

**HOUGHTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
JUNE 26, 2025**

The Houghton County Board of Commissioners held a Special Meeting on Thursday, June 26, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. in the 5th Floor Conference Room of the Courthouse, City of Houghton with the public viewing in person and by Microsoft Teams.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tikkanen at 11:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Tikkanen.

Roll call:

The following commissioners responded to roll call:

Tom Tikkanen, District 1; Joel Keranen, District 2; Glenn Anderson, District 3; Gretchen Janssen, District 4; Roy Britz, District 5.

Approval of Minutes-June 2, 2025 Work Session; June 10, 2025 Regular Meeting; June 12, 2025 Special Meeting:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Keranen and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to approve the three (3) sets of minutes as presented.

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

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Approval of Agenda/Additions:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Keranen to approve the Agenda as presented.

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

Public Comments-Agenda Items only *(3 minute limit):

None.

New Business:

1. Resolution #25-13 Deficit Elimination Plan: PFC

A Motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Britz to adopt Resolution #25-13 as presented.

The Motion carried by the following vote.

YES: Anderson, Britz, Tikkanen, Keranen, Janssen 5.

NO: None 0.

2. Resolution #25-14 Deficit Elimination Plan: Region 8

A Motion was made by Commissioner Britz and seconded by Commissioner Janssen to adopt Resolution #25-14 as presented.

The Motion carried by the following vote.

YES: Anderson, Keranen, Tikkanen, Janssen, Britz 5.
NO: None 0.

3. Resolution #25-15 Deficit Elimination Plan: Solid Waste Transfer Station

A Motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Janssen to adopt Resolution #25-15 as presented with one (1) change for increasing service fees 15% effective August 1, 2025.

The Motion carried by the following vote.

YES: Anderson, Janssen, Tikkanen, Keranen, Britz 5.
NO: None 0.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Janssen to increase the service fees at the Transfer Station effective August 1, 2025 by 15%, and then increase the services fees effective October 1st in the years 2026, 2027, 2028 and 2029 by 7.5%.

The Motion carried by the following vote.

YES: Anderson, Janssen, Tikkanen, Keranen, Britz 5.
NO: None 0.

4. Resolution #25-16 Deficit Elimination Plan: Twin Lakes

A Motion was made by Commissioner Janssen and seconded by Commissioner Britz to adopt Resolution #25-16 as presented.

The Motion carried by the following vote.

YES: Janssen, Britz, Tikkanen, Keranen, Anderson 5.
NO: None 0.

5. Resolution #25-17 Deficit Elimination Plan: Jail Commissary

A Motion was made by Commissioner Britz and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to adopt Resolution #25-17 as presented.

The Motion carried by the following vote.

YES: Britz, Anderson, Tikkanen, Keranen, Janssen 5.
NO: None 0.

6. Resolution #25-18 Deficit Elimination Plan: Law Library

A Motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Janssen to adopt Resolution #25-18 as presented.

The Motion carried by the following vote.

YES: Anderson, Janssen, Tikkanen, Keranen, Britz 5.
NO: None 0.

7. Resolution #25-12 DTRF Loan to TCP

A Motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Janssen to adopt Resolution #25-12 as presented.

The Motion carried by the following vote.

YES: Anderson, Keranen, Tikkanen, Janssen, Britz 5.
NO: None 0.

8. TCPD Monthly payments (February 2025-\$45,968.30, March 2025-\$86,767.82, April 2025-\$69,755.21)

A Motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Janssen to pay the Tri County Public Defenders their monthly payment for February, March and April 2025 as presented.

The Motion carried by the following vote.

YES: Anderson, Janssen, Tikkanen, Keranen, Britz 5.

NO: None 0.

Public Comments -*(3 minute limit):

David Gemignani stated MDIC informed him they will make the County whole and asked when their check would be ready. Administrator Rheault stated Friday morning it would be ready.

Announcements:

Chairman Tikkanen stated the next Work Session is on July 1st and the topics are the wage study, jail and TCPD. If any Commissioner has any additions, they should send it to him soon.

Adjournment:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Keranen and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to adjourn at 11:37 a.m.

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

Tom Tikkanen, Chairman

Jennifer Kelly, County Clerk