT	40.00	\$0.66	\$26.40	N
19M9172AM	BOLT	2.00	\$1.71	\$3.42	N
6V5844	BOLT 16X35	32.00	\$0.53	\$16.96	N

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6V8550	BOLT HEX 14MM	8.00	\$0.76	\$6.08	N
AP34339AM	ROLLER	10.00	\$137.20	\$1,372.00	N
AT183365AM	IDLER	2.00	\$671.79	\$1,343.58	N
AT315315AM	ROLLER	2.00	\$104.18	\$208.36	N
KM3041/40/450/RP	TRACK ASSY	2.00	\$4,424.69	\$8,849.38	N
Labor: \$6,048.00		Parts: \$12,432.90		OL&M: \$0.00	Misc: \$0.00
				Sub-Total: \$18,480.90	

Gen3 Retail

CONCERN:
 Cleaning ***If needed***

x687984

CORRECTION:
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Miscellaneous Charges:

Shop Supplies \$75.00
 Environmental Fees \$65.00

Labor: \$756.00	Parts: \$0.00	OL&M: \$0.00	Misc: \$140.00	Sub-Total: \$896.00
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Customer PO No:
 Tax Exempt No: MI 2020-06-01 GV
 Advisor: Joshua Cain

Labor:	\$7,804.00
Parts:	\$12,432.90
OL&M:	\$0.00
Misc:	\$140.00
Total:	\$20,376.90

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

This is a parts and labor estimate only. McCoy Construction & Forestry reserves the right to adjust the pricing if the scope of repairs changes, which impacts the parts or labor involved to complete the repairs. Customers will be contacted to discuss and approve the changes to the repairs.

Received by:

Date:

Fw: You're Invited! UP Opioid Taskforce County Gathering

From Tom Tikkanen <tom.tikkanen@houghtoncounty.gov>
Date Thu 4/9/2026 10:26 AM
To Chelsea Rheault <chelsea@houghtoncounty.gov>

Please add to Tuesday's BOC agenda

From: Daniel Kelly <kelly@micounties.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2026 4:12 PM
To: Joel Keranen <joel.keranen@houghtoncounty.gov>; Gretchen Janssen <gretchen.janssen@houghtoncounty.gov>; Glenn Anderson <glenn.anderson@houghtoncounty.gov>; Tom Tikkanen <tom.tikkanen@houghtoncounty.gov>; Roy Britz <roy.britz@houghtoncounty.gov>
Cc: Amy Dolinky <dolinky@micounties.org>
Subject: You're Invited! UP Opioid Taskforce County Gathering

CAUTION: This email originated from outside the organization of Houghton County. Exercise **EXTREME** caution when opening external attachments or links from unknown senders.

Good afternoon, Houghton County Commissioners,

You are invited to attend the **Upper Peninsula Opioid Taskforce County Gathering** on Friday, May 1, hosted by Delta County in partnership with the Michigan Association of Counties (MAC).

We encourage Houghton County to participate alongside other UP counties to share strategies and strengthen local opioid settlement efforts at this free, working-session event. Please register using the link in the event flyer below. Don't hesitate to reach out with any questions as well; we're here to help at MAC with any of your opioid settlement related needs.



**Upper Peninsula Opioid Taskforce
County Gathering**

**Sponsored by the Delta County Opioid Task Force with Support from
MAC**

Friday, May 1, 2026

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM ET

Delta Schoolcraft Intermediate School District (DSISD)

Large Conference Room

2525 3rd Ave South Escanaba, MI 49829

[View the Event Agenda Here](#)

Purpose of the Gathering

This working session is focused on ensuring every UP county has a process in place to distribute funds. The day is designed to be interactive and collaborative, allowing counties to share formation strategies, governance structures, bylaws, grant processes, scoring rubrics, and lessons learned. Participants will leave with templates, peer contacts, and a clear roadmap if their county has yet to formalize a process.

[Register Here by April 17](#)

Counties are encouraged to bring digital copies of processes, bylaws, grant applications, or other materials to share.

Lunch, snacks, and beverages will be provided.

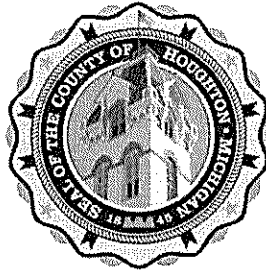


Dan Kelly, MSW

Technical Assistance Specialist, Opioid Settlement Funds
110 W. Michigan Ave., Suite 200
Lansing, MI 48933
Cell: 734.926.8731

kelly@micounties.org
www.micounties.org





**HOUGHTON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

401 E. Houghton Avenue, Houghton, Michigan 49931
Telephone: (906) 482-8307

Resolution Opposing House Bill 4583 of 2025

HOUGHTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION # 26-05

**OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 4583 AND ANY LEGISLATION THAT LIMITS LOCAL CONTROL
OVER PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE ELECTION TIMING**

Whereas, House Bill 4583 would require local taxing units to limit proposals to impose, renew, or increase a property tax millage to the November regular election date; and

Whereas, local taxing units affected by HB 4583 include counties, cities, villages, townships, school districts, intermediate school districts, community college districts, and local authorities; and

Whereas, counties rely on property tax millages to fund essential public services, including public safety, infrastructure, and community programs; and

Whereas, restricting millage proposals to a single annual election date removes the ability of local governments to respond in a timely manner to urgent fiscal or operational needs; and

Whereas, limiting millage elections to November undermines local control by preventing county governments from determining the most appropriate timing for ballot proposals based on local conditions; and

Whereas, if a millage proposal fails at a November election, counties would be required to wait an entire year before presenting the proposal again, rather than utilizing available election dates in May or August; and

Whereas, this limitation reduces flexibility, delays critical funding decisions, and may negatively impact a county's ability to maintain service levels and respond to community needs; and

Whereas, preserving local decision-making authority is essential to effective governance and responsiveness to residents;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Houghton County Board of Commissioners opposes House Bill 4583 and any similar legislation that restricts the ability of local governments to determine when property tax millage proposals may be placed before voters; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County urges members of the Michigan Senate to reject HB 4583; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor, members of the Michigan Legislature, and the Michigan Association of Counties.

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

Moved by Commissioner:

Supported by Commissioner:

Roll Call Vote:

Yes:

No:

Absent:

Motion carried.

Tom Tikkanen, Chairman
Houghton County Board of Commission

Date

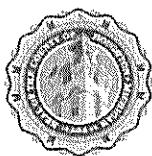
RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

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 Monthly Meeting held on April 14, 2026, the original of which Resolution is on file in my office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my official signature, this 14th day of April, 2026.

Jennifer Kelly, County Clerk
County of Houghton



**Houghton County
Board of Commissioners
Agenda Item Request Form**

Please fill out the following form to request an item be added to the agenda for the upcoming Houghton County Board of Commissioners meeting.

Submitter Information:

- Name: Sara Huuki
- Department/Organization (if applicable): Building Department
- Phone Number: (906) 482-2260
- Email Address: building@houghtoncounty.gov

Agenda Item Details:

- Title of Agenda Item: Todd LaRoux & Joel Watson Travel
- Requested Meeting Date: 04/14/2026
- Brief Description of the Item (include any decisions needed):

Annual COCM Conference. Todd sits on the Board of the COCM.

- Are you requesting time to speak at the meeting?

Yes
 No

- Supporting Documents Attached?

Yes
 No

(If yes, please list): _____

Signature: S Huuki

Date: 3/30/2026

**COUNTY OF HOUGHTON
Conference or Other Travel Request**

Reason for Travel: COCM Spring Conference: Todd LaRoux & Joel
 Dates of Travel: 05/03/26-05/06/26

Check any of the following as applicable for this travel request:

Required Training		Conference Attendance:		Association Meeting:	
Needed for License	x	Annual	x	Annual	x
Needed for Certification		Bi-Annual		Bi-Annual	
State or Other Mandate		Other		Other	
Seminar				Training Not Required	

This request is included in the Department Budget: x Yes No

Estimated costs to be requested for payment from Houghton County
\$900.00

Portion of costs to be paid other than by Houghton County: \$0.00

Submitted by: Sara Huuki Title Building Department Date 03/30/2026

 Approved Disapproved by the Houghton County Board of
 Commissioners at their meeting held on _____

Signed: _____ Title: _____
 Date: _____



STATEMENT

Copper Country Community Mental Health
 901 W. Memorial Drive
 Houghton MI 49931

(906) 482-9400 Ext. 0146

Date:	3/31/26
Account:	00052

Amount Paid:	
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Rec'd
4.9.26

Payment Terms: NET 30

Deposits Received: \$0.00

HOUGHTON COUNTY ADMIN

 HOUGHTON COUNTY- ADMIN OFFICE
 401 E HOUGHTON AVENUE
 HOUGHTON MI 49931

BOC approved at Feb mtg.
 BOC approved at Mar mtg.
 ^Please return this portion with your payment^

Document No.	Date	Code	Description	Amount	Balance
INV00000030000000181	12/28/25	SLS	1/12th Appropriation] Paid	\$13,707.91	\$13,707.91
INV00000030000000182	1/28/26	SLS	1/12th Appropriation]	\$13,707.91	\$27,415.82
INV00000030000000183	2/28/26	SLS	1/12th Appropriation]	\$13,707.91	\$41,123.73
INV00000030000000184	3/28/26	SLS	1/12th Appropriation]	\$13,707.91	\$54,831.64

Need BOC approval

101-965-999.005

Amount Due: ~~\$54,831.64~~

Payment approved/denied at the reg. BOC April 2026 mtg.

\$27,415.82

<u>Current</u>	<u>1-30 Days</u>	<u>31 - 60 Days</u>	<u>61 - 90 Days</u>	<u>Over 90 Days</u>
\$13,707.91	\$13,707.91	\$13,707.91	\$13,707.91	\$0.00

Codes: SLS = Sales / Invoices
 DR = Debit Memos

CR = Credit Memos
 RTN = Returns

PMT = Payments



Western Upper Peninsula Health Department

4/1/2026

Invoice 9260016

540 Depot St., Hancock, MI 49930
Phone (906) 482-7382, Fax (906) 482-9410

Houghton County
Houghton County Courthouse
Attn: Jennifer Kelly
401 E. Houghton Avenue
Houghton, MI 49931

Fiscal Year 2026 - Third Quarter
April - June 2026

Charge Date	Description	Qty	Unit Price	Amount
4/1/2026	Quarterly Appropriations - Houghton County, April - June 2026	0.00	0.00	\$69,106.50

Payment Terms: Net 30 Days

Please return bottom portion with your payment.

Total: \$69,106.50

Customer ID HTN CTY
Customer Name Houghton County

Invoice ID 9260016
Invoice Date 4/1/2026

Charge Date	Description	Qty	Unit Price	Amount
4/1/2026	Quarterly Appropriations - Houghton County, April - June 2026	0.00	0.00	\$69,106.50

Payment Terms: Net 30 Days

Total: \$69,106.50

Fiscal Year 2026 - Third Quarter
April - June 2026

WESTERN UPPER PENINSULA PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REGION

April 9, 2026

INVOICE – VIA: EMAIL

Bill To	
Contact	Chelsea Rheault
Company	Houghton County
Address	401 E. Houghton Ave., Houghton, MI 49931
Phone	(906) 482-8307
WUPPDR Contact	MaryEllen Hyttinen
Payment Terms	Net 30

Qty.	Description	Unit Price	Line Total
1	WUPPDR Member Contribution, Houghton County (WUPPDR FY 2025-26; 3rd Qtr., April 2026 – June 2026)	\$3,717.75	\$3,717.75
			\$3,717.75

Thank you for your business! Please send payment to:

Western Upper Peninsula Planning & Development Region

400 Quincy St 8th Floor, Hancock, MI 49930 | www.wuppdr.org
 p. 906.482.7205 x117 | mhyttinen@wuppdr.org

