

# Notice of Public Hearing on Increasing Property Taxes

The Houghton County Board of Commissioners  
name of governing body  
of the County of Houghton  
name of taxing unit

will hold a public hearing on a proposed  
increase of 0.3268 mills in the operating  
rate  
tax millage rate to be levied in 2023  
year

The hearing will be held on Tuesday,  
day  
June 13 at 4:00 PM  
date time a.m./p.m.

at The Houghton County Courthouse  
401 E. Houghton Avenue  
place - address

The date and location of the meeting to take action on the proposed additional millage will be announced at this public meeting.

If adopted, the proposed additional millage will increase operating revenues from ad valorem property taxes 5.54 % over such revenues generated by levies permitted without holding a hearing. If the proposed additional millage rate is not approved the operating revenue will increase by 1.68 % over the preceding year's operating revenue.

The taxing unit publishing this notice, and identified below, has complete authority to establish the number of mills to be levied from within its authorized millage rate.

This notice is published by:

County of Houghton  
name of taxing unit  
401 E. Houghton Avenue  
address  
Houghton, MI 49931  
address  
906-482-8307  
telephone

**HOUGHTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION #2023-11**

**RESOLUTION IMPOSING 2023 SUMMER PROPERTY TAX LEVY PURSUANT TO PUBLIC ACT 357 OF 2004, AND NOTICE OF CERTIFICATION OF COUNTY ALLOCATED TAX LEVY.**

WHEREAS, Houghton County is authorized under the General Property Tax Act, Public Act 206 of 1893, as amended to levy and collect County allocated property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the General Property Tax Act has been amended by Public Act 357 of 2004, being MCL 211.44a, to require all Michigan Counties to impose a summer tax levy of the total County allocated tax;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Public Act 357 of 2004, the Houghton County allocated tax shall be levied and collected on July 1, 2023 at the rate of 100% of the amount allocated after application of the "Headlee" millage reduction fraction; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Treasurer of each city and township in Houghton County is directed to account for and deliver all the County allocated tax collections for 2023 in accordance with the provisions of Public Act 357 of 2004; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk shall deliver a copy of the Resolution to the Treasurer of each city and township in Houghton County.

Moved:           Commissioner

Supported:       Commissioner

Carried:	YES	Commissioners:
	NO	None (0).
	ABSENT	None (0).

Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tom Tikkanen, Chairman  
Houghton County Board of Commissioners

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

STATE OF MICHIGAN        )  
COUNTY OF HOUGHTON    )

I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and a complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Houghton, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023, the original of which resolution is on file in my office. I further certify that the meeting was held and the minutes therefore were filed in compliance with Act 267 of the Public Acts of 1976.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my official signature this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

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Jennifer Kelly, County Clerk  
County of Houghton

**HOUGHTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
401 EAST HOUGHTON AVENUE  
HOUGHTON, MI 49931

**RESOLUTION #23-12**

**WHEREAS**, the Houghton County Board of Commissioners has the authority to establish the number of operating mills to be levied from within its authorized millage rate,

**AND:**

**WHEREAS**, the additional millage rate will increase revenue from Ad Valorem Property Taxes by \$ 375,228 over such revenues generated by levies permitted without holding a public hearing,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the operating rate for the County of Houghton will increase by 0.3268 mill, yielding a total operating millage rate of 6.2220 mills in 2023 in accordance with Act 5, P.A., 1982, Act 2, P.A., 1986 and Act 264, P.A., 1987.

**HOUGHTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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TOM TIKKANEN, CHAIRMAN

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JENNIFER KELLY, COUNTY CLERK

DATED: June 13th, 2023

TO: Ben Larsen, Administrator & Tom Tikkanen, Chairman  
Houghton County Board of Commissioners  
FROM: Jeff Ratcliffe, Executive Director & HCRLF Administrator  
Keweenaw Economic Development Alliance  
RE: Houghton County Revolving Loan Fund (HCRLF) Loan Recommendation  
DATE: May 29, 2023

The Houghton County RLF review committee at its May 26 meeting reviewed and is recommending approval of a \$70,000 working capital loan to Quincy MFG, LLC, a skateboard deck manufacturer located in Houghton and submitting the appropriate Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application to the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC).

This project represents the reorganization of Quincy Woodwrights, LLC with new ownership. The project will create three new jobs.

If the County Board is in favor of making this loan, then the following approvals will be needed to comply with current MEDC guidelines for Houghton County's CDBG capitalized fund:

1. Approve the HCRLF committee's recommendation to make a \$70,000 working capital loan to Quincy MFG, LLC under the terms and conditions approved by the Review Committee in their attached minutes.
2. Approve the attached Authorizing Resolution to submit the CDBG Application to the MEDC.

Houghton County Revolving Loan Fund Committee  
May 26, 2023  
Minutes

In Attendance: Glenn Anderson, Gretchen Janssen, Ethan Johnson, Traci Ward, Nathan Sturos, Jeff Ratcliffe, and Greg West (MEDC) by video

Absent: Randy Malueg

Meeting called to order at 9:07 a.m.

Motion by Anderson, supported by Janssen to recommend approval of a \$70,000 working capital loan to Quincy MFG, LLC. The loan will carry an interest rate of 8.25% with an amortization term of five years. The loan will be due and payable in 15 months. Collateral in the form of UCC1 on all machinery and equipment, corporate guarantees from all owners, payment security guaranty from Jon Julien similar to the Quincy Woodwrights #2 loan. Conditions include meeting all MEDC Community Development Block Grant requirements including provision of job creation certification, providing financial statements quarterly for at least the first two years, maintaining all liability and property insurance, and engaging with a third party consultants such as MMTC and/or SBDC on at least semi-annual basis with confirmation and consent for sharing of their consultations. Ayes Anderson, Janssen, and Ward, Nays Johnson and Sturos.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

**HOUGHTON COUNTY  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT LOAN PROGRAM (CLP)  
AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION  
#23-13**

The following is a copy of a Resolution adopted by the Houghton County Board of Trustees during the regular County Board Meeting held at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday June 13, 2023, on the 5th floor of the Houghton County Courthouse, 401 East Houghton Avenue, Houghton, MI 49931.

**WHEREAS**, assisting the location or expansion of companies that create new jobs is a priority for Houghton County; and,

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Quincy MFG, LLC will assist the creation of new manufacturing jobs in the County; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) offers loans for assisting companies with purchasing of inventory; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has requested Community Development Block Grant Loan Program (CLP) funding in the amount of \$70,000 from the MEDC; and,

**WHEREAS**, the proposed project is consistent with the local community development plan as described in the application and that at least 51% of the beneficiaries of the proposed project would be low and moderate income persons; and,

**WHEREAS**, no project costs will be incurred prior to a formal loan award, completion of the environmental review procedures and a formal, written authorization to incur costs is received from the MEDC.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Houghton County Board of Commissioners authorizes submittal of a CDBG Application in the amount of \$70,000 for the Quincy MFG, LLC project.

**FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED** that Lisa Mattila, County Treasurer, is authorized to execute the application form and attachments on behalf of the County, sign the Loan agreement, and serve as the certifying officer for the environmental review.

Moved by Commissioner  
Supported by Commissioner

Ayes:  
Nays:  
Absent:

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tom Tikkanen, Chairman  
Houghton County Board of Commissioners

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

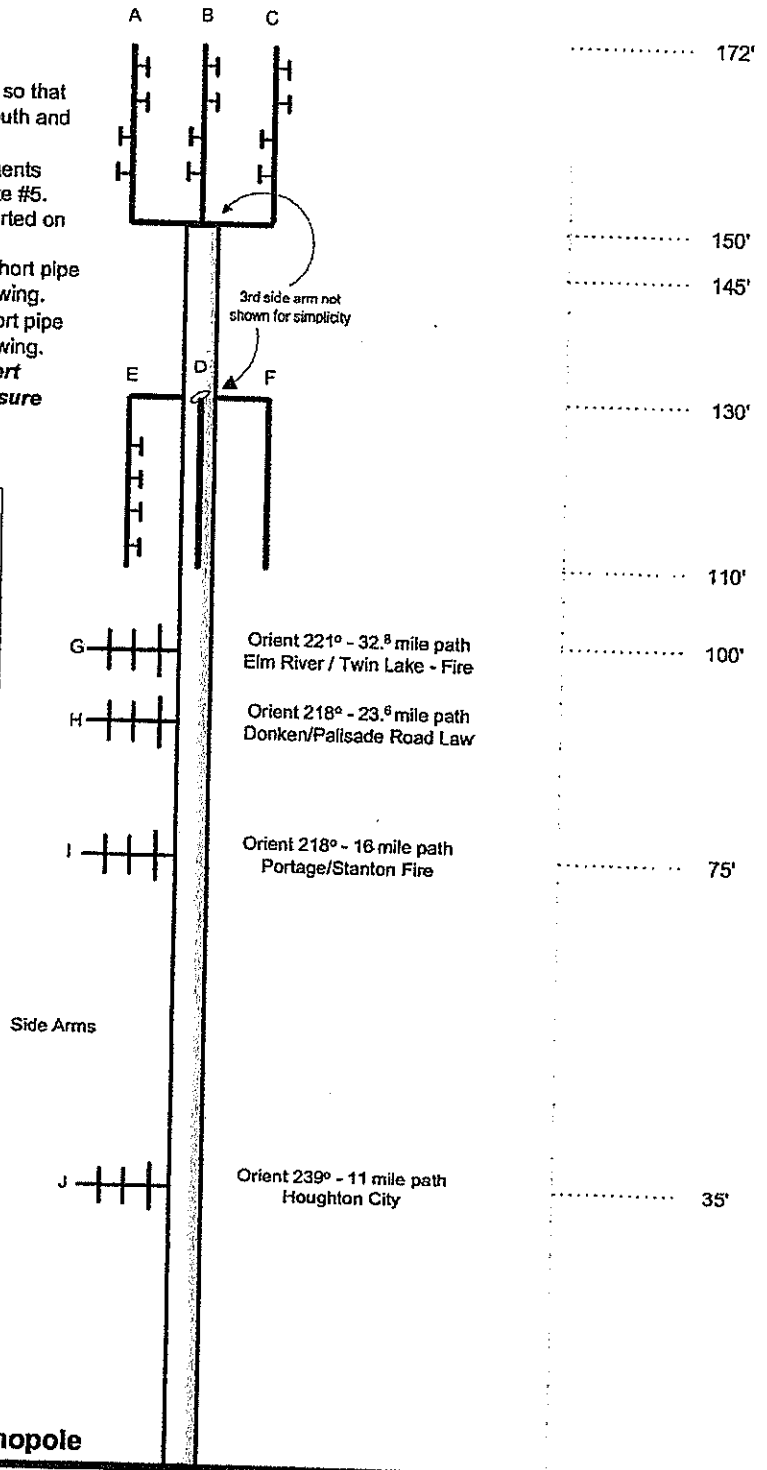
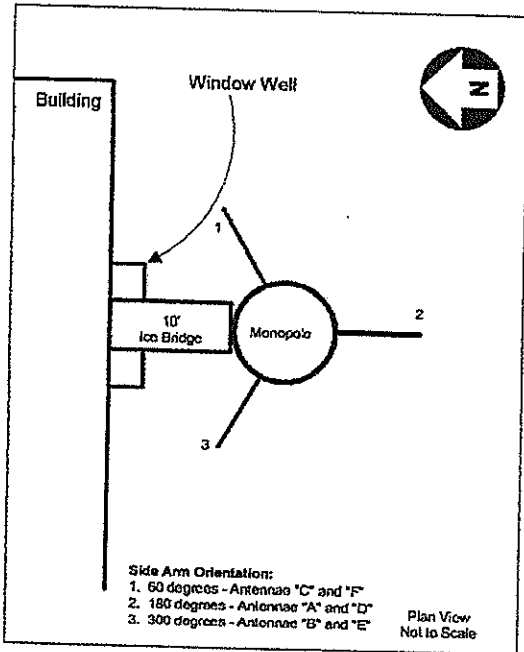
I, Jennifer Kelly, Clerk of Houghton County, do hereby certify and set my seal to the above Resolution as adopted June 13, 2023, at the Houghton County Courthouse, 401 East Houghton Avenue, Houghton, MI 49931.

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Jennifer Kelly, Clerk



**Notes:**

1. Antennae "A", "B", & "C" are DB-304. Mount so that top two elements on each antenna face North/South and bottom two elements face East/West.
2. Antenna "E" is DB-224-E. Mount so that elements face toward monopole. Mount inverted. See Note #5.
2. Antennae "D" and "F" are DB-516; mount inverted on 6" side arms at 130' level.
3. Yagis "G" and "H" to be DB-292; use chain (short pipe mounts) and orient on azimuths as shown on drawing.
4. Yagis "I" and "J" to be DB-230; use chain (short pipe mounts) and orient on azimuths as shown on drawing.
5. **Take care to insure that drain plugs on invert mount antennas are properly positioned to assure correct drainage.**



Reissued September 11, 2000

<b>Alliance Inc.</b> 4921 Fifth Avenue South Minneapolis, MN 55409-2644 Voice (612) 720.5843 - FAX (612) 825.8972	<b>Project: Houghton County, MI - AntennaConfig.</b>		
	Date: 04/14/00	File: HOCOMI	Scale: As Shown
	By: JJN	Drawing #: HOCO-T1	



P.O. Box 907 • Forest Lake, MN 55025  
Ph: 651-982-4642 • Fax: 651-982-4621

May 17, 2023

Houghton County Sheriff's Office  
Attn: Jon Giachino

**Subject: Mono-Pole Decommissioning**

Dear Mr. Giachino,

Thank you for providing us the opportunity to submit this proposal for the above-referenced project. Our price is based on the following documents:

- Houghton County, MI – AntennaConfig
- File: HOCOMI
- Drawing #: HOCO-T1
- Date: 04/14/2000

Item	Amount
<b>Tower and Shelter Total</b>	<b>\$ 21,970.00</b>

Scope-of-Work

1. Removal of all applicable customer equipment on tower (Customer option to keep or have salvaged by Vinco Inc)
2. Removal of Mono-Pole (Vinco Inc to transport and keep Mono-Pole)
3. Reduce Mono-Pole foundation to 36" below grade
4. Back fill and grade to exiting conditions
5. Complete any necessary site restoration

Qualifications

1. Proposal pricing is valid for 30 days from date of proposal.
2. All work not stated in scope-of-work above is by others.
3. Bond and permit costs are not included.
4. Proposal pricing is based on the ability to climb the tower. If not climbable, an additional man lift will be required (\$2750.00)
5. Sufficient laydown area will be provided for tower section assembly prior to erection.
6. All work areas have suitable access and are in suitable condition for all required equipment.

If you have any questions or need additional information, let me know.

Sincerely,  
Steven Luebke  
612-499-2023

**Keweenaw Crane Service, LLC**

30334 Woodbush Rd  
 Calumet, Michigan 49913  
 (906) 369-5278

[keweenawcrane@gmail.com](mailto:keweenawcrane@gmail.com)

**LICENSED AND INSURED, available upon request**

**QUOTE**

DATE	4/21/2023
NUMBER	23112



**QUOTED TO:** Houghton County  
 401 E. Houghton Street  
 Houghton, MI 49931  
 ATT: Jon Giachino

906-369-2476

[jgiachino@houghtonsheriff.com](mailto:jgiachino@houghtonsheriff.com)

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
	Quote for tearing down 150' 911 tower, cutting, and hauling it to Houghton for Scrap. <b>JOB SITE: 400 Hecla St</b> <b>Laurium, MI 49913</b>	
	<u>Crane Rental with operator</u> <u>Tower teardown</u>	
	*1999 Grove GMK5150 w/ 9300# CW, 33' lattice jib extension, approx. 50' radius	
	*Mobilization, jobsite.	\$1,900.00
	*1 day (8 hrs/day) of working onsite time, 1 man                      \$650/hr	\$5,200.00
	*Demobilization, shop.	\$1,900.00
	<u>Crane Rental with operator</u> <u>Man Basket for rigging, cutting</u>	
	*1998 Grove GMK4085 w/ 16800# CW, 52' lattice jib extension, approx. 30' radius	
	*Mobilization, jobsite.	\$1,100.00
	*1 day (8 hrs/day) of working onsite time, 1 man                      \$360/hr	\$2,880.00
	*Demobilization, shop.	\$1,100.00
	<u>Man Basket rental</u>	
	*Rental for 4-man certified man-basket for rigging and cutting tower.	\$1,100.00
	<u>Rigging and Cutting Tower for Teardown</u>	
	*Per quote from Honkala Welding and Fabricating                      w/ 15% sub markup	\$4,600.00
	<u>Haul Scrap metal and tower parts to Houghton County Transfer station</u>	
	Prep all tower parts for hauling, load, and haul.	\$2,900.00
	*Transfer station fees by others.	
	<b>TOTAL DUE</b>	<b>\$22,680.00</b>

- \*Includes all permitting to get the crane to site. Assuming permits will be available to allow site access.
- \*Does not include any foundation removal, electrical removal, anything other than taking down the tower, and removing the tower and tower accessories from the site.
- \*No power disconnect, owner to verify tower is de-energized, and cables cut at base.

CUSTOMER ACCEPTANCE TO TERMS \_\_\_\_\_

Keweenaw Crane Service, LLC

*Thank You*

# Keweenaw Crane Service, LLC

30334 Woodbush Rd  
 Calumet, Michigan 49913  
 (906) 369-5278

[keweenawcrane@gmail.com](mailto:keweenawcrane@gmail.com)

**LICENSED AND INSURED, available upon request**

## QUOTE

DATE	4/21/2023
NUMBER	23113



**QUOTED TO:** Houghton County  
 401 E. Houghton Street  
 Houghton, MI 49931  
 ATT: Jon Giachino

906-369-2476

[jgiachino@houghtonsheriff.com](mailto:jgiachino@houghtonsheriff.com)

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
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Quote for taking down 150' 911 tower, disassembling, and salvaging tower.  
**JOB SITE: 400 Hecla St**  
 Laurium, MI 49913

**Crane Rental with operator**

**Tower disassembly**

\*1999 Grove GMK5150 w/ 9300# CW, 33' lattice jib extension, approx. 50' radius

\*Mobilization, jobsite.

\*2 days (8 hrs/day) of working onsite time, 1 man \$650/hr

\*Demobilization, shop.

\$1,900.00  
 \$10,400.00  
 \$1,900.00

**Crane Rental with operator**

**Man Basket for rigging, jacking, and disassembling**

\*1998 Grove GMK4085 w/ 16800# CW, 52' lattice jib extension, approx. 30' radius

\*Mobilization, jobsite.

\*2 days (8 hrs/day) of working onsite time, 1 man \$360/hr

\*Demobilization, shop.

\$1,100.00  
 \$5,760.00  
 \$1,100.00

**Man Basket rental**

\*Rental for 4-man certified man-basket for rigging and cutting tower.

\$1,650.00

**Rigging and Cutting Tower for Teardown**

\*Per quote from Honkala Welding and Fabricating

w/ 15% sub markup

\$6,325.00

**TOTAL DUE \$30,135.00**

*\*No Hauling including, only disassembly, and placing all the tower parts on the ground.*

*\*Includes all permitting to get the crane to site. Assuming permits will be available to allow site access.*

*\*Does not include any foundation removal, electrical removal, anything other than taking down the tower, and removing the tower and tower accessories from the site.*

*\*No power disconnect, owner to verify tower is de-energized, and cables cut at base.*

CUSTOMER ACCEPTANCE TO TERMS \_\_\_\_\_

Keweenaw Crane Service, LLC

*Thank You*

**COUNTY OF HOUGHTON**  
**Conference or Other Travel Request**

Reason for Travel and Destination: County Clerk Summer Conference

Date(s) of Travel: August 20 - 23, 2023

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

Required Training	
Needed for License	
Needed for Certification	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
State or Other Mandate	
Seminar	

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

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

This request is included in the Department Budget:  Yes  No

Travel Budget \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Training/Conference Budget: \$ 500.00 Elections  
1,000.00 Clerk

Estimate all costs requested for payment from Houghton County: \$ 900.00

Portion of costs to be paid other than by Houghton County: Notary Association will pay 100% of my room for the entire conference.

Submitted by: Jennifer Kelly Title County Clerk Date 6/7/23  
 Department: County Clerk Supervisor's Signature Jennifer Kelly

\_\_\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved by the Houghton County Board of Commissioners at their meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**UPPER PENINSULA**  
**RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

**PROJECT OFFICE**  
128 W. SPRUCE STREET, SUITE 5  
SAULT STE MARIE, MICHIGAN 49783  
906-225-0215 [WWW.UPRCD.ORG](http://WWW.UPRCD.ORG)

**TO:** Houghton County Commissioners

**SUBJECT:** 2023 Dues Notice

May 1, 2023

The Upper Peninsula RC&D Council is requesting **\$350.00** from each Upper Peninsula County to support 2023 operations. We continue to promote active conservation and collaboration across all 15 Counties of the UP by utilizing grant dollars acquired through a variety of federal and state sources. By utilizing partnerships with our local conservation districts, CISMAs, state/federal/county municipalities, tribal entities, local businesses, and private landowners, we are uniquely able to carry out projects at a region-wide scale across multiple counties. These cross-jurisdictional collaborative efforts make the UP RC&D Council a valuable organization. Over the last decade, we have secured well over \$4.8 million dollars for projects benefiting 114,544 acres of natural resources of the UP, and educating over 315,000 individuals on various conservation topics. Benefits include:

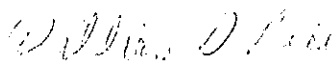
- Protect and enhance fish and wildlife habitats
- Enhance and increase recreation opportunities
- Provide conservation technical support and education to landowners
- Watershed planning and project implementation
- Increased pollinator restoration efforts
- Restore native habitat and combat invasive species.
- Provide dollars to hire over a dozen employees to carry out conservation work
- Provide supplies and materials to local conservation partners

These project dollars all come from acquired grants and are not eligible to cover general operations expenses. Without the support that we receive from the UP Counties in the form of dues, we will not be able to sustain our Council and will not be able to bring these much-needed competitive grant funds to the UP to help solve these important ecological problems.

We meet quarterly via video conference and encourage your County representative or any interested party to attend. Remaining UPRCD meeting dates for 2023 include: June 20, September 19, and December 19, all beginning at 10:00am Eastern Time. More information can be found by visiting our website at [www.uprcd.org](http://www.uprcd.org).

Your continued support for the UP RC&D Council and protection of the UP's natural resources is noted and appreciated. We thank you and look forward to continuing this partnership.

Sincerely,



William D. Rice, U.P. RC&D Council Chairman

# Michigan State University

# INVOICE

MSUE Business Office  
Morrill Hall of Agriculture  
446 W. Circle Drive, Rm 160  
East Lansing, MI 48824

DATE: January 31, 2023  
INVOICE # 2 HOUGHTON 2023  
FOR: STANDARD MOA  
2023 WORK PLAN

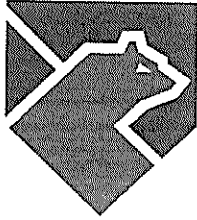
**Bill To:**

Houghton County  
ATTN: Elizabeth Bjorn  
401 E. Houghton Ave  
Houghton, MI 49931  
controller@houghtoncounty.net

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
<p>Second Quarter (January-March 2023) MOA 2023 Work Plan Payment : Assessment</p> <p>The total MOA fee for the period of October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023 will be \$42,500 to be paid in four equal installments over the period of the MOA.</p> <p>Payment is due the first month of each quarter. Please pay within 30 days.</p>	<p>10,625.00</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>TOTAL</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>\$ 10,625.00</b></p>

Make all checks payable to Michigan State University and send to the address above.  
If you have any questions concerning this invoice, contact Christi Sovis, sovis@msu.edu, 517-355-8275

**THANK YOU**



# KARHU CYBER

Karhu Cyber  
906-212-4100  
204 Higgins St.  
Howell MI, 48843

**BILLED TO**  
Houghton County  
401 E Houghton Ave  
Houghton, MI 49931

**DATE OF ISSUE**  
6/1/2023  
**DUE DATE**  
7/1/2023

**INVOICE #**  
31

ITEM DESCRIPTION	RATE	QTY	LINE TOTAL
Threat Hunting	\$150.00	28	\$4,200.00
IT Services	\$35.00	152	\$5,320.00
Vulnerability Scanning	\$150.00	16	\$2,400.00
Email Phishing	\$150.00	2	\$300.00
vCISO Services	\$150.00	8	\$1,200.00
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>\$13,420.00</b>
<b>Tax rate</b>			<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Additional costs</b>	Elastic Cloud May		<b>\$2,506.02</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$15,926.02</b>

\*The Elastic Cloud invoice populates with a delay, so we will charge for the software with a one-month delay unless conditions change. The Elastic Cloud April invoice is attached for your review. Charges for onsite vCISO support were reduced to 1/3 to show appreciation for continued support from the county.

Invoice written for services rendered 1-31 May, 2023

**A SINCERE THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS!**



**STATEMENT**



Copper Country Community Mental Health  
 901 W. Memorial Drive  
 Houghton MI 49931

(906) 482-9400 Ext. 0114

<b>Date:</b>	5/31/2023
<b>Account:</b>	00052

<b>Amount Paid:</b>	
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**HOUGHTON COUNTY TREASURER**

401 E HOUGHTON AVENUE  
 HOUGHTON MI 49931

Payment Terms: NET 30

Deposits Received: \$0.00

*\*Please return this portion with your payment\**

Document No.	Date	Code	Description	Amount	Balance
INV00000030000000148	3/28/2023	SLS	1/12th Appropriation	\$13,707.91	\$13,707.91
INV00000030000000149	4/28/2023	SLS	1/12th Appropriation	\$13,707.91	\$27,415.82
INV00000030000000150	5/28/2023	SLS	1/12th Appropriation	\$13,707.91	\$41,123.73
				<b>Amount Due:</b>	<b>\$41,123.73</b>

<u>Current</u>	<u>1-30 Days</u>	<u>31 - 60 Days</u>	<u>61 - 90 Days</u>	<u>Over 90 Days</u>
\$13,707.91	\$13,707.91	\$13,707.91	\$0.00	\$0.00

Codes: SLS = Sales / Invoices  
 DR = Debit Memos

CR = Credit Memos  
 RTN = Returns

PMT = Payments