

**HOUGHTON COUNTY APPOINTMENT COMMITTEE 2021  
SPECIAL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2021**

The Houghton County Appointment Committee held a Special Committee meeting on Wednesday, September 8, 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 Jennifer Kelly, County Clerk: Fraser Strome-Probate Judge, Brittany Bulleit-Prosecuting Attorney and Jennifer Kelly-County Clerk.

Approval of Agenda:

Brittany Bulleit asked to add two (2) things to the Agenda between #5-6. The first was add what the Committee would like in the minutes of the interviews. The second was to add how the Committee wanted to randomize the candidates for the interviews.

A Motion was made by Brittany Bulleit 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.

Judge Strome asked to add question #6 to the interview questions to ask whether the candidate will run in 2022 to the Agenda.

A Motion was made by Judge Strome and a second was made by Brittany Bulleit to approve the Agenda with the one (1) addition.

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

Approval of Minutes:

A Motion was made by Jennifer Kelly and seconded by Judge Strome to approve the August 25, 2021 minutes are presented.

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

Minutes for interviews:

The Committee discussed what should be included in the minutes for the interviews. Judge Strome suggested the minutes show that each candidate was interviewed. The Committee agreed to only show that each candidate was interviewed.

Randomize picking of the interviews:

Jennifer Kelly had each name on a piece of paper. Brittany Bulleit had a printout from a program that put the candidates into a random order. Judge Strome stated he preferred the piece of paper with the names on it, and Jennifer Kelly agreed. The Committee agreed to go with the paper for picking the names randomly.

Public Comment:

None.

Randomly Interview Sheriff Candidates:

Renee Cunningham, Deputy County Clerk, was chosen to randomly pull a name for each candidate.

Brian Cadwell was interviewed by the Committee.

Tami Sleeman was interviewed by the Committee.

Marc Geborkoff was interviewed by the Committee.

Josh Saaranen was interviewed by the Committee.

Kevin Coppo was interviewed by the Committee.

Adam Rajala was interviewed by the Committee.

Steve Laux was interviewed by the Committee.

The Committee discussed the public letters of recommendation and how long the Committee has to read the letters and be able to come to a decision.

Set Next Meeting:

The Committee will meet on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 5:30 pm to vote on the candidates for the Houghton County Sheriff position.

Public Comments:

None.

Adjournment:

Judge Strome made a Motion to adjourn the meeting with a second from Jennifer Kelly 6:37 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