

**HOUGHTON COUNTY APPOINTMENT COMMITTEE 2021  
SPECIAL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 15, 2021**

The Houghton County Appointment Committee held a Special Committee meeting on Wednesday, September 15, 2021, in the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference room of the Courthouse, City of Houghton.

Call to Order:

Brittany Bulleit called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call:

The following Committee members responded to roll call done by Deputy County Clerk, Renee Cunningham: Fraser Strome-Probate Judge, Brittany Bulleit-Prosecuting Attorney and Jennifer Kelly-County Clerk.

Approval of Agenda:

Brittany Bulleit asked to add a letter that was received from Mark Wisti between #5-6. Jennifer Kelly asked to have discussion from Tuesday's Board of Commissioners meeting.

A Motion was made by Jennifer Kelly and a second was made by Judge Strome to approve the Agenda with the two (2) additions.

The Motion carried by a voice vote: Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Approval of Minutes:

A Motion was made by Judge Strome and seconded by Brittany Bulleit to approve the September 8, 2021 minutes are presented.

The Motion carried by a voice vote: Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Read Mark Wisti's letter:

Brittany Bulleit read Mark Wisti's letter regarding the Sheriff Candidates understanding the laws regarding Covid.

Discussion regarding Tuesday's Board of Commissioners Meeting

Jennifer Kelly informed the Committee that at Tuesday's Board meeting, Roger Sullivan addressed the Board and provided them with his resume to be considered for the Sheriff position. Jennifer Kelly informed the Committee that the Board did not provide her with any documents that Roger

Sullivan gave to the Board of Commissioners. Brittany Bulleit and Judge Strome agreed to take no action since no documents have been received by the Appointment Committee and the deadline of August 18<sup>th</sup> had passed.

Public Comment:

None.

Vote on Sheriff Candidates:

The Committee decided to each vote for 1 candidate on a piece of paper. The Committee voted. Brittany Bulleit read the votes. 1-Brian Cadwell, 1-Tami Sleeman, and 1 Joshua Saaranen.

The Committee had discussion.

Brittany Bulleit looked at this Appointment as a transition until the next election.

Judge Strome stated he knew Brian Cadwell for 30 years and looked at him from a qualification stand point. Brian has led an organization, and has watched his whole career and believed he was best qualified.

Jennifer Kelly stated this has been a hard decision, and the public has been hard on her. She felt everyone did very well in the interviews.

The Board had discussion on their choices of candidates.

Judge Strome and Brittany Bulleit agreed that Tami Sleeman was not an option since she moved away from Houghton County.

Brittany Bulleit informed Jennifer Kelly to make a decision she is comfortable with.

The Committee voted again.

A Motion was made by Brittany Bulleit and seconded by Jennifer Kelly to appoint Joshua Saaranen as the new Houghton County Sheriff.

AYES: Bulleit, Kelly 2.

NAYS: Strome 1.

Public Comments:

Joshua Saaranen thanked everyone.

Brian Cadwell said Josh Saaranen will do a fine job.

Judge Strome thanked Brittany Bulleit for her work as Chairman.

Adjournment:

Jennifer Kelly made a Motion to adjourn the meeting with a second from Judge Strome 5:47 p.m.

The Motion carried by a voice vote: Ayes 3, Nays 0.

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Brittany Bulleit

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Jennifer Kelly