



Houghton County Land Bank Authority 2014 Annual Report

Board of Directors:

Kathleen Beattie, Chairperson;

John Haeussler, Secretary; James Hainault, Treasurer;

Glenn Anderson; William Hodges.

The Houghton County Land Bank Authority (LBA) Board of Directors met four times in 2014: June 9; August 9; September 2; and, October 20.

The board welcomed new member Glenn Anderson and thanked outgoing member Dennis Barrette for his service. Director Anderson is the Hancock City Manager and serves as the board's local government official. Directors Anderson and Hainault were appointed by the county commissioners to three-year terms expiring December 31, 2016. The board elected officers including Director Haeussler as secretary and Director Hainault as treasurer.

Entering 2014 the LBA had three properties in its inventory. The LBA sold 1219 12th Street, Lake Linden (table 1, property 1) for \$1,000.00 plus applicable deed recording fee(s) via the side lot disposition program. Offers were solicited, but none received, via the side lot disposition program for a 0.1 acre lot in Sidnaw (table 2, property 3). The parcel is of limited utility and remains available for sale from the LBA. Due to adjacent properties entering the tax foreclosure system offering the potential to pool the properties in the future, the LBA took no action on 439 Pine Street, Calumet (table 2, property 7).

The county treasurer foreclosed thirty-one (31) properties in 2014. The board discussed all of the tax-foreclosed properties and the vast majority of them were visited by two or more board members for visual inspection.

Following the second and final public tax sale auction twelve (12) unsold properties were rejected by their local units of government and subsequently were conveyed to the LBA by the Houghton County Treasurer. (See table 1, properties 2-13.)

The LBA also purchased two (2) properties in Houghton County from the State of Michigan Land Bank Fast Track Authority for a total of \$100.00 plus a \$35.00 processing fee. (See table 1, properties 14-15.)

At the close of 2014 the LBA had sixteen (16) properties in its inventory. (See table 2.)

Table 1: 2014 LBA Property Transactions

<u>Property Address</u>	<u>2014 Transactions</u>
1. Parcel 31-043-278-002-00 1219 12th Street Lake Linden (Village of L Linden)	Sold to county resident Bruce Dickie for \$1,000.00 plus applicable deed recording fee(s) via the side lot disposition program.
2. Parcel 31-001-200-055-00 15125 Baltic Street Painesdale (Adams Township)	Conveyed to LBA via MCL 211.78m and MCL 124.755. Severely blighted home on large corner lot demolished by county treasurer in 2014.
3. Parcel 31-001-400-015-00 44376 Seventh Avenue Trimountain (Adams Township)	Conveyed to LBA via MCL 211.78m and MCL 124.755. Vacant lot with some personal property/debris remaining from previous owner.
4. Parcel 31-006-007-009-00 21903 New Street Boston (Franklin Township)	Conveyed to LBA via MCL 211.78m and MCL 124.755. Severely blighted home on 0.2 acre lot demolished by county treasurer in 2014.
5. Parcel 31-010-503-013-00 Dodgeville (Portage Township)	Conveyed to LBA via MCL 211.78m and MCL 124.755. Vacant lot.
6. Parcel 31-010-503-017-00 Dodgeville (Portage Township)	Conveyed to LBA via MCL 211.78m and MCL 124.755. Two vacant lots.
7. Parcel 31-041-121-010-10 8. Parcel 31-041-121-010-20 9. Parcel 31-041-121-010-30 10. Parcel 31-041-121-011-00 11. Parcel 31-041-121-012-00 12. Parcel 31-041-121-013-00 451 Pine Street Calumet (Village of Calumet)	Conveyed to LBA via MCL 211.78m and MCL 124.755. Unoccupied storefront and adjacent vacant lots. Six (6) parcels in total.
13. Parcel 31-043-269-010-00 1406 Calumet Street Lake Linden (Village of L Linden)	Conveyed to LBA via MCL 211.78m and MCL 124.755. Severely blighted home on two lots demolished by county treasurer in 2014.
14. Parcel 31-042-117-001-00 Copper City (Village of C City)	Purchased for \$50.00. Platted but unimproved block in northeast corner of Copper City.
15. Parcel 31-043-132-008-00 Lake Linden (Village of L Linden)	Purchased for \$50.00. East 5' of residential lot.

Table 2: 2014 LBA Property Inventory

<u>Property Address</u>	<u>Status</u>
1. Parcel 31-001-200-055-00 15125 Baltic Street Painesdale (Adams Township)	To be discussed by LBA in 2015. Structure demolished by county treasurer in 2014.
2. Parcel 31-001-400-015-00 44376 Seventh Avenue Trimountain (Adams Township)	To be discussed by LBA in 2015.
3. Parcel 31-004-006-003-00 Sidnaw (Duncan Township)	Vacant lot available for sale.
4. Parcel 31-006-007-009-00 21903 New Street Boston (Franklin Township)	To be discussed by LBA in 2015. Structure demolished by county treasurer in 2014.
5. Parcel 31-010-503-013-00 Dodgeville (Portage Township)	To be discussed by LBA in 2015. Candidate for side lot disposition program.
6. Parcel 31-010-503-017-00 Dodgeville (Portage Township)	To be discussed by LBA in 2015. Candidate for side lot disposition program.
7. Parcel 31-041-121-010-00 439 Pine Street Calumet (Village of Calumet)	To be discussed by LBA in 2015. These seven (7) parcels include: a blighted, unoccupied storefront on the northeast corner of Pine and Fifth Streets; a blighted, unoccupied residence farther east on Pine Street; and, all of the vacant lots in between the two structures. Directors Beattie and Haeussler met with the Calumet Village Council on December 8, 2014, and there is an overwhelming desire to address the future of these parcels as a whole rather than as seven (7) individual properties. The LBA intends to collaborate with the village regarding a desirable redevelopment strategy.
8. Parcel 31-041-121-010-10	
9. Parcel 31-041-121-010-20	
10. Parcel 31-041-121-010-30	
11. Parcel 31-041-121-011-00	
12. Parcel 31-041-121-012-00	
13. Parcel 31-041-121-013-00 451 Pine Street Calumet (Village of Calumet)	
14. Parcel 31-042-117-001-00 Copper City (Village of C City)	To be discussed by LBA in 2015.
15. Parcel 31-043-132-008-00 Lake Linden (Village of L Linden)	To be discussed by LBA in 2015. Candidate for side lot disposition program.
16. Parcel 31-043-269-010-00 1406 Calumet Street Lake Linen (Village of L Linden)	To be discussed by LBA in 2015. Structure demolished by county treasurer in 2014.

The LBA receives no outside funding. At the close of 2014 the LBA's bank account contained a balance of \$33,628.41.

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