

*Association of
Registers of Deeds, Inc.*

04.28.2022

To: Michigan Association of Counties
From: Michigan Association of Registers of Deeds
RE: HB 4730 (2021)

The Michigan Association of Registers of Deeds (MARD) alongside of the Michigan Association of County Treasurers (MACT) are asking for the assistance and support of the Michigan Association of Counties in regards to HB 4730 (2021). Originally, out of the bill package which included HB 4729-4732, our memberships have spent several days in Lansing either testifying or meeting with Zillow and the bill sponsors in work groups. Ultimately, only HB 4730 made it to the house floor.

On December 8th, 2021 and after 3 readings this bill did not have the votes necessary to move forward. On April 27, 2022, a last minute sub for HB 4730 was brought on to the house floor without any representation to either MACT or MARD. That sub for the bill was successful in passing and now we find ourselves headed to the Senate with HB 4730 in its worst form yet.

Again, we ask that your association support us in letting the Michigan Senate know that this bill is not good for Michigan Counties and that it is not good for our tax paying constituents.

Sincerely,

Brandon Denby

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United County Officers Assoc. – Vice President



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Houghton County Commissioners
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April 27, 2022

RE: Proposed ARP Funds for Paving Project and fence upgrade for the Houghton County Fair Association

Commissioners:

The Houghton County Fair Board is requesting your consideration of ARP funds for the following improvements of 3 sections of the fairgrounds surrounding the Houghton County Arena (HCF leases the building for the week of the fair and is the main hub of activity during fair week). This area (see attached map) is used for the Annual Houghton County Fair which is one of the largest attended events for our area residents and visitors alike.

The sections have been broken down into the following increments and order of priority:

Priority #1- Section "C" – Paving would allow for handicap parking spots for the vendors and an improved access point to the main exhibit and entertainment center for the fair (Cost estimate is \$155,600.00) There is a section already paved by the Zamboni room door (not deducted from the cost) and it would meet the currently paved area to the east and Priority #3 Ingot Street security fence project area.

Priority #2 – Section "A" – Paving project for public access for the children carnival ride area to provide a clean, dry, and safe environment for strollers, wheelchairs, and a clean access point and improved parking lot for various community events. (Cost estimate is \$242,200.00)

Priority #3 – Security fence upgrade. Due to the sale of property for residential lots (City of Hancock) on the south side of section "C" and on Ingot Street, an existing permanent fence must be taken down and replaced with a temporary-seasonal security fence. Cost estimate from JCS, Inc. is \$12,860 with temporary fence panels made from current fence materials.

Priority #4 – Section "B" Paving project of this section would aid with dust control, vendor parking and camping, and complete the original long-term project that is currently outstanding. Cost estimate is \$105,500.00.

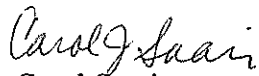
The cost estimates were done in sections. Doing more than one would reduce the cost. An undetermined portion nearest the ball field fence belongs to the City of Hancock.

On September 7, 2018, the Houghton County Fair Association purchased three land parcels (2 acres) from Houghton County for \$28,258.00. This property sale secured HCF ownership of the exhibit and maintenance buildings and the outdoor event arena to help advance the overall long range plan for improvements and allow the Houghton County Fair Association to apply for Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) grants.

The HCF Board strives to improve the quality of the fair experience for exhibitors and guests, and last year completed a new cement floor and commercial overhead doors on the exhibit building at a cost of \$88,442.00, with partial funding from the MDARD Capitol Improvement Grant for county fairs.

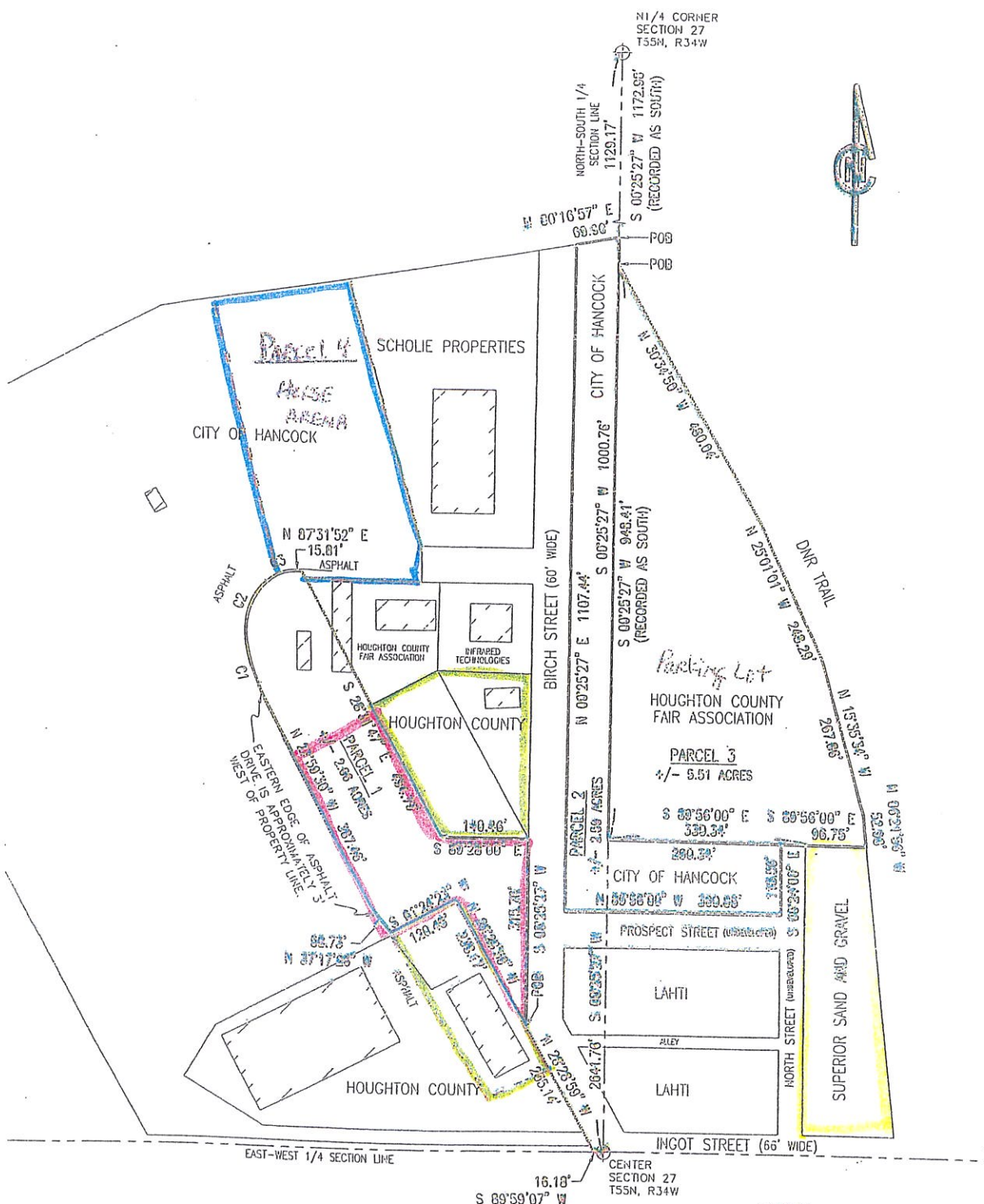
Thank you for considering this proposal.

Respectfully,



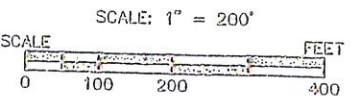
Carol Saari
Fair Manager

SKETCH & DESCRIPTION



| CURVE | ARC LENGTH | RADIUS | DELTA ANGLE | CHORD BEARING | CHORD LENGTH |
|-------|------------|---------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| C1 | 193.12' | 322.05' | 117°06'01" | N 17°45'53" W | 95.78' |
| C2 | 1120.20' | 112.72' | 61°05'59" | N 21°20'07" E | 114.59' |
| C3 | 138.93' | 59.36' | 135°38'45" | N 69°42'29" E | 136.34' |

LEGEND
 POB POINT OF BEGINNING
 PUBLIC LAND CORNER



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|---|---|--|
| PROJECT #: 17-230 DATE: DECEMBER 30, 2017 REVISION: | CLIENT: CITY OF HANCOCK PART OF THE N 1/2 OF SECTION 27 T55N, R34W, CITY OF HANCOCK, HOUGHTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN | 19582 McKinley St. Hancock, MI 49930 (906) 281-3468 CHINSURVEYING@GMAIL.COM |
| SHEET 1 OF 2 | | |

April 28, 2022

Houghton County Board of Commissioners:

On behalf of the Houghton County Courthouse Employees Union, AFSCME Local 226.02, we would like to request that the County consider using some of the ARPA funds to provide bonuses to county courthouse employees who maintained the continuity of essential government services and operations throughout the COVID-19 emergency.

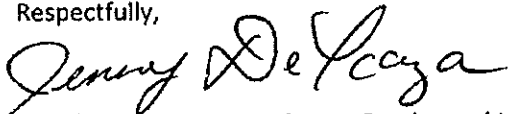
The essential services provided by courthouse employees are sometimes easy to overlook when everything is operating as it should. While courthouse employees may not be on the street protecting the public or in the hospital saving lives, without their services, not only the safety of the public but also the local economy itself would be severely compromised.

Services such as Personal Protection Orders, generation of warrants, vital records management, accounts payable, DBAs, marriage licenses, notary services, essential hearings, deed and mortgage recording, tax searches, and property histories/certifications vital to real estate transactions are all possible because of the efforts of courthouse employees.

Throughout the pandemic, while the courts were closed and the courthouse building itself was closed to the public, courthouse employees continued to come to work and maintain operations. While some operations could be continued remotely, many courthouse employees despite the risks and because certain services could not be conducted remotely, continued to meet with the public at the doors or in the parking lots to receive documents, conduct notarizations, receive payments, escort personnel in and out of the building and so forth.

We ask that you please consider recognizing the extraordinary efforts of these employees as other counties have done. Their knowledge, experience, and professionalism are paramount to the continuity of government.

Respectfully,



Houghton County Courthouse Employees' Union

AFSCME Local 226.02

Jenny De Ycaza, Chair

April 20, 2022

George Rajala
40345 Rajala Road
Chassell, MI 49916

Houghton County Commissioners:

I am requesting to be placed on your Board Meeting agenda for the May 10, 2022 regular meeting.

I would like you all to discuss and review the attached documents concerning the status of Rajala Road and the subject of spring flooding and access for fire, school and postal services that are interrupted and non-existent during these times.

I have had ongoing correspondence with the Houghton County Road Commission's engineer, Kevin Harju, concerning this subject, over approximately a 5-year span, with no resolution to the problem that currently still exists.

I appreciate your time spent on reviewing the attached documents and hope that a solution can be found to correct this ongoing problem.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'George M. Rajala', with a stylized flourish at the end.

George M. Rajala



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Flood Discharge Request Record 20070266

4/11/2019

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Discharge Information

Watercourse: STURGEON RIVER

Location: Sturgeon River Road

Basin Name: 55A - Sturgeon (Houghton)

County: Houghton

Township: Chassell

Quad Name: Point Mills

Quad ID: B09SW

Requested By: Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc.

Request Type: Trans. - County

File Number: 20070266

Drainage Area: 729.37 mi²

Contributing Area: 729.37 mi²

Tn/Rng/Sec: 53N33W/09

Latitude: 46.99745127

Longitude: -88.50920213

Received Date: 6/6/2007

Issued Date: 6/27/2007

Reference Number:

Discharge Frequencies:

10%: 9500 cfs

2%: 13000 cfs

1%: 14000 cfs

0.5%: 16000 cfs

0.2%: 18000 cfs

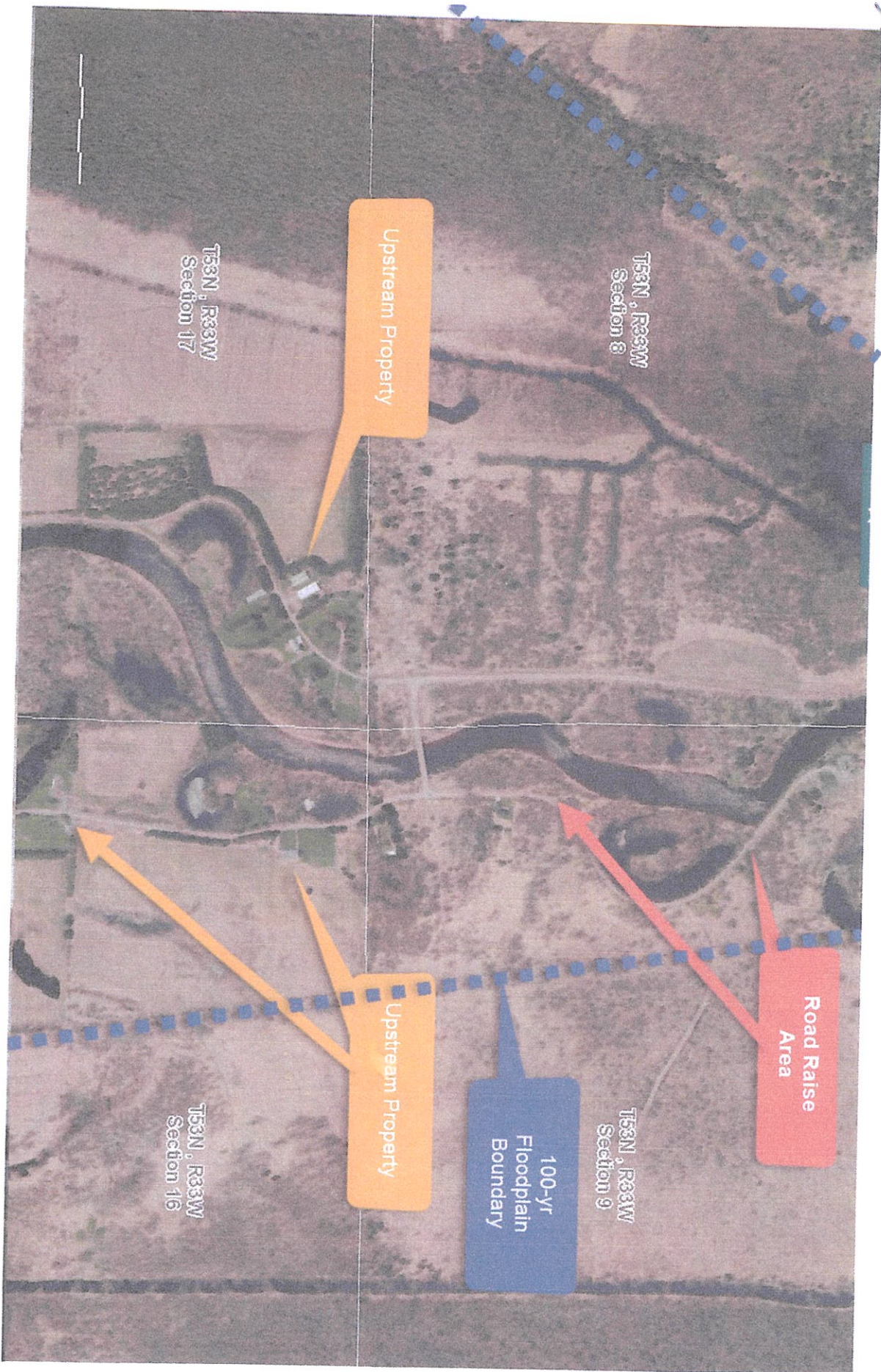
Volume Frequencies:

1%:

0.5%:

Access to the Flood Flow Database is provided as a service to allow you to check the status of your flood flow requests or to view discharges from previous requests for preliminary design purposes. The discharges values are only valid for the original requestor and for one year after the original request date. To obtain discharge information from the Hydrologic Studies Program, a flood flow [discharge request form](#) may be submitted electronically to the DEQ. A written or email response to your request will be returned to you and must accompany your permit application.

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Upstream Property

T53N, R33W
Section 8

T53N, R33W
Section 17

Road Raise
Area

Upstream Property

100-Yr
Floodplain
Boundary

T53N, R33W
Section 9

T53N, R33W
Section 16

11/11/18

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- Sent
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- Views
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- + New Folder

RE: Road

11/11/18



Kevin Harju Kevin.Harju@chassellmi.gov
 To: George M Rajala
 Cc: David Mattson, Dan Palosaari,
 Chassell Township, John Cima



Kevin Harju

Kevin.Harju@chassellmi.gov

Hello,

I received your letter requesting that a 18" gravel lift be put on Rajala Road. The area that historically floods is 1500 feet long. As we discussed if this project is to be completed the HCRC would be able to apply for the permit and grade/spread the gravel but the Township or other source would have to participate by purchasing the material/gravel. We have done a preliminary estimate and this project would require 4900 tons of gravel. We used a price of \$11/ton delivered, this would result in a total material cost of \$53,900.00. Therefore prior to continuing with this project we would need a commitment/agreement from the Township or other source for \$53,900.00. I have cc'd the Township in this email so they can also consider your request and provide their input.

This price is based on just adding a gravel lift and does not include any other requirements that may be needed to obtain a DEQ permit (ie culverts, etc)

Let me know if you have any questions

Thank you

Kevin Harju, P.E.

Kevin.Harju@chassellmi.gov

Seniors-Still Have a Landline?

If you still have a landline, you need to search this new technology.

Police Say To Carry This

Quarterly Budget Amendment Requests
 Quarter Ending 03/31/2021

| Description | Fund/Program Name | Fund/Dept/Acct | Revenue | Expense | Increase | Decrease |
|--------------|--|-----------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|
| General Fund | General Fund Unexpected Revenue | 101-000-439.001 | 169360.32 | | X | |
| General Fund | Capital Outlay - Cyber Security Training | 101-900-973.000 | | 40000.00 | X | |
| General Fund | Controller Department | 101-223-701.000 | | 11250.00 | X | |
| General Fund | Courthouse Building R&M | 101-265-811.000 | | 10000.00 | X | |
| General Fund | Sheriff's Department | 101-301-701.000 | | 80000.00 | X | |
| General Fund | Probate/Family Court Carpeting repair | 101-900-976.000 | | 28000.00 | X | |
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Initials: 

Date: 5/10/2022

Sale of Outlot A to Kirk Hammel, Tami Hammel

RESOLUTION #22-7

WHEREAS, The Houghton County Board of Commissioners, as successor in interest to the dissolved Houghton County Airport Authority on July 24, 1989 is authorized to all rights of interest and statutory authority granted to the dissolved Houghton County Airport Authority.

WHEREAS, The Houghton County Memorial Airport Committee, created on July 26, 1989, under the Authority of the Houghton County Board of Commissioners, pursuant to Act 73 of the Public Acts of 1970 and Act 327 of the Public Acts of 1945, and pursuant to the authority vested in the County of Houghton by the Aeronautics Code of the State of Michigan has the authority to adopt rules and regulations for the management, government and the use of said airport property.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Tom Tikkanen, Houghton County Board Chairman, is authorized to sign all closing documents for the sale of Outlot A of Houghton County Airpark Plat, to Kirk Hammel and Tami Hammel, husband and wife.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, at a Houghton County Board of Commissioners Meeting held on May 10, 2022, a resolution was adopted to approve the conditions set forth in the purchase agreement presented on March 24, 2022 with final acceptance of March 31, 2022 from Kirk Hammel and Tami Hammel, husband and wife, for Outlot A, Airpark Plat, for the purchase price of \$14,943.00 pursuant to the Airport Industrial Park Covenants Section 5, Resale Rights, contained within the Houghton County Airpark Plat, September 12, 1973, in Liber 23 of Miscellaneous Records, Page 157, Houghton County Register of Deeds Records.

Motion Moved By:

Motion Supported By:

Roll Call Vote: Yes:_____

No:_____

Motion Carried:

Bldg Dept
Chad Hammerstrom

COUNTY OF HOUGHTON
Conference or Other Travel Request

Reason for Travel: Conference
Dates of Travel: 5/11/22 - 5/13/22

Check any of the following as applicable for this travel request:

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|--------------------------|--|------------------------|---|-----------------------|--|
| Required Training | | Conference Attendance: | | Association Meeting: | |
| Needed for License | | Annual | X | Annual | |
| Needed for Certification | | Bi-Annual | | Bi-Annual | |
| State or Other Mandate | | Other | | Other | |
| Seminar | | | | Training Not Required | |

This request is included in the Department Budget: Yes No

Estimated costs to be requested for payment from Houghton County
\$375

Portion of costs to be paid other than by Houghton County: _____

Submitted by: Shunki Title BD Coord Date 4/22/22

____ Approved _____ Disapproved by the Houghton County Board of Commissioners at their meeting held on _____

Signed: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____

Bldg Dept
CHAD HAMMERSTROM

COUNTY OF HOUGHTON
Conference or Other Travel Request

Reason for Travel and Destination: MIAM Conference

Date(s) of Travel: 01/11/22 - 01/13/22

Check any of the following as applicable for this travel request:

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|--------------------------|--|
| Required Training | |
| Needed for License | |
| Needed for Certification | |
| State or Other Mandate | |
| Seminar | |

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| Conference Attendance: | |
| Annual | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Bi-Annual | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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| Association Meeting: | | |
| Annual | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Bi-Annual | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Training Not Required | | <input type="checkbox"/> |

This request is included in the Department Budget: Yes No

Travel Budget \$ _____ Training/Conference Budget: \$ 275

Estimate all costs requested for payment from Houghton County: _____
\$275

Portion of costs to be paid other than by Houghton County: _____

Submitted by: SNUUKI Title BD coord Date 4/20/22
Department: Building

____ Approved ____ Disapproved by the Houghton County Board of Commissioners at their meeting held on _____.

Signed: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____



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April 15, 2022

**TO: Jennifer Kelly
Houghton County Clerk
401 E. Houghton Avenue
Houghton, MI 49931**

**FROM: Upper Peninsula Association of County Commissioners
P.O. Box 606
Escanaba, MI 49829**

INVOICE FOR UPACC DUES - 2022:

\$174.00

**Received on
APR 19 2022
County Clerk**