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Subject: Fwd: Resolution in Support of House Bill 6105

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Good afternoon. Attached, please find a copy of the Resolution passed by Schoolcraft County re: PILT Payments.

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From: **Craig Reiter** <gullivercraig@gmail.com>

Our board passed this last night. Without this passage, counties' PILT payments will be reduced by the amount that is paid for the DNR lake level assessments for state-owned lands.

Thanks, Craig

Craig A Reiter
Schoolcraft County Commissioner, district 1
PO Box 87, Gulliver, MI 49840
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Resolution in Support of House Bill 6105 (Lake Level Assessment Funding Reform)

WHEREAS, Schoolcraft County administers lake level special assessment districts under Part 307 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan, through the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), is responsible for paying its proportional share of lake level assessments for state-owned lands; and

WHEREAS, the current Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) formula does not provide sufficient funding for the State's required lake level obligations, resulting in repeated shortfalls that shift costs onto local taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, counties across Michigan have raised concerns that the State's underpayment creates an unfunded mandate and places an unfair financial burden on local lake level districts; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 6105, sponsored by Representative Kunse, would correct this inequity by ensuring the State fully funds its statutory lake level responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) has identified HB 6105 as a priority fix needed to protect county budgets and prevent local taxpayers from subsidizing State obligations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners hereby expresses its full support for House Bill 6105 and urges the Michigan Legislature to enact this corrective legislation without delay; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution shall be transmitted to Representative Dave Prestin, Senator Ed McBroom, the Michigan Association of Counties, and the Governor's Office; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Schoolcraft County encourages swift legislative action to ensure fair, predictable, and fully funded lake level assessments for all Michigan counties.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners

District 1 – _____

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District 3 – _____

District 4 – _____

District 5 – _____

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**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: Katie LaCosse
- Department/Organization (if applicable): _____
- Phone Number: 610-310-2332
- Email Address: katie.lacosse@gmail.com

Agenda Item Details:

- Title of Agenda Item: Resolution on Automated License Plate Readers
- Requested Meeting Date: 9/15/26
- Brief Description of the Item (include any decisions needed): _____

Please consider adopting the attached resolution to not approve any ALPR contract or system until HB 5492 and HB 5493 have been signed into law.

- Are you requesting time to speak at the meeting?

☒ Yes
☐ No

- Supporting Documents Attached?

☒ Yes
☐ No

(If yes, please list): Resolution, HB 5492, HB 5493

Signature: Katie LaCosse

Date: 8/31/26



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(If yes, please list): Resolution, HB 5492, HB 5493

Signature: Kan

Date: 9/22/2026

HOUSE BILL NO. 5492

January 29, 2026, Introduced by Reps. Wozniak, Kunse, Johnsen, Pohutsky, Dievendorf, Brixie, DeSana, Rigas, Wegela, Wilson, MacDonell, Miller, Breen, Longjohn, McFall, Greene, Witwer, Young, Carra, Byrnes, Tate, Price, Alexander, Myers-Phillips, Rogers and Rheingans and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to regulate the use of automatic license plate reader systems by private entities; to regulate the use of captured license plate data; and to provide for remedies.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 8. (1) This act may be cited as the "regulating automatic
2 license plate readers act".

3 (2) Definitions in the regulating governmental entities' use
4 of automatic license plate readers act apply for purposes of this
5 act.

6 Sec. 9. (1) An operator of an automatic license plate reader

1 system, on receiving a preservation request from a governmental
2 entity or a defendant in a criminal case, shall take all necessary
3 steps to preserve captured plate data in the operator's possession
4 for not less than 14 days after the preservation request is
5 received.

6 (2) A preservation request described in subsection (1) must
7 contain a written sworn statement describing both of the following:

8 (a) Each camera for which captured plate data must be
9 preserved or the license plate number for which captured plate data
10 must be preserved.

11 (b) The date and time for which captured plate data must be
12 preserved.

13 (3) A governmental entity or defendant in a criminal case may
14 apply to a court of competent jurisdiction to order the operator of
15 an automatic license plate reader system to disclose captured plate
16 data. The court shall order the disclosure of captured plate data
17 if presented with facts showing reasonable grounds to believe the
18 captured plate data are relevant and material to an ongoing
19 criminal or missing persons investigation or a criminal prosecution
20 or defense.

21 (4) Captured plate data preserved under subsection (1) must be
22 destroyed if the application for an order under subsection (3) is
23 denied or 14 days after the preservation request is received,
24 whichever is later.

25 (5) A governmental entity may obtain, receive, or use
26 privately held captured plate data only pursuant to a warrant or
27 under subsection (1) and only if the private automatic license
28 plate reader system retains captured plate data for 14 days or
29 less.

Sec. 11. Captured plate data and evidence derived from captured plate data may not be used as evidence in any trial, hearing, or other proceeding before any court, grand jury, department, officer, agency, regulatory body, legislative committee, or other authority of this state or a political subdivision of this state if the disclosure of that captured plate data would violate this act.

Sec. 13. A person aggrieved by a violation of this act may bring an action against the person that violated this act to recover both of the following:

(a) Actual damages, including all economic or noneconomic damages, or \$1,000.00, whichever is greater.

(b) Reasonable attorney fees and court costs.

Sec. 15. (1) Captured plate data are not subject to disclosure under the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246, and may be disclosed only to the registered owner of the vehicle the captured plate data are associated with or with the registered owner's prior written consent.

(2) Following the presentation to an appropriate governmental entity that maintains, operates, manages, or controls an automatic license plate reader system of a valid, outstanding protection order protecting the driver of a vehicle jointly registered with or registered solely in the name of the individual on whose behalf the protection order was issued, captured plate data may not be disclosed except pursuant to a valid warrant or court order.

Enacting section 1. This act does not take effect unless House Bill No. 5493 (request no. H05411'25) of the 103rd Legislature is enacted into law.

HOUSE BILL NO. 5493

January 29, 2026, Introduced by Reps. Wilson, Wozniak, McKinney, MacDonell, Brixie, Miller, Breen, Wegela, Longjohn, McFall, Dievendorf, Greene, Martin, Witwer, Young, Carra, Byrnes, Tate, Price, Alexander, Myers-Phillips, Pohutsky, Rogers and Rheingans and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to regulate the use of automatic license plate reader systems by state and local governmental entities; to regulate the use of captured license plate data; and to provide for the powers and duties of certain state and local governmental entities.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 1. (1) This act may be cited as the "regulating
2 governmental entities' use of automatic license plate readers act".
3 (2) As used in this act:
4 (a) "Alert data" means data held by the secretary of state,
5 state or federal criminal or missing persons databases, and any

1 license plate number manually entered into the automatic license
2 plate reader system by a law enforcement officer who determined
3 that the vehicle or an individual associated with the license plate
4 number is relevant and material to an ongoing criminal or missing
5 persons investigation.

6 (b) "Automatic license plate reader system" means a system of
7 1 or more mobile or fixed automated high-speed cameras used in
8 combination with computer algorithms to convert images of license
9 plates into computer-readable data.

10 (c) "Captured plate data" means GPS coordinates, dates and
11 times, photographs, license plate numbers, and any other data
12 captured by, derived from, or inferred from any automatic license
13 plate reader system, including, but not limited to, make, model,
14 color, or other motor vehicle characteristics.

15 (d) "Governmental entity" means a department, agency, or
16 political subdivision of this state, or an individual acting for or
17 on behalf of a department, agency, or political subdivision of this
18 state.

19 (e) "Secured area" means an enclosed area to which access is
20 limited and not open to the public and entry is obtainable through
21 specific access control points only.

22 Sec. 3. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2), a
23 governmental entity shall not use an automatic license plate reader
24 system.

25 (2) A governmental entity may use an automatic license plate
26 reader system only for 1 or more of the following purposes:

27 (a) For comparing captured plate data with alert data to
28 identify a vehicle that is any of the following:

29 (i) Uninsured or violating any vehicle insurance requirements.

1 (ii) Unregistered or violating any vehicle registration
2 requirements.

3 (iii) Registered to an individual for whom there is an
4 outstanding arrest warrant.

5 (iv) Associated with a missing individual.

6 (v) Reported as stolen.

7 (vi) Relevant and material to an ongoing criminal
8 investigation.

9 (b) By parking enforcement entities for regulating the use of
10 parking facilities.

11 (c) For controlling access to secured areas.

12 (d) For electronic toll collection.

13 Sec. 5. (1) Captured plate data obtained for a purpose
14 described in section 3(2) must not be used or shared for any other
15 purpose and must not be retained for more than 14 days except for
16 any of the following reasons:

17 (a) As evidence furthering a purpose described in section
18 3(2).

19 (b) Pursuant to a preservation request under section 9(1) of
20 the regulating automatic license plate readers act.

21 (c) Pursuant to a disclosure order under section 9(3) of the
22 regulating automatic license plate readers act.

23 (d) Pursuant to a judicially issued warrant.

24 (e) As part of an ongoing investigation into a specific
25 criminal act if captured plate data are confirmed as matching alert
26 data and are destroyed at the conclusion of either of the
27 following:

28 (i) An investigation that does not result in any criminal
29 charges being filed.

1 (ii) Any criminal action undertaken in the matter involving the
2 captured plate data, including the exhaustion or lapse of any
3 appeal rights.

4 (2) A law enforcement officer of a governmental entity that
5 uses an automatic license plate reader system under section 3(2)(a)
6 may manually enter license plate numbers into the automatic license
7 plate reader system if that law enforcement officer determines that
8 the vehicle or an individual associated with the license plate
9 number is relevant and material to an ongoing criminal or missing
10 persons investigation. The law enforcement officer must document in
11 the automatic license plate reader system the reason for manually
12 entering the license plate number.

13 Sec. 7. A governmental entity that uses an automatic license
14 plate reader system under this act shall do all of the following:

15 (a) Consistent with the regulating automatic license plate
16 readers act, adopt a policy governing the use of the automatic
17 license plate reader system and conspicuously post the policy on
18 the governmental entity's website.

19 (b) Consistent with the regulating automatic license plate
20 readers act, adopt a privacy policy to ensure that captured plate
21 data are not shared in violation of this act or any other law and
22 conspicuously post the privacy policy on the governmental entity's
23 website. The privacy policy must do both of the following:

24 (i) Subject to section 5(1), set a maximum amount of time that
25 captured plate data can be stored by the governmental entity.

26 (ii) Provide for the automatic deletion of captured plate data
27 after the maximum amount of time described in subparagraph (i).

28 (c) Submit a quarterly report on the governmental entity's
29 automatic license plate reader practices and usage to the state or

1 local body that governs the governmental entity. Each report must
2 be conspicuously posted on the governmental entity's website. A
3 report must not include any personally identifiable information.
4 The report must include all of the following:

5 (i) The number of license plates scanned.

6 (ii) A list of the alert data against which captured plate data
7 were checked, and the number of confirmed matches and the number of
8 matches that upon further investigation did not correlate to any
9 alert data.

10 (iii) The number of alert data matches that resulted in arrest
11 and prosecution.

12 (iv) The number of preservation requests received under section
13 9(1) of the regulating automatic license plate readers act.

14 (v) The number of preservation requests issued under section
15 9(1) of the regulating automatic license plate readers act, broken
16 down by the number of preservation requests issued to governmental
17 entities and operators of private automatic license plate reader
18 systems.

19 (vi) The number of disclosure orders received under section
20 9(2) of the regulating automatic license plate readers act.

21 (vii) The number of disclosure orders applied for under section
22 9(2) of the regulating automatic license plate readers act, broken
23 down into the following categories:

24 (A) The number of applications for disclosure orders to
25 governmental entities that were denied.

26 (B) The number of disclosure orders to governmental entities
27 resulting in arrest and prosecution.

28 (C) The number of applications for disclosure orders to
29 operators of private automatic license plate reader systems that

1 were denied.

2 (D) The number of orders for disclosure to operators of
3 private automatic license plate reader systems resulting in arrest
4 and prosecution.

5 (viii) The number of manually entered license plate numbers
6 under section 5(2), broken down by the reason justifying the entry,
7 and the number of confirmed alert data matches and the number of
8 manually entered license plate numbers that on further
9 investigation did not correlate to any alert data.

10 (ix) The number of times captured plate data were shared with
11 external agencies.

12 (x) The number of policy violations and misuse incidents
13 during the reporting period, including whether any corrective
14 actions were taken.

15 (xi) Any changes in policy that affect privacy concerns.

16 (d) Adopt storage security requirements that protect the
17 captured plate data from unauthorized access.

18 Enacting section 1. This act does not take effect unless House
19 Bill No. 5492 (request no. H05425'25) of the 103rd Legislature is
20 enacted into law.



Outlook

Agenda Item - September 2026

From Katie LaCosse <katie.lacosse@gmail.com>

Date Mon 8/31/2026 3:02 PM

To Agenda <agenda@houghtoncounty.gov>

 4 attachments (2 MB)

ALPR Resolution - BOC.pdf; BOC Agenda Request September 2026.pdf; 2026-HIB-5492 .pdf; 2026-HIB-5493 .pdf;

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To whom it may concern,

Please consider the attached request for the September meeting.

Thank you,
Katie LaCosse

HOUGHTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION ON AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE READERS (ALPRs)

WHEREAS, the Houghton County Board of Commissioners holds that privacy is a fundamental right of every resident of Houghton County;

WHEREAS, the mass, indiscriminate recording of where people travel, without suspicion, probable cause, or a warrant, is incompatible with that right;

WHEREAS, Automated License Plate Readers (ALPRs) are camera systems that automatically capture the license plate, date, time, and location of every vehicle that passes, regardless of whether the driver is suspected of any wrongdoing;

WHEREAS, when linked together in a network, as with the Flock Safety system, these cameras can reconstruct the movements of any vehicle across multiple locations over extended periods of time;

WHEREAS, Flock Safety is a private, for-profit company that markets these networked surveillance systems to law enforcement agencies and local governments nationwide;

WHEREAS, in October 2025, Flock announced a partnership with Amazon's Ring to integrate its network with millions of private home doorbell cameras, dramatically expanding its surveillance reach through a single commercial relationship;

WHEREAS, that partnership generated such swift and widespread public backlash over surveillance and privacy concerns that Amazon cancelled it just four months later, in February 2026, reflecting the depth of public alarm about the unchecked expansion of these systems;

WHEREAS, federal agencies, including U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), U.S. Border Patrol, the Secret Service, and the U.S. Navy, have already accessed Flock's nationwide camera network;

WHEREAS, in October 2025, the City of Auburn, Washington, publicly condemned U.S. Border Patrol for accessing its local Flock system without authorization, demonstrating that private vendor contracts offer no reliable protection against unwanted federal access;

WHEREAS, the Fourth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution protects people against unreasonable searches and seizures by the government;

WHEREAS, the U.S. Supreme Court has held that long-term tracking of a vehicle's movements constitutes a search requiring a warrant (*United States v. Jones*, 2012), and that government collection of data enabling near-perfect surveillance of a person's movements likewise requires a warrant (*Carpenter v. United States*, 2018), principles directly applicable to networked ALPR systems;

WHEREAS, courts have not yet definitively resolved how these constitutional protections apply to aggregated ALPR data, leaving the legal landscape unsettled;

WHEREAS, in January 2026 the Michigan Legislature introduced companion bills HB 5492 and HB 5493, which together would establish the state's first statutory framework governing ALPR use, but both remain pending and neither has been enacted into law;

WHEREAS, this resolution accommodates a range of views, including those who oppose ALPR deployment outright and those open to limited use with robust legal safeguards, united by a shared conviction that meaningful oversight must precede any such deployment in Houghton County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Houghton County Board of Commissioners opposes the use of any for-profit ALPR system, including Flock Safety cameras, in Houghton County until both HB 5492 and HB 5493 have been signed into law, and until the agency using the system has adopted a public policy that fully follows those laws;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Houghton County Board of Commissioners will not approve any ALPR contract or system until those requirements are met, and will seriously consider other options before signing any deal with a for-profit ALPR company;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Houghton County Board of Commissioners supports HB 5492 and HB 5493 forward, and urges their passage;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Houghton County Board of Commissioners affirms that no ALPR system used by or on behalf of any Houghton County government should be available to federal immigration enforcement agencies, including ICE and U.S. Border Patrol, and calls on local officials to include clear, enforceable rules against such access in any ALPR agreement.

Re: Agenda Item - September 2026

From Katie LaCosse <katie.lacosse@gmail.com>

Date Mon 8/31/2026 3:07 PM

To Agenda <agenda@houghtoncounty.gov>

 1 attachment (76 KB)

ALPR Resolution - BOC-2.pdf;

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Please disregard the document titled ALPR Resolution in the first email; use the one attached in this email instead. An error was discovered immediately after sending, and the document has since been revised. All other documents from the first email are correct and should be used with this revised resolution.

Thank you,
Katie LaCosse

On Mon, Aug 31, 2026 at 11:01 AM Katie LaCosse <katie.lacosse@gmail.com> wrote:

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Katie LaCosse



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RESOLUTION #26-28

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Motion Made By:

Motion Supported By:

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes:

Nays: None (0)

Absent: None (0)

MOTION CARRIED.

Dated: _____

Tom Tikkanen, Chair
Houghton County Board of Commissioners

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

I, Jennifer Kelly, Clerk of Houghton County, do hereby certify and set my seal to the above Resolution as adopted October 13, 2026, at the Houghton County Courthouse, 401 East Houghton Avenue, Houghton, MI 49931.

Jennifer Kelly
County Clerk



Outlook

Fw: RESOLUTION FOR OUR MEDICAL EXAMINER

From Chelsea Rheault <chelsea@houghtoncounty.gov>

Date Mon 9/28/2026 11:21 AM

To Board of Commissioners <boc@houghtoncounty.net>

Hi BOC,

It does not appear this actually made it to the 9/15 agenda, so I will add to the October WS for review and October Regular for adoption. Sounds like this is more of a housekeeping item, as the contract was approved in 2023, but the BOC made a motion, and our Clerk needs it to be a resolution.

Jan. 17 2023 Minutes-

7. Medical Examiner Appointment-4 Year Appointment

A Motion was made by Commissioner Keranen and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to approve Doctor Kotov for a 4-year appointment..

The Motion carried by the following vote.

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

NO: None. 0



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Book time to meet with me

From: Chelsea Rheault <chelsea@houghtoncounty.gov>

Sent: Friday, September 4, 2026 10:22 AM

To: Jennifer Kelly <countyclerk@houghtoncounty.gov>

Subject: Re: RESOLUTION FOR OUR MEDICAL EXAMINER

This will be placed on the 9/15/2026 agenda.



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From: Jennifer Kelly <countyclerk@houghtoncounty.gov>

Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2026 1:58 PM

To: Paige Setter-Hallwachs <paige.setter@houghtoncounty.gov>; Chelsea Rheault <chelsea@houghtoncounty.gov>

Subject: RESOLUTION FOR OUR MEDICAL EXAMINER

As I told Paige this morning, the State Vitals Department is requesting a copy of the Resolution for Dr. Kotov's contract with the County. Attached is a Resolution Renee typed up for me this morning and I made some changes. I put that his contract is expiring in 2026 ? Could be January 2027? Please put this on the 9/15 Agenda, and if any Commissioners have questions, let me know. Thank you!

If you have any questions, or need further assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Kelly
Houghton County Clerk/Register of Deeds
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**HOUGHTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION FOR MEDICAL EXAMINER CONTRACT
RESOLUTION NUMBER #26-19**

WHEREAS, Section 1 of the County Medical Examiners Act requires that the Board of Commissioners appoint a County Medical Examiner to hold office for a period of four years (MCL 52.201); and

WHEREAS, at the Regular Meeting on January 17, 2023, the Houghton County Board of Commissioners approved by a vote to appoint Dr. Petio Kotov as the Houghton County Medical Examiner for a term of four (4) years.

WHEREAS, the Michigan State Vitals Department has requested a Resolution to appoint Dr. Petio Kotov as the Houghton County Medical Examiner.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Houghton County Board of Commissioners hereby appoints Dr. Petio Kotov to continue to provide Medical Examiner Services for Houghton County for the remainder of his four year term (2023-2026).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners is authorized to sign and necessary contract documents consistent with this Resolution, subject to approval as to form by the County Attorney.

The resolution set forth was offered by Commissioner _____ and supported by Commissioner _____.

A vote was thereupon taken on the foregoing resolution and the voter for such resolution was as follows:

AYES:

NAYS:

A majority of the members-elect having approved such Resolution deems the Resolution **APPROVED.**

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

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COUNTY OF HOUGHTON)

I certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of the Resolution adopted by the Houghton County Board of Commissioners that such Resolution was duly adopted at a regular meeting held on the 15th day of September 2026, and that notice of such meeting was given as required by law.

Jennifer Kelly, Houghton County Clerk



Outlook

Health Insurance PA 152

From Chelsea Rheault <chelsea@houghtoncounty.gov>

Date Mon 9/28/2026 1:17 PM

To Board of Commissioners <boc@houghtoncounty.net>

 2 attachments (257 KB)

RESOLUTION #26-29 250-027 PA 152 2026 (1).docx; 2027 Health Insurance Cost Comparisons.pdf;

Board of Commissioners,

Health insurance open enrollment for the 2027 calendar year will begin soon. As part of the annual renewal process, the Board must determine how the County will comply with Public Act 152. The three available options are the Hard Cap, 80/20, or Exemption option. Decision will be needed during the October 2026 Regular Meeting, via resolution.

Based on my review of prior years, it appears the Board has historically elected the Exemption option. Under this option, the Board determines the percentage of health insurance premiums paid by the County and the percentage paid by employees, if any.

I reviewed the County's health insurance contribution history dating back to 2014. The employer and employee contribution percentages have varied over time, generally increasing as health insurance renewal costs increased. It appears that, in prior years, premium increases have generally been shared between the County and employees.

For the 2027 calendar year, the County's health insurance renewal reflects a 19.9% premium increase. If the Board were to apply a 50/50 allocation of that increase consistent with the approach used in prior years, the increase would effectively be divided at 9.95% to the County and 9.95% to employees. The attached cost analysis provides additional detail regarding the financial impact of the available options.

It is also important to note that, based on the records I reviewed, the County has consistently offered at least one health insurance plan option at no premium cost to employees since at least 2014. Maintaining a zero-cost employee plan is not required under PA 152. In addition, Houghton County currently provides dental and vision insurance at no premium cost to employees enrolled in the health plans.

The County also has three collective bargaining units. Any applicable collective bargaining agreement provisions should therefore be considered as part of the Board's review and implementation of its selected option. If the Board wishes to change the County's approach from last year, a memorandum of understanding with each bargaining unit may be necessary. I recommend seeking guidance from the County's labor attorney before making any changes to determine what the current contracts permit. I can obtain that guidance at the Board's request.

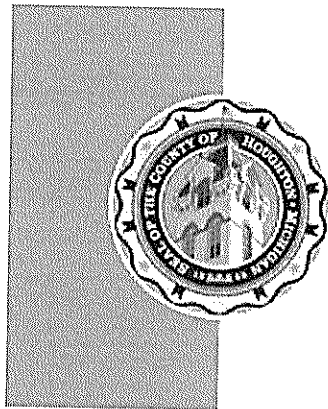
I have prepared the attached cost analysis to assist the Board in comparing the financial impact of the available PA 152 options and potential employer/employee contribution structures. I am not making a recommendation as to which option the Board should select, as that determination rests with the Board.

The analysis is being provided to assist the Board in making an informed decision prior to the 2027 open enrollment period (during the October 2026 Regular Meeting).

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding the calculations or supporting information.

Thank you,

Chelsea Rheault



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📅 Book time to meet with me

HOUGHTON COUNTY | 2027 HEALTH PLAN COST SCENARIOS

January 1–December 31, 2027 • enrollment held constant for 12 months

Board choice

	County / month	County / year	Employee premium / year
Section 3 — hard cap	\$126,533.52	\$1,518,402.24	\$411,715.92
Section 4 — 80/20	\$128,674.54	\$1,544,094.53	\$386,023.63
Section 8 — exemption 100% County	\$160,843.18	\$1,930,118.16	\$0.00
Section 8 — exemption Current County % Share	\$143,711.22	\$1,724,534.63	\$205,583.53
Exemption: County premium share	100%		
Single monthly cap (renewal)	\$675.70		
Double monthly cap (renewal)	\$1,425.64		
Family monthly cap (renewal)	\$1,859.18		
Source: The Pool, 2027 rate renewal for Houghton County, effective January 1, 2027.			

Plan

	Coverage	Enrolled	Monthly rate / contract
Value HSA 3000 (059/060)	Single	1	\$690.29
Value HSA 3000 (059/060)	Double	1	\$1,656.67
Value HSA 3000 (059/060)	Family	1	\$2,070.84
Value 250 (092)	Single	10	\$847.84
Value 250 (092)	Double	10	\$1,996.81
Value 500 (095)	Family	16	\$2,489.23
Value 500 (095)	Single	1	\$799.46
Value 1000 (096)	Family	2	\$1,884.65
Value 1000 (096)	Double	3	\$2,349.73
Value 1000 (096)	Single	4	\$782.32
Value 1000 (096)	Family	4	\$1,845.94
Value HSA 2000 (102/103)	Double	1	\$2,301.77
Value HSA 2000 (102/103)	Single	9	\$680.62
Value HSA 2000 (102/103)	Double	4	\$1,605.96
Value HSA 2000 (102/103)	Family	24	\$2,002.53

COUNTY TOTAL

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Plan	Enrollment	Monthly premium	Annual premium
Value HSA 3000 (059/060)	3	\$4,417.80	\$53,013.60
Value 250 (092)	36	\$68,274.18	\$819,290.16
Value 500 (095)	4	\$7,383.57	\$88,602.84
Value 1000 (096)	8	\$12,032.49	\$144,389.88
Value HSA 2000 (102/103)	37	\$60,610.14	\$727,321.68
TOTAL	88	\$152,718.18	\$1,832,618.16

Important assumptions and limits

Includes stated HSA funding only for Value HSA 2000.

Hard cap and 80/20 are County-wide annual limits; plan/coverage rows illustrate allocation and do not prescribe individual payroll deductions.

The exemption sets no County payment percentage. The chart above shows an option of 100% employer funded, and also the 2026 percentages of employer/Actual costs will change with enrollment, benefit selections, which will not be known until open enrollment concludes.

Health Insurance coverage and admin is generally mandatory bargaining subjects under Michigan Public labor law, a MOU should be obtained with each of the

Basis

County cost includes HSA; remainder of premium is employee share
County cost includes HSA; 80% of total medical plan costs
County premium share is deductible; County HSA contribution added

Value HSA 2000 • annual employer HSA / enrolled contract
Single
Double
Family

Monthly premium = enrolled x rate	Annual premium = monthly x 12	Hard cap / contract	Hard cap, County premium / month
\$690.29	\$8,283.48	\$675.70	\$675.70
\$1,656.67	\$19,880.04	\$1,425.64	\$1,425.64
\$2,070.84	\$24,850.08	\$1,859.18	\$1,859.18
\$8,478.40	\$101,740.80	\$675.70	\$6,757.00
\$19,968.10	\$239,617.20	\$1,425.64	\$14,256.40
\$39,827.68	\$477,932.16	\$1,859.18	\$29,746.88
\$799.46	\$9,593.52	\$675.70	\$675.70
\$1,884.65	\$22,615.80	\$1,425.64	\$1,425.64
\$4,699.46	\$56,393.52	\$1,859.18	\$3,718.36
\$2,346.96	\$28,163.52	\$675.70	\$2,027.10
\$7,383.76	\$88,605.12	\$1,425.64	\$5,702.56
\$2,301.77	\$27,621.24	\$1,859.18	\$1,859.18
\$6,125.58	\$73,506.96	\$675.70	\$4,956.30
\$6,423.84	\$77,086.08	\$1,425.64	\$4,702.56
\$48,060.72	\$576,728.64	\$1,859.18	\$38,620.32

\$152,718.18 \$1832,618.16

\$118,408.52

Hard cap / year	80/20 / year	Current Exemption / year
\$47,526.24	\$42,410.88	\$0.00
\$609,123.36	\$655,432.13	\$681,325.51
\$69,836.40	\$70,882.27	\$73,997.56
\$115,066.08	\$115,511.90	\$144,389.88
\$676,850.16	\$659,857.34	\$824,821.68
\$1,518,402.24	\$1,544,094.53	\$1,724,534.63

employee cost share.

three collective bargaining units, if the Board chooses an alternative option.

\$1,500.00
\$3,000.00
\$3,000.00

80/20 County premium / contract	80/20 County premium / month	Exempt County premium / contract	Exempt County premium / month	Employer HSA / contract / year
\$552.23	\$552.23	\$690.29	\$690.29	\$0.00
\$1,325.34	\$1,325.34	\$1,656.67	\$1,656.67	\$0.00
\$1,656.67	\$1,656.67	\$2,070.84	\$2,070.84	\$0.00
\$678.27	\$6,782.72	\$847.84	\$8,478.40	\$0.00
\$1,597.45	\$15,974.48	\$1,996.81	\$19,968.10	\$0.00
\$1,991.38	\$31,862.14	\$2,489.23	\$39,827.68	\$0.00
\$639.57	\$639.57	\$799.46	\$799.46	\$0.00
\$1,507.72	\$1,507.72	\$1,884.65	\$1,884.65	\$0.00
\$1,879.78	\$3,759.57	\$2,349.73	\$4,699.46	\$0.00
\$625.86	\$1,877.57	\$782.32	\$2,346.96	\$0.00
\$1,476.75	\$5,907.01	\$1,845.94	\$7,383.76	\$0.00
\$1,841.42	\$1,841.42	\$2,301.77	\$2,301.77	\$0.00
\$519.50	\$4,675.46	\$680.62	\$6,125.58	\$0.00
\$1,234.77	\$4,939.07	\$1,605.96	\$6,423.84	\$1,500.00
\$1,552.02	\$37,248.58	\$2,002.53	\$48,060.72	\$3,000.00
\$120,549.54		\$152,718.18		

Employer HSA / month	Exempt County Current % Share	Exempt County Current % Share / month	Employer HSA / contract / year	Employer HSA / month
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$0.00	\$693.11	\$6,931.09	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$0.00	\$1,674.52	\$16,745.25	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$0.00	\$2,068.80	\$33,100.78	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$0.00	\$651.40	\$651.40	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$0.00	\$1,588.19	\$1,588.19	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$0.00	\$1,963.43	\$3,926.87	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$0.00	\$782.32	\$2,346.96	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$0.00	\$1,845.94	\$7,383.76	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$0.00	\$2,301.77	\$2,301.77	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$1,125.00	\$680.62	\$6,125.58	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
\$1,000.00	\$1,605.96	\$6,423.84	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
\$6,000.00	\$2,002.53	\$48,060.72	\$3,000.00	\$6,000.00
\$3,125.00				
		\$135,586.22		\$10,500.00



HOUGHTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

EXEMPTION RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE ANNUAL EXEMPTION OPTION AS SET FORTH 2011 PUBLIC ACT 152, THE PUBLICLY FUNDED HEALTH INSURANCE CONTRIBUTION ACT RESOLUTION #26-29

WHEREAS, 2011 Public Act 152 (the "Act") was passed by the State Legislature and signed by the Governor on September 24, 2011; WHEREAS, the Act contains three options for complying with the requirements of the Act;

WHEREAS, the three options are as follows:

- 1) Section 3 - "Hard Caps" Option - limits a public employer's total annual health care costs for employees based on coverage levels, as defined in the Act;
- 2) Section 4 - "80%/20%" Option limits a public employer's share of total annual health care costs to not more than 80%. This option requires an annual majority vote of the governing body;
- 3) Section 8 - "Exemption" Option - a local unit of government, as defined in the Act, may exempt itself from the requirements of the Act by an annual 2/3 vote of the governing body;

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has decided to adopt the annual Exemption option as its choice of compliance under the Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Houghton County Board of Commissioners hereby elects, pursuant to Section 8 of 2011 Public Act 152, to exempt Houghton County from the requirements of the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act for the medical benefit plan coverage beginning January 1, 2027, and ending December 31, 2027.

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

Moved by Commissioner:

Jennifer Kelly, Houghton County Clerk

Fw: [MACAOMessages] County Accommodation Tax Authority – Invitation for Statewide Collaboration

From Administrator <administrator@houghtoncounty.gov>

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To nalger@gtcountymi.gov <nalger@gtcountymi.gov>

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September 2 2026 Accommodation Tax Resolution.pdf;

Hi Nate,

Thank you for sharing this.

I was wondering if you would be able to provide the resolution that was adopted?

Best,



From: macaomessages@mail-list.com <macaomessages@mail-list.com> on behalf of Nate Alger <macaomessages@mail-list.com>

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Good morning,

I am reaching out on behalf of the Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners regarding an issue that we believe may be of interest to counties across Michigan, particularly those experiencing significant

tourism and visitor activity.

On September 2nd, our Board of Commissioners passed a resolution supporting state legislative action that would authorize counties to impose, collect, retain, and expend a local accommodation tax on hotels, motels, short-term rentals, and other transient lodging. The intent is to provide counties with an additional local revenue option to help support county programs, services, and infrastructure, and as you know, under current Michigan law, counties do not have express statutory authority to impose and retain an accommodation tax to help offset those costs.

Our Board has instructed me to reach out to my fellow County Administrators to determine whether other counties share this concern and whether there is interest in approaching the Legislature collectively. I am not sure of your efforts in this regard, but when we have spoken with Legislators previously, we have always received the same message, "dead on arrival".

At this point, we are not advocating for a particular tax rate or a one-size-fits-all approach. Rather, we would like to explore legislation that would provide counties with the statutory authority and local option to consider an accommodation tax. Our resolution specifically calls for any legislation to clearly address the tax base, rate, collection mechanism, eligible uses, distribution and retention of revenue, and any required local approval process.

If your county has an interest in this issue, I would appreciate hearing from you. If there is sufficient interest, I would like to bring together a group of counties to discuss a common legislative approach and determine whether we can collectively engage our lawmakers in Lansing and the Michigan Association of Counties.

Please let me know if your county would be interested in participating in this discussion. I believe a coordinated effort among counties will give us a better opportunity to develop a practical proposal and have a meaningful conversation with our state legislators.

Next week, the MAC Conference will be at the Grand Traverse Resort. I will be looking for an opportunity to have a meeting with those interested to discuss this further.

Have a great Labor Day Weekend!

Nate

Nate Alger
Grand Traverse County Administrator
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Resolution

Date: September 2, 2026

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR STATE LEGISLATIVE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE A COUNTY ACCOMMODATION TAX ON HOTELS, MOTELS, SHORT-TERM RENTALS, AND OTHER TRANSIENT LODGING TO SUPPORT COUNTY PROGRAMS, SERVICES, AND INFRASTRUCTURE

WHEREAS, Grand Traverse County is one of Northern Michigan's premier tourist destinations, welcoming hundreds of thousands of visitors throughout the year who come to enjoy the County's lakes, beaches, trails, wineries, and downtowns; and

WHEREAS, this influx of tourism and visitors is exemplified by signature regional events such as the National Cherry Festival, which draws large crowds to the Grand Traverse region each summer and places significant additional demand on County-funded programs, services, and infrastructure over a concentrated period; and

WHEREAS, the infrastructure of Grand Traverse County, including roads, bridges, trails, parks, and other public facilities, requires taxpayer funding of maintenance, repair, and expansion to accommodate this seasonal population surge and to ensure public safety and economic vitality; and

WHEREAS, the financial demands of providing essential public safety services and programs continue to increase throughout the County, in both its urban and rural areas, and are especially acute during peak tourist season; and

WHEREAS, visitors place additional demand on County programs, services, and infrastructure, but under current Michigan law, counties do not have express statutory authority to impose and retain a local accommodation tax for general County programs, services, and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, visitors and tourists who utilize temporary lodging services within the County place substantial additional demand on local infrastructure, public safety services, and other County programs, and therefore it is reasonable for them to contribute to the cost of those public needs; and

WHEREAS, amending state law to authorize counties to receive and spend accommodation tax revenues on such programs, services, and infrastructure would provide a new, equitable, and

stable source of revenue to address critical funding needs without placing the burden on permanent residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners expresses its strong support for state legislative action to amend Michigan law to authorize counties, including Grand Traverse County, to impose, collect, retain, and expend a local accommodation tax — an excise tax on hotel, motel, short-term rental, and other transient temporary room stays — to support County programs, services, and infrastructure; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any such legislation should clearly identify the permissible tax base, rate, collection mechanism, eligible uses, distribution and retention of revenue, and any required local approval process so that counties may implement the authority in a lawful, transparent, and administratively workable manner; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Grand Traverse County Clerk is directed to transmit certified copies of this Resolution to Representatives Coffia and Roth, Senator Damoose, to all other county boards of commissioners, and to the Michigan Association of Counties.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2026, by the Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners.

Chair, Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Grand Traverse County Clerk



Outlook

Fw: Agenda Item for the next Work Session

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Subject: Agenda Item for the next Work Session

Hi Chelsea,

Please add the Transfer Station to Work Session agenda.

Thanks,
Gretchen