

**HOUGHTON COUNTY APPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE 2021
SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 31, 2021**

The Houghton County Apportionment Committee held a Special Apportionment Committee meeting on Tuesday, August 31, 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 10:00 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.

Approval of Agenda:

Dan Holcomb requesting moving the meetings times to 3:00 or 4:00 or to request taking \$72.00 in a per diem. The Chairman stated Meeting Times and Per Diem would be moved under New Business.

A Motion was made by Brittany Bulleit, and seconded by Jennifer Kelly 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 William Keith to approve the August 24, 2021 minutes as presented.

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

Public Comments:

Mary Sears stated she was monitoring today's meeting to take back to the Association and provide input at a later date to the Committee. She provided a handout to the Committee on how many more districts their Association believes Houghton County needs.

Erik Kiilunen stated Albert Koskela and Tom Tikkanen informed him that they were not aware of the Apportionment Committee meetings.

Glenn Anderson said he is aware of the meets and has attended each meeting.

Old Business:

Tabled Budget Amount:

Chairman Mattila told the Committee that the Administrator has put \$5,000.00 in the Apportionment Budget.

State's CCD Reapportionment Tool training update:

CCD Tool Live Event – YouTube Demonstration

Brittany Bulet provided a handout to the Committee with the YouTube link and discussed the handout from the Bureau of Elections. It includes two (2) contacts who are open to talk to any members of the Committee. The training video is approximately 1 hour and 12 minutes long.

Brittany Buleit stated there could be issues with the 60-day limit to have a plan in place. It is still uncertain when the clock starts. It is either August 12th or September 30th. Two (2) respectful law firms have given their opinions that August 12th is the start day. The Bureau of Elections has stated September 30th is the start day. The Committee discussed meeting again next week and have Tom Ressler come with a laptop to have Jennifer Kelly log in to the CCD Tool, and use the legacy data numbers to have the Committee practice using the software. The Chairman will contact Tom Ressler.

Anyone can submit a plan to the Apportionment Committee, before the Committee decides on a plan.

Brittany Buleit will provide copies of the statutes to the Committee by email.

Jennifer Kelly is the Admin for the CCD Tool. Jennifer Kelly will grant access to the users and viewers. Brittany Buleit stated people should use caution on the site when typing.

Jennifer Kelly advised the Committee about an email she received from Lori Bourbonais from the Bureau of Elections. The email stated the Bureau of Elections is saying the clock starts on September 30th when the Census data is received.

New Business:

A. Correspondence

Lisa Mattila stated she received emails and calls from individuals. Neil Anderson is against adding additional Commissioners. Rachel Larson is against adding additional Commissioners. Naomi Leukuma is not in favor of new Commissioners.

Jennifer Kelly stated she received an email from Marty Rajala and he supports the effort to add 1 or 2 Commissioners.

Lisa Mattila asked Jennifer Kelly if the Apportionment Committee could have the member's names on the website. Jennifer Kelly stated she had put as much on the new "Apportionment Committee" on the website as she could and hoped the new website would be coming soon and be able to have more at that time.

B. Meeting times and per diems

Brittany Bulleit discussed having the next meeting on Thursday at 4:00 pm. Lisa Mattila will get a laptop for the meeting from Tom Ressler.

Dan Holcomb stated he will not need a per diem if the meetings are later in the day.

Public Comment:

Erik Kiilunen stated he had trouble hearing the discussion on the software due to the air being on.

Brittany Bulleit said the public can view the YouTube video at: youtube.com/watch?v=WdNUZGwwxW5c.

Adjournment:

A Motion was made by Brittany Bulleit and seconded by Jennifer Kelly to adjourn the meeting.

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

Lisa Mattila, Chairman

Jennifer Kelly, County Clerk