

**HOUGHTON COUNTY APPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE 2021  
SPECIAL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 29, 2021**

The Houghton County Apportionment Committee held a Special Apportionment Committee meeting on Wednesday, September 29, 2021, in the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference room of the Courthouse, City of Houghton.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Lisa Mattila, at 4:02 p.m.

Roll call:

The following Committee members responded to roll call done by Renee Cunningham, Deputy 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:

A Motion was made by Jennifer Kelly, 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 William Keith to approve the September 23, 2021 minutes as presented.

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

Public Comments:

Audry Gerard addressed the committee with her concerns that the districts follow Partisan fairness. She also commented that she would like the City of Houghton to stay in a district on the south side of the lift bridge.

Old Business:

Jennifer Kelly talked about the “Delta County Apportionment Commission Rules of Procedure.” Jennifer also wanted to introduce a plan Menominee County sent to her that they follow. After some discussion Brittany Bulleit reminded the Committee that the “Robert’s Rules of Order” has already been adopted by the Apportionment Committee. William Keith questioned how the committee should make a final decision. Brittany commented that the Committee should not go backwards to adopt new procedures. Jennifer Kelly let the Committee members know that she will add the two (2) different sets of Procedures to her binder for the next Apportionment Committee, ten (10) years from now.

Dan Holcomb presented his plan with five (5) Districts. His plan moved 396 people out of District 4 and merged into District 5 this result is an 11.2% variance.

Jennifer Kelly presented her plan with five (5) Districts and a variance of 11.2%.

Mary Sears reminded the Committee that Townships cannot be split per the Michigan Township Association (MTA).

Lisa Mattila presented John Haeussler’s plan with six (6) Districts with an 11.8% variance.

Lisa Mattila then presented her plan with five (5) Districts and a variance of 10.0%. Mary Sears commented that there could be more movement in District 3.

William Keith presented a six (6) District plan with an 11% variance and then another plan with five (5) Districts with an outcome of 11.8% variance.

Brittany Bulleit’s plan of five (5) Districts validated with an 8.6% variance. Brittany let the Committee know that she is concerned with the changes she made to the districts.

The Committee selected the following plans for review at the next meeting:

Lisa Mattila’s Plan with five (5) Districts  
Dan Holcomb’s Plan with five (5) Districts  
John Haeussler’s Plan with six (6) Districts  
William Keith’s Plan with six (6) Districts

Lisa Mattila will print out the four (4) plans and have available for the public to review.

Brittany Bulleit suggested using the template from the last Census to submit the 2020 Census Plan.

Public Comment:

Sharon Foix asked if Brittany Bulleit could repeat the five (5) counties in Michigan that have an even number of Commissioners. Brittany Bulleit answered with Alpena, Berrien Charlevoix, Ingham and Marquette Counties.

Next Meeting:

The next Apportionment meeting will be on October 7, 2021 at 4:00 pm on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor of the courthouse. Jennifer Kelly will get everything posted.

Adjournment:

A Motion was made by Jennifer Kelly and seconded by Brittany Bulleit to adjourn the meeting at 5:15.

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

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Lisa Mattila, Chairman

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Jennifer Kelly, County Clerk