

**HOUGHTON COUNTY APPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE 2021
SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 24, 2021**

The Houghton County Apportionment Committee held a Special Apportionment Committee meeting on Tuesday, August 24, 2021, in the 5th Floor Conference room of the Courthouse, City of Houghton.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Lisa Mattila, at 10:02 a.m.

Roll call:

The following Committee members responded to roll call done by Jennifer Kelly, County Clerk:

Brittany Bulleit-Prosecuting Attorney, Jennifer Kelly-County Clerk, Lisa Mattila-County Treasurer, William Keith-Chair of Democratic Party, and Dan Holcomb-Chair of the Republican Party.

Commissioner, Glen Anderson, was also in attendance.

Public Comments:

None.

Approval of Agenda:

A Motion was made by William Keith, and seconded by Brittany Bulleit to approve the Agenda as presented.

The Motion carried by a voice vote. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Approval of Minutes:

A Motion was made by Brittany Bulleit, and seconded by Lisa Mattila to approve the May 18, 2021 minutes as presented.

The Motion carried by a voice vote. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Dan Holcomb asked to receive a copy of the May 18, 2021 minutes. Jennifer Kelly will send him a copy by email.

New Business:

A. Apportionment Budget

Brittany Bulleit discussed tabling this item.

B. Decennial census figures release

Brittany Bulleit discussed the legacy format, and the 60 days from date of publication. Brittany discussed what other counties are doing. Baraga will be doing the September begin date, and Livingston County will be doing the August 12th date.

Brittany requested the Apportionment Committee meet again next week after Brittany goes through some Apportionment training. There was discussion on the possibility of needing to split the Commissioner Districts depending on the numbers. The Committee may need to look into an extension.

The Committee had discussion about the “Tool” that can be used that will be provided for free by the State of Michigan. The County Clerk and Prosecutor will be doing training, and the County clerk will set up the Admin and users.

It is unknown what the Committee will need as far as software, or if the Committee will need to hire anyone to assist the Apportionment Committee.

Future Meetings:

The Committee agreed to another meeting on Tuesday, August 31, 2021 at 10:00 am.

Public Comment:

Commissioner, Glenn Anderson, stated there were 18 Commissioners long ago which consisted of every Township Supervisor. He asked if there is a population variation between districts. Brittany Bulleit stated according to statute, the Committee is to have a variation as practical as possible.

Glenn Anderson questioned if the software the Committee will use will have census block information on it. The Committee had no answer.

Budget discussion:

The Committee discussed having documentation for future Apportionment Committees to recommend a budget to the Administrator or Controller before the 2030 Census. Jennifer Kelly recommended putting it in the minutes, and the Committee agreed.

Adjournment:

A Motion was made by Brittany Bulleit and seconded by William Keith to adjourn at 10:53 pm.

The Motion carried by a voice vote. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Lisa Mattila, Chairman

Jennifer Kelly, County Clerk