

## Houghton County Board of Commissioners

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### AGENDA HOUGHTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Regular Meeting April 14, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.

- A. Call to Order
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call
- D. Approval of Minutes; March 10, 2026 Regular Meeting
- E. Approval of Agenda
- F. Public Comments – Agenda Items only \*(3-minute limit).
- G. Approval of Bills- \$1,561,041.22
- H. Reports
  - 1. Standing Committees
  - 2. Special Committees
  - 3. County Officers
- I. Unfinished Business
  - 1. Resolution #26-02 supporting House Bills 5152 & 5153; tabled from the Regular March 2026 meeting
  - 2. Resolution #26-07 support for bringing Amtrak service to the Upper Peninsula; tabled from the Regular March 2026 meeting
  - 3. Resolution #26-04 to declare May 3-9, 2026, International Compost Awareness Week to raise awareness of composting and recognize all who compost in Houghton County
  - 4. Resolution #26-08 opposing any legislation preempting local control for the construction of data centers/battery storage facilities; tabled from the Regular March 2026 meeting
  - 5. Response to concerns regarding ICE, Houghton County Sheriff
    - a. Copper Country Republican Party Letter of Support
  - 6. Jail Committees Final Report
  - 7. RFP for Accounting Services Update
  - 8. RFP for Cyber Security Services
  - 9. Network Outage and Operations Disruption Policy
  - 10. Inclement Weather and Emergency Closures Policy
  - 11. Building Department Quotes for Truck Purchase
- J. New Business
  - 1. County Equalization Report
  - 2. Connections not Cuffs Grant, Lease Agreement
  - 3. Connections not Cuffs, Vehicle Purchase Request
  - 4. Joe Foster, 2026 Houghton County Survey & Remonumentation Contracts

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5. Adam Welstead, Portage Second Crossing
  6. Resolution #26-06 to establish water system and sanitary sewer system rates and charges
  7. UPCAP May Conference
  8. Appreciation Letter to Rep. Bergman
  9. Ad Hoc Website Committee
  10. Tri-County Public Defenders, Monthly Reimbursement Request- \$70,880.55
  11. Alex Radke, JAVS Quote
  12. Materials Management Mini Excavator Maintenance
  13. UP Opioid Taskforce County Gathering
  14. Resolution #26-05 Opposing House Bill 4583 and Any Legislation that limits control over property tax millage election timing
- K. Other Business / Communications
- L. Travel
1. Todd LaRoux & Joel Watson- COCM Conference
- M. Appropriations
1. Copper Country Community Mental Health- \$27,415.82
  2. Western Upper Peninsula Health Department- \$69,106.50
  3. WUPPDR- \$7,435.50
- N. Public Comments - \*(3 minute limit)
- O. Announcements
1. There is a new email address for submitting agenda items for consideration by the Houghton County Board of Commissioners: [agenda@houghtoncounty.gov](mailto:agenda@houghtoncounty.gov). Agenda item requests will only be considered officially received if they are submitted to this email address or delivered in paper form to the **Houghton County Administrator's Office**. Submissions sent to any other email address may not be considered received. More information about submitting agenda item requests can be found under the Board of Commissioners page on the County website: <https://houghtoncounty.gov/commissions-board.php>
- P. Adjournment
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