

**HOUGHTON COUNTY APPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE 2021  
SPECIAL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 23, 2021**

The Houghton County Apportionment Committee held a Special Apportionment Committee meeting on Thursday, September 23, 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 4:00 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:

Jennifer Kelly asked to review the “Rules of Procedure” for Apportionment that she received from Delta County with the commission. Added under new business.

Mary Sears asked to present the map she prepared for the Commission. Mary will present to the commission under Maps – public.

A Motion was made by Jennifer Kelly, and seconded by Brittany Bulleit to approve the Agenda with the additions.

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 9, 2021 minutes as presented.

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

Public Comments:

John Haeussler presented a plan he created to the committee for the apportionment and voiced his concerns for the process to divide the Districts.

Old Business:

Mary Sears (Franklin Twp. Supervisor and President of the Michigan Township Association) presented two different plans.

Erik Kiilunen commented that he liked Ms. Sear's second plan.

Dan Holcomb, Brittany Bulleit, William Keith and Lisa Mattila presented their plans. Each talked about the issues they had while creating their plans and when validating their work in the software program.

Jennifer Kelly stated to the Commission that the state updated the program, which now causes issues to the plans they have created.

New Business:

Jennifer Kelly received a new legal opinion, which states the 60 days start on September 16, 2021. Brittany stated that the 60 days start once the commission receives the second set of numbers from the state. The commission discussed if they should keep the October 16, 2021 date as the day to submit the plans to the state.

Branch County has asked the state to extend the deadline to submit plans. Per Brittany she knows the procedure of what to send to the state if an extension is needed for Houghton County.

Jennifer gave a handout for each committee member that is from Delta County and is the procedures that they follow for Apportionment. Brittany will read over the rules and decide if Houghton County should adopt these rules. Currently the commission follows the Roberts Rules of Order.

Public Comment:

John Haeussler addressed the commission to ask what the voter count is for both Precincts in the City of Houghton. John also commented that he feels his Apportionment plan is the only one that follows state law.

Erick Kiilunen commented that he does not believe an even number of Commissioners will work for voting.

Ann Vollrath addressed the commission to say she would not have a problem changing her two current precincts.

Sharon Foix and Karen Timmonen also commented that they would like the Commission to stay with the five (5) commissioners.

Next Meeting:

The next Apportionment meeting will be on September 29, 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.

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