

AGENDA
HOUGHTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
July 14, 2020 - 5:00 PM

- A. Call to Order
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call
- D. Approval of Minutes
- E. Approval of Agenda/Additions
- F. Public Comments
- G. Approval of Bills
- H. Correspondence
- I. Reports
 - 1. Standing committee
 - 2. Special Committee
 - 3. County Officers
- J. Old Business
 - 1 Houghton County Jail
- K. New Business
 - 1. Brownfield Committee Applications
 - 2. Houghton County Land Bank Authority
 - 3. Appropriations
 - a. MTA Dues - \$385.00
 - b. Western U.P. Health Department - \$66,680.75
 - 4.
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- L. Public Comments
- M. Announcements
- N. Adjournment

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Brownfield Committee Applications

As was communicated to you recently, an ad was placed in the Gazette looking for members to fill two vacancies on the Houghton County Brownfield Committee. In addition I would ask that the Board appoint Treasurer Lisa Mattila to replace former Treasurer Kathleen Beattie and to appoint Ben Larson to replace me.

One application for the other open positions was received from Keith Meyers of Chassell and is included in your packet.

Current member consists of Glenn Anderson, Brad Barnette, Steve Wright, Jeff Ratcliffe, Mike Lahti, and me.

Houghton County Land Bank Authority Request

A letter from the Houghton County Land Bank requesting funding for the Authority is included in your packet.

Michigan Townships Association

County Membership Dues Statement

June 10, 2020

MTA county membership dues for **Houghton County** - July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

\$385.00

Jennifer Kelly, Clerk
Houghton County
401 E. Houghton Ave.
Houghton MI, 499312016

County Clerk
Received On
JUN 15 2020

Checks should be made payable to: Michigan Townships Association, PO Box 80078, Lansing, MI 48908-0078

Please detach top portion of Dues Statement and return with payment

MTA associate dues for Michigan county governments are based on the number of commissioners serving on the county Board of Commissioners, according to the following schedule:

<u>Number of Commissioners</u>	<u>MTA County Dues</u>
5 - 7	\$385.00
8 - 10	\$470.00
11 - 14	\$550.00
15 - 19	\$630.00
20 +	\$770.00

Dues cover a one-year period from July 1 to June 30 and include subscriptions to the **Michigan Township Focus** magazine and the **Township Voice & Township Insights** newsletters for the following officers:

Clerk	Drain Commissioner	Road Commission Chair
County Administrator or Coordinator	Equalization Director	Sheriff
Commissioners	Prosecuting Attorney	Treasurer
	Register of Deeds	

*Please provide an updated list of names, addresses and email addresses for these officers so they will receive our mailings.
If the number of commissioners on your board has changed, please adjust dues accordingly.*

MTA membership also entitles county officers to attend MTA seminars and purchase MTA publications at the member rate.

MTA Dues are not deductible as a charitable contribution for federal income tax purposes

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Western Upper Peninsula Health Department

7/1/2020

Invoice

9200019

540 Depot St., Hancock, MI 49930
Phone (906) 482-7382, Fax (906) 482-9410

Houghton County
Houghton County Courthouse
Attn: Elizabeth Bjorn
401 E. Houghton Avenue
Houghton, MI 49931
USA

Fiscal Year 2020 - Fourth Quarter
July - September 2020

Charge Date	Description	Qty	Unit Price	Amount
7/1/2020	Quarterly Appropriations - Houghton County, July - September 2020	0.00	0.00	\$66,680.75

Payment Terms: Net 30 Days

Please return bottom portion with your payment.

Total: \$66,680.75

Customer ID HTN CTY

Invoice ID 9200019

Customer Name Houghton County

Invoice Date 7/1/2020

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COUNTY OF HOUGHTON

Controller's Office

401 E. Houghton Avenue, Houghton, Michigan 49931

PHONE (906)482-8307 FAX (906)482-7238

**APPLICATION
for
COUNTY BOARDS & COMMISSIONS**

NAME: D. Keith Meyers

ADDRESS: 42908 Lakeshore Drive; Chassell, Michigan 49916

PHONE: 785-550-4494

DATE: July 7, 2020

BOARD OR COMMISSION APPLYING FOR: Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

In the following space state your reasons for wanting to serve on the above named Board/Commission: In my role as Vice-Chair of the Chassell Township Planning Commission, I have been very involved with issues pertaining to blight and been involved with an over year long process to re-write our township's zoning ordinance which will now include blight provisions. I have been involved with carrying out administrative hearings on two properties that have been in violation of the township's dangerous building ordinance that may become candidates for brownfield redevelopment projects. I believe these experiences and perspectives gained will be valuable to the Authority.

List any training, experience or expertise that would be valuable to the above named Board/Commission: Although I am currently retired, I spent nine years of my career with the Kansas Department of Commerce where I was involved in economic and workforce development where I had roles including: overseeing state training incentives; overseeing a regional economic development initiative in the most impoverished part of the state; securing approximately \$45 million in federal grant funding from USDOL, HHS and DOJ; representing the Secretary of Commerce on the state's Technical Education Authority (overseeing the state's community and technical colleges) and overseeing registered apprenticeship. Overall, I had 30 years of experience working for Kansas state government, half of which I spent in appointive positions with both the Department of Administration and the Department of Commerce. I have a strong working knowledge of state government bureaucracy and have worked highly effectively with elected officials, cabinet level agency administrators, union officials, the public and staff. I have a Bachelors degree in Business Administration from Michigan State University with major in Personnel Administration and a Certificate in Labor Relations Management from the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee. See my LinkedIn profile for more information.

Houghton County Land Bank Authority FY 2020-2021 Budget Request

The Houghton County Land Bank Authority hereby requests financial support from the County General Fund or other appropriate source in the amount of \$10,000 for the Fiscal Year 2020-21.

The Houghton County LBA was created in 2009 to acquire property through the foreclosure process. The properties can then be used for neighborhood revitalization, home ownership and affordable housing, the return of property to productive tax paying status, land assemblage for economic development, and long term "banking" of properties for future strategic uses. It is an extremely valuable tool for blight cleanup and rehabilitation in our communities.

The LBA has no taxing powers and generates very little revenue through its land acquisition and sale transactions. On a few occasions the LBA has been fortunate to participate in Michigan Blight Elimination Programs which provided grants designated specifically for blight clean up. However, there is a tremendous need for demolition and revitalization in every township, village and city in the county. Financial support from the County would help the LBA leverage funds from other sources to work toward achieving our goals.

With the limited resources available to the LBA, several successful transactions have been accomplished. Here are a few examples:

- Cleaned up the Lakes Building Supply site in Lake Linden and prepared it for development. Proposals have been received for construction of 3 affordable housing units on the site.
- Demolished severely blighted property on Seventh Street, Calumet, and transferred to neighbor via public-private partnership (2017-2018).
- Transferred blighted/fire-ravaged historic building on Quincy Street, Hancock for successful multi-purpose redevelopment (2011).
- Several side lot transfers were completed throughout the county that have reduced blight and/or made properties whole.

The Land Bank Authority has been successful by leveraging its limited resources through partnerships with local governmental units and private property owners. The need is great in Houghton County and with financial support from the county more can be accomplished.

Thank you for considering this request.