

Houghton County Board of Commissioners

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Houghton, MI 49931



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AGENDA **HOUGHTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** **Regular Meeting** **August 11, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.**

- A. Call to Order
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call
- D. Approval of Minutes; July 6, 2026 Work Session; July 14, 2026 Regular Meeting
- E. Approval of Agenda
- F. Public Comments – Agenda Items only *(3-minute limit).
- G. Approval of Bills- \$2,588,508.43
- H. Reports
 - 1. Standing Committees
 - 2. Special Committees
 - 3. County Officers
- I. Unfinished Business
 - 1. George Gipp Recreation Arena Annexation Request; tabled from the August Work Session
- J. New Business
 - 1. Gabby's Guppies Loan Closeout
 - 2. Paul Putnam, District Director Michigan State University Extension, Updates
 - 3. Independent Auditing Service, Request for Information
 - 4. Resolution #26-16 Opposing Legislation to Dissolve the Upper Peninsula Community Mental Health System into a Single Specialized Regional Mental Health Authority; tabled from the August Work Session
 - 5. Request from the Community Garden to acquire the 2 most western lots of the empty block west of the Courthouse; tabled from the August Work Session
 - 6. Tri-County Public Defenders, July 2026 Payment Request \$93,128.29
 - 7. Resolution #26-17 Naming Trustee and Alternative Trustee to the Western Michigan Health Insurance Pool
- K. Other Business / Communications
- L. Travel
 - 1. Paige Setter-Hallwachs, The POOL's Annual Summit, September 8-10, 2026
 - 2. Chelsea Rheault, The POOL's Annual Summit, September 8-10, 2026
 - 3. Chelsea Rheault, MGFOA Fall Training Institute, September 13-17, 2026
 - 4. Paige Setter-Hallwachs, MER's Annual Conference, October 7-10, 2026
 - 5. Chelsea Rheault, MER's Annual Conference, October 7-10, 2026
 - 6. Derrick Morris, 2 FOC Staff Members traveling to Michigan Family Child Support Conference, October 20-23, 2026

Meeting dates and locations are posted on the County's website for public access. A virtual meeting link will be made available in the News section of the County website prior to each meeting.

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M. Appropriations

1. Michigan Association of Counties, Annual Dues \$5,610.82

2. Copper Country Community Mental Health \$13,707.91

N. Public Comments - *(3 minute limit)

O. Announcements

P. Adjournment
