

REPORTS

Commissioner Britz Committee Report (February 10, 2026)

The Sharon Avenue and Jail Committee met on Thursday, January 29th to discuss the possible use of the current jail and Church building when a new jail is authorized by the voters.

At the November committee meeting, the group discussed the Church building and was advised by the County Building Inspector, Todd Larue, that changing the USE, from church (gathering) to any other use (office or storage), required the entire building be brought up to current building code (structural and fire suppressant). Most likely cost prohibitive. The committee voted unanimously to recommend to the County Board to demolish the building.

At the January meeting, Todd Larue brought to the committee the possibility of a three (3) hour firewall that would separate the sanctuary from congregation hall which would create two separate buildings per the building code. This would reduce the square footage of each "building" and the possibility of not requiring fire suppression. The congregation hall is already at current roof load code but the sanctuary would require support walls to meet the code requirements.

The discussion was to use the congregation section for possible County offices and the sanctuary as record storage with support walls set to bring the roof load to code. This will require an engineering study of the structure and verify code requirements. If this works, the County could save the \$11,000 annually spent on storage of records. There are a few County Departments showing interest in moving to Sharon Avenue if this plan moves forward but nothing finalized until the Board makes a decision.

The committee voted unanimously to recommend to the County Board to seek bids from engineering firms to study the structure and advise the Board if the above suggestions would work, does it fit the current code and cost to do so. The committee also unanimously voted to rescind the demolition recommendation to the Board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS



Presented at 1.13.26 Mtg BOC tabled



Houghton County Board of Commissioners Agenda Item Request Form

Please fill out the following form to request an item be added to the agenda for the upcoming Houghton County Board of Commissioners meeting.

Submitter Information:

- Name: Lisa McKentie *DRPPE*
- Department/Organization (if applicable): Western UP Planning Dev
- Phone Number: 906-482-7205 ext 118
- Email Address: Lmckentie@wupper.org

Agenda Item Details:

- Title of Agenda Item: Grant Single family rehab
- Requested Meeting Date: 1-13-2026
- Brief Description of the Item (include any decisions needed): *Single family rehab*

- Are you requesting time to speak at the meeting?

Yes
 No

- Supporting Documents Attached?

Yes
 No

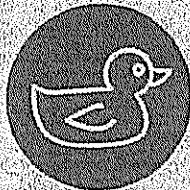
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Signature: over the phone

Date: 12-17-25

START SMALL

BUILD YOUR CHILDCARE BUSINESS



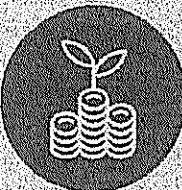
Impact

We have successfully added 66 new childcare spots in Houghton County since the start of our program. The number one compliment that we hear is that these providers would have given up without our help.



Interest

We continue to have regular conversations with individuals within our community that are interested in being involved in childcare in some form or another. We are currently launching a marketing campaign to highlight the successes in Houghton County childcare as well as to recruit additional participants.



Participation

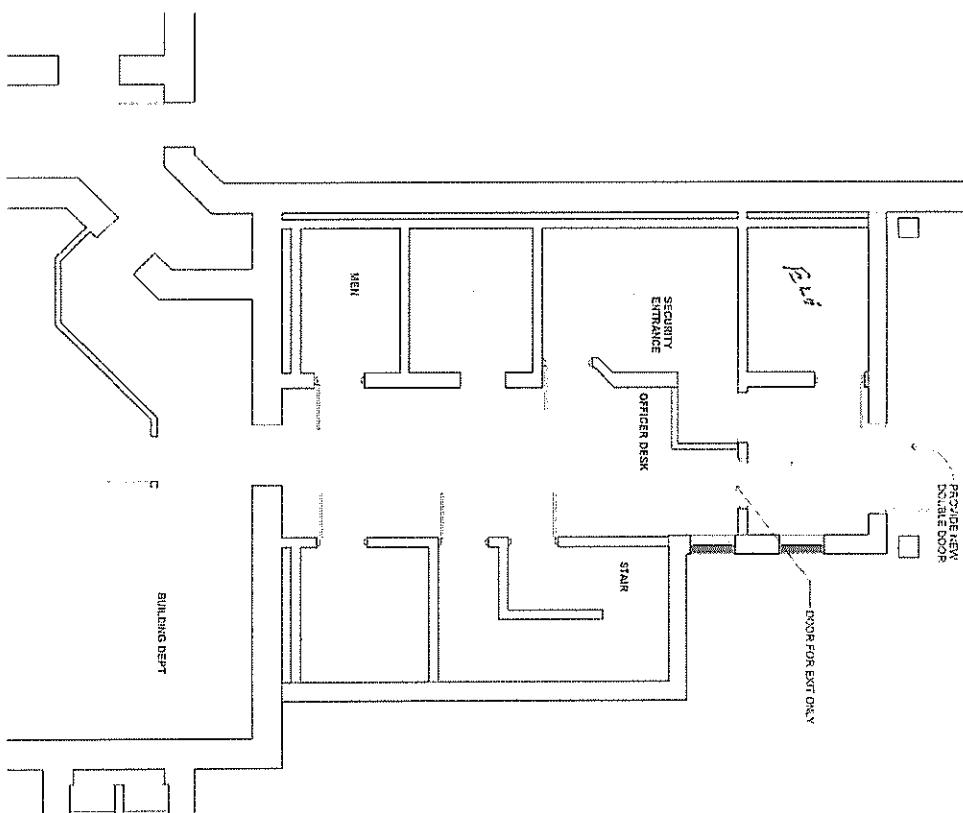
We currently have 4 providers that are participating in the Start Small Google classroom. We are coaching 5 Start Small participating programs and we are coaching 2 existing centers that have requested some additional support.



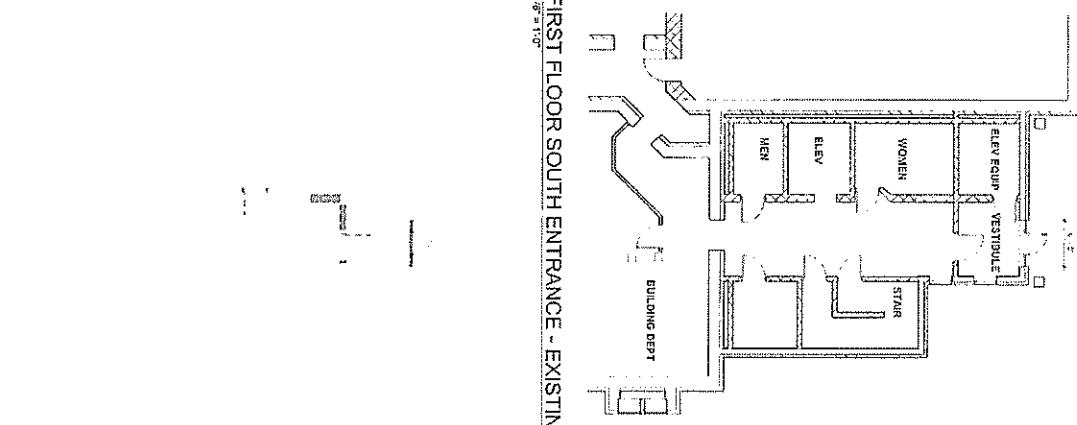
Learnings

We are constantly working to improve Start Small. In the past year we have learned that expanding child care includes coaching existing providers to sustain (prevent burnout and closure) and expand in addition to coaching new providers.

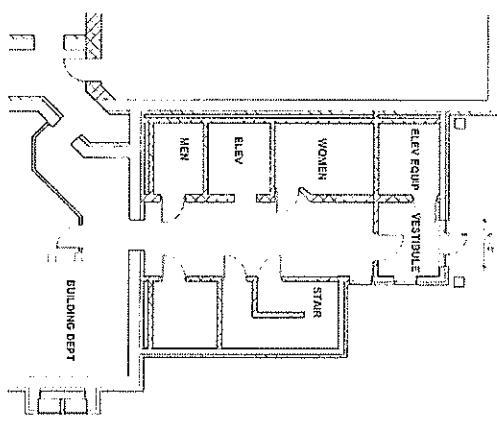
2. FIRST FLOOR Entrance DEMOLITION



3. FIRST FLOOR ENTRANCE - PROPOSED



1. FIRST FLOOR SOUTH ENTRANCE - EXISTING



NEW
BUSINESS



JANUARY BOARD meeting/self-help center

From Tracey Beauchamp <tbeauchamp@houghtoncounty.gov>

Date Mon 1/12/2026 10:51 AM

To Paige Setter-Hallwachs <paige.setter@houghtoncounty.gov>; Chelsea Rheault <chelsea@houghtoncounty.gov>

Cc Fraser Strome <p31@houghtoncounty.gov>; Kelly Olson <kelly@houghtoncounty.gov>

My apologies for the late notice, but will you please move my request to reinstate the previously allocated \$1000 assistance in support of the legal self help center to the February meeting? I have to be out of town tmrw and cannot attend the meeting. I had not figured in the need to address the Board since this had been previously approved, but I understand that was a prior budget and this is being handled as a new request. I will be better prepared to answer questions after my meeting this Wednesday January 14 with the folks that are taking over this project.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

TRACEY L. BEAUCHAMP/RETIRED

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Deputy Family Court Clerk/Adoption Clerk

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MERS COLA Update

From Administrator <administrator@houghtoncounty.gov>

Date Mon 1/26/2026 3:33 PM

To Board of Commissioners <boc@houghtoncounty.net>

Dear Board Members,

I wanted to provide an update regarding my recent contact with Stephanie at MERS.

She explained that, for a COLA increase to be considered, the County is required to initiate the process by requesting a valuation in the fall. Once that valuation is completed, a request would then be brought before the Board of Commissioners for approval of a COLA increase.

This requirement was not previously communicated to me, and I was unable to locate any record indicating that such a request had been made in prior years. As a result, the process was not initiated, being that I was under the assumption that MERS would have sent a memo/notice about the COLA increase.

Since this matter requires Board action, it will need to be brought forward for discussion at the February meeting. If the Board approves the COLA increase, I was advised that the adjustment would be applied retroactively.

Stephanie noted that MERS typically requires approximately four to five weeks to process the necessary paperwork; however, they will make an effort to expedite the process if possible.

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like additional information in advance of the meeting.





Houghton County
Board of Commissioners
Agenda Item Request Form

Please fill out the following form to request an item be added to the agenda for the upcoming Houghton County Board of Commissioners meeting.

Submitter Information:

- Name: GRETCHEN JANSSEN
- Department/Organization (if applicable): BoC
- Phone Number: 906 / 370 - 4738
- Email Address: gretchen.janssen@houghtoncounty.gov

Agenda Item Details:

- Title of Agenda Item: HKCD FAP FORESTER
- Requested Meeting Date: FEB 10, 2026
- Brief Description of the Item (include any decisions needed):

HKCD FAP FORESTER, JOASH PFEIFFELMAN, WILL INTRODUCE HIMSELF AND INFORM THE BOARD OF THE SERVICES HE CAN PROVIDE TO HoCo RESIDENTS

- Are you requesting time to speak at the meeting? REQUESTING TIME FOR JOASH TO SPEAK.
 Yes
 No
- Supporting Documents Attached?
 Yes
 No
(If yes, please list): _____

Signature: 

Date: FEB 2, 2026



**Houghton County
Board of Commissioners
Agenda Item Request Form**

Please fill out the following form to request an item be added to the agenda for the upcoming Houghton County Board of Commissioners meeting.

Submitter Information:

- Name: Chris VanArsdale
- Department/Organization (if applicable): Office of Emergency Measures
- Phone Number: 9064826400
- Email Address: oem@houghoncounty.gov

Agenda Item Details:

- Title of Agenda Item: Haz. Mitig. Plan Update Award
- Requested Meeting Date: 2/10/2026
- Brief Description of the Item (include any decisions needed):

Request the the contract for the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update be awarded to the

Western UP Planning and Development Region for the amount of \$239,400.

- Are you requesting time to speak at the meeting?
 Yes
 No
- Supporting Documents Attached?
 Yes
 No
(If yes, please list): Plan Update Contractor Recomm

Signature: 

Date: 1/27/2026



**Houghton County
Office of Emergency Measures**

401. E. Houghton Ave.
Houghton, Michigan 49931
906.482.6400

January 20, 2026

To: Houghton County Board of Commissioners
From: Chris Van Arsdale, Office of Emergency Measures
RE: Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Contractor Recommendation

Dear Board Members,

The six counties (Houghton, Keweenaw, Ontonagon, Iron, Baraga, and Gogebic), in the process of the quinquennial update of our hazard mitigation plans, have received five bids and proposals from potential contractors to conduct this update.

The recommendation of the five-county Emergency Management Coordinators is for the Houghton County Board of Commissioners to accept the proposal from, and award the contract to, the Western UP Planning and Development Region (WUPPDR) in the amount of \$239,400 to deliver six updated FEMA approved Hazard Mitigation Plans.

Background:

A hazard mitigation plan is required by FEMA and the Michigan's Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division (EMHSD) to be eligible for hazard mitigation and disaster assistance grants. Examples of these grants could include projects such as drainage way cleanouts emergency generators, and terrorism prevention measures among other projects.

Hazard Mitigation Plans are valid for five years after FEMA approval and the six counties in the western UP are becoming due for updates. This is a strictly regimented process with many steps including public meetings, and surveys, focus groups, etc., far beyond what any of our small programs can reasonably manage on our own.

Over a year ago we began the process of obtaining a hazard mitigation planning grant to update the six western UP county hazard mitigation plans and were able to secure \$240,000 from that grant. There is a 25% match- requirement, which is budgeted by each county over the course of the next two years. Houghton County will be the fiduciary of this grant, and the five other counties have agreed with the match and update plan.

In November 2025, we released a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and received five responses. Each proposal was evaluated by the county Emergency Management Coordinators according to the evaluation matrix in Table 1. While cost was not directly an evaluation factor,

we are limited by our grant award and therefore those proposals over our budget were not selected. Table 2 shows the bids received.

Table 1: Evaluation Matrix

Evaluation Criteria	Description	Weight	Score (0-5)	Weighted Score
Experience with Hazard Mitigation Plans	Demonstrated history of developing FEMA-approved hazard mitigation plans. Quality and relevance of past projects, especially within Michigan or comparable regions.	40%	____	____ / 40
Stakeholder Engagement Strategy	Clarity and practicality of approach for engaging county officials, emergency services, businesses, and residents. Includes methods for documenting participation and feedback.	30%	____	____ / 30
Knowledge of FEMA/MSP/EMHSD Requirements	Understanding of FEMA guidance (44 CFR §201.6) and Michigan-specific requirements. Familiarity with review and approval process.	20%	____	____ / 20
Capacity to Meet Timeline	Ability of team and resources to complete six plans by deadlines. Project management approach, staffing, and availability.	10%	____	____ / 10
Total		100%		____ / 100

Table 2: Bids Received

Contractor (in the order received)	Bid
Western UP Planning and Development Region	\$ 239,400
Integrated Solutions Consulting	\$ 369,950
IEM International, Inc.	\$ 670,458
Sunset Bluff Emergency Management Division and GrantCity Consulting	\$ 340,000
Katami Preparedness Solutions	\$ 180,000

Table 3: Evaluation Scores

Evaluation Criteria	Description	WUPPDR Average Score	WUPPDR Weighted Score	Katami Average Score	Katami Weighted Score
Experience with Hazard Mitigation Plans	Demonstrated history of developing FEMA-approved hazard mitigation plans. Quality and relevance of past projects, especially within Michigan or comparable regions.	5	2	4	1.6
Stakeholder Engagement Strategy	Clarity and practicality of approach for engaging county officials, emergency services, businesses, and residents. Includes methods for documenting participation and feedback.	3.5	1.05	3.5	1.05
Knowledge of FEMA/MSP/EMHSD Requirements	Understanding of FEMA guidance (44 CFR §201.6) and Michigan-specific requirements. Familiarity with review and approval process.	4.5	0.9	2.5	0.5
Capacity to Meet Timeline	Ability of team and resources to complete six plans by deadlines. Project management approach, staffing, and availability.	3.5	0.35	4	.04
Total		4.3		3.55	

The EMC's analysis of the key differences of the two remaining bids (Katami Preparedness Solutions and WUPPDR) was centered around the knowledge of the local area, tools that have been developed locally (for example WUPPDR has worked with researchers at Michigan Tech and developed a number of tools that would be very useful in the hazard identification process (<https://www.wuppdr.org/hazard-mitigation-planning>) such as the Rural Hazard Resilience Tool). There was also concern regarding the distance and time commitment needed on the ground and if the Katami bid had accounted for that time (they are located in Alaska, but did acknowledge they would put in whatever time was necessary). The EMC's did acknowledge that a different perspective from an "outside the area" agency could reveal new insights, however, it is also a concern that *without* the background local knowledge, other items could be missed.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the five Emergency Management Coordinator's that the contract for the 2026/2027 Hazard Mitigation Grant update be awarded to the Western UP Planning and Development Region.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you,



Christopher VanArsdale
Emergency Management Coordinator
Houghton and Keweenaw Counties



HOUGHTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

401 E. Houghton Avenue, Houghton, Michigan 49931
Telephone: (906) 482-8307

HOUGHTON COUNTY E911 ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS RESOLUTION FOR THE EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SERVICE DISTRICT FINAL PLAN RESOLUTION #26-01

WHEREAS, under the Michigan Public Act 29 of 1994, as amended, MCL 484.1101 et. Esq, as amended, the Houghton County Board of Commissioners have previously established and adopted a Houghton County E911 Emergency Telephone Service District; and

WHEREAS, the Houghton County Board of Commissioners is authorized to make Administrative Findings regarding, among other things, administrative changes in carriers (suppliers), minor administrative wording, and agencies to be covered by the Houghton County E 9-1-1 Service District Plan; and

WHEREAS, this plan amends the Response Agencies, Telecom Companies and some administrative verbiage.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Houghton County Board of Commissioners make this Administrative Findings Resolution of the Houghton County E911 Emergency Telephone Service District Final Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall augment, supersede, modify or replace any inconsistent prior Resolution or Motion;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk shall send a copy of this resolution and its Administrative Findings to each service supplier, PSAP, and emergency service provider within the County.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Moved by Commissioner:

Supported by Commissioner:

Roll Call Vote:

Yes:

No: None (0)

Motion carried.

Tom Tikkanen, Chairman
Houghton County Board of Commission

Date

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
)ss.
COUNTY OF HOUGHTON)

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified County Clerk of the County of Houghton, State of Michigan do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the County Board of the County of Houghton at its Regular Monthly Meeting held on February 10, 2026, the original of which Resolution is on file in my office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my official signature, this 10th day of February, 2026.

Jennifer Kelly, County Clerk
County of Houghton

HOUGHTON COUNTY E911

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SERVICE DISTRICT FINAL PLAN

Amended February 10, 2026

HOUGHTON COUNTY EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SERVICE DISTRICT

TENTATIVE FINAL PLAN

HOUGHTON COUNTY E-9-1-1 SERVICE PLAN

Under the provisions of the Michigan Public Act 29 of 1994, as amended, MCL 484.1101 et.seq, as amended, (hereinafter referred to as the "Act") authorizes this Houghton County E-9-1-1 Service Plan (hereinafter referred to as the "Service Plan") is submitted for the establishment of a Houghton County E-9-1-1 Service District (hereinafter referred to as the "Service District") by the Houghton County Board of Commissioners (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") under authority provided in this Act.

Purpose

This ~~tentative~~ Service plan is being submitted for approval to continue the E-9-1-1 Emergency Telephone Service District in Houghton County to provide the ability to summon emergency services by dialing 911.

This Service Plan was prepared in accordance with the Emergency Telephone Enabling Act. All stipulations and requirements of the Act are included in this plan whether or not specifically mentioned therein.

By establishing enhanced 911 service in Houghton County, we provide for:

- The use of one simple, easy-to remember number for all emergencies in any location within Houghton County.
- The use of Automatic Number Identification (ANI), Automatic Location Identification (ALI), and selective routing (SR) to increase the effectiveness of emergency services.
- In addition, we attempt to decrease the risks faced by emergency response personnel through increased knowledge of the emergency situation.

HOUGHTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Authority

Under the provisions of the Act, the County Board of Commissioners is given the primary authority for establishing an Emergency Telephone Service District within the county. To establish an Emergency Telephone Service District and to cause E-9-1-1 service to be implemented, the Board of Commissioners adopted a tentative E-9-1-1 service plan by resolution on July 15, 2008.

COUNTY CLERK

Duties

Within five (5) days of the adoption of the Tentative Service Plan by the Board, the Houghton County Clerk shall forward to each city, township, and village, a copy of the resolution and a copy of the tentative E-9-1-1 Service Plan by certified mail, return receipt requested.

Public Hearing

The resolution adopting this ~~tentative~~ plan shall specify a date, time, and location for a public hearing to be held by the Board of Commissioners on the final E-9-1-1 plan. The public hearing date shall be not less than ninety days after the adoption of the resolution authorizing the tentative plan. The date of the Public Hearing is 1997, at 6:30 PM in the Circuit Courtroom of the County Courthouse.

The clerk of each county which has adopted a tentative E-9-1-1 Service Plan shall give notice of the hearing. This notice shall be published twice in a newspaper of general circulation within the county with the first notice being at least thirty days prior to the date of the hearing. This notification shall give the location, date, and time of the hearing as well as a description of the boundaries as determined at the expiration of the time for filing a notice of exclusion from the E-9-1-1 Service District. The second notice shall be within 30 days of the hearing.

CONSIDERATIONS

Contained within this tentative plan are subsections which will address the following considerations:

- *Technical Considerations* - Includes service supplier including system equipment for facilities that would be providing emergency telephone service.
- *Operational Considerations* - Includes the designation of a PSAP and secondary PSAP's and the manner in which E-9-1-1 calls would be processed, dispatch functions performed, and informational systems utilized.
- *Managerial Considerations* - Includes the organizational form and agreements which would control technical, operational, and fiscal aspects of the emergency telephone service.
- *Fiscal Considerations* - This tentative plan includes projected recurring and non-recurring costs with a financial plan for implementing and operating the system.

GENERAL INFORMATION

This ~~service~~ ~~tentative~~ plan contains information, which will assist local public safety agencies, political jurisdictions, and telephone service providers with the implementation of the Service Plan.

UPDATES

In an Administrative Findings Resolution, the Board shall periodically update the wire and wireless service providers, as well as changes in the public and /or private response agencies, regularly providing service within the Service District.

The Board shall also periodically obtain and publish the highest monthly flat rate charged by a service supplier for a 1-party access line within the Service District. The Board shall memorialize the updated highest monthly charge within the Service District in an Administrative Findings Resolution.

DEFINITIONS

Due to the increase of definitions and acronyms used, the complete list is found in MCL 484.102, as amended.

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SERVICE DISTRICT

The Houghton County Service District includes the following:

<u>Townships</u>	<u>Cities and Villages</u>
Adams	Hancock
Calumet	Houghton
Chassell	Calumet
Duncan	Laurium
Elm River	Copper City
Franklin	South Range
Hancock	Lake Linden
Laird	
Schoolcraft	
Osceola	
Stanton	
Portage	
Torch Lake	
Quincy	

NOTICE OF EXCLUSION

Any City, Township, or Village, which does not file a Notice of Exclusion from the District, shall, in accordance with the Act, be included with the E-9-1-1 Service District.

Should any City, Township, or Village decide against participation in the E-9-1-1 Service District, they shall, in accordance with the Act, file a Notice of Exclusion from the District not later than 45 days after the receipt of this plan. (See Appendix #2)

If any City, Village or Township does not file a Notice of Exclusion from the District, in accordance with the Act, they will be included within the E-9-1-1 Service District. (See Appendix #3).

NOTICE OF INTENT TO FUNCTION AS A PSAP

Each safety agency, designated to serve as a PSAP or secondary, or back-up PSAP, shall file a notice of their intent, whether to serve or not to serve as a PSAP, not later than 45 days after the city or township which the agency serves, receives the plan. Failure to file a notice of intent will result in the safety agency not being designated as a PSAP in the final E-9-1-1 plan.

Each Public Safety Agency has 45 days after receipt of this Tentative E-9-1-1 Service Plan to file with the county clerk a "Notice of Intent to Function as a PSAP" or secondary PSAP. When a public safety agency files as a PSAP or secondary PSAP, they shall file a service plan listing the public agencies for which they will provide E-9-1-1 service and the method(s) used for dispatch.

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS

The Houghton County E-9-1-1 Service District has four companies with wire centers in Houghton County. Those companies include SBC~~AT&T~~, Baraga Telephone, Midway Telephone, and UP Telephone. Houghton County is also currently served by multiple Cellular Companies. All are listed below:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Wire Center</u>
AT&T	Houghton, Chassell, Calumet, and Lake Linden
Baraga Telephone	Alston, and Tapiola
Midway Telephone	Watton, and Kenton
U.P. Telephone	Donken
Cellular	AT&T/ FirstNet , Verizon Wireless, T-Mobile

All Telephone Companies that are authorized to provide local or long distance service within the service district can be found on the Michigan Public Service Committee Web Site as authorized service providers.

All emergency service agencies that receive regular business, non-emergency, and telephone calls will be encouraged to retain their seven digit number and directory listing. This will for receipt of non-emergency calls as well as provide a back-up number should the E-9-1-1 system become inoperative.

All companies interested in providing E-9-1-1 service to Houghton County will cooperate to supply, in accordance with the Michigan Public Service Commission, tariff rates, rules and regulations, the design installation and maintenance of the network for all facilities involved in providing emergency response telephone service. This will include modifications to all pay telephones to provide free E-9-1-1 service.

The Enhanced 911 services as provided for Houghton County will include the following features:

- Automatic Number Identification (ANI)
- Automatic Location Identification (ALI)
- Selective Routing

Network providers will maintain the wireline ALI database.

OPERATIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

The primary service answering point for the Service District will be at Negaunee Regional Communication Center located within the Michigan State Police Post at 180 US Hwy 41 East, Negaunee, Michigan 48966. This PSAP will operate twenty-four hours per day, every day of the year.

Negaunee Regional Communication Center will provide:

- Twenty-four hour supervision.
- Trained and experienced dedicated dispatchers 24 hours each day.
- At least one device (TDD) for receiving telephone calls for service from hearing and/or speech impaired people.
- Radio and telephone recording equipment, uninterrupted power supply, LEIN, and computers.
- All equipment necessary for a minimum of three methods of processing the E-9-1-1 calls (direct, relay, and/or transfer).

Dispatching of police, fire, emergency medical, and other emergency service providers will be accomplished through direct, transfer, and/or relay dispatching methods. Operational guidelines will be established to ensure that the concept of dispatching the closest appropriate unit will be followed.

The secondary PSAP will be located in Houghton County at the Houghton County Sheriff Office, 403 E Houghton Ave. Houghton, Michigan 49931.

Public agencies will respond to incidents within the Service District and will be dispatched through the Primary PSAP. See Appendix #4 for the List of Public Agencies serviced by the 911 network.

Supervision/Training

Dispatchers assigned to the PSAP will be under the direct supervision of the Michigan State Police, according to the rules, regulations, labor contracts, and operating procedures as established.

Michigan State Police will ensure all dispatchers meet State mandate certifications and that all dispatchers receive the appropriate training for their function.

MANAGERIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Managerial considerations: Managerial considerations include the organizational form and agreements that would control technical, operations, and fiscal aspects of the emergency telephone service.

Each public agency which decided to operate a PSAP shall, in accordance with the E-9-1-1 Advisory Board be responsible for the management of the on-line public safety dispatch center operation; i.e., operational costs, level of service, equipment needs, personnel needs, etc.

Each public agency which decides to operate a PSAP will be responsible, consistent with the Emergency Telephone Services Enabling Act, as amended, to assure an appropriate and timely implementation and maintenance of their individual E-9-1-1 PSAP. Such activities may include, but not necessarily be limited to: coordination, information, liaison, and system wide planning.

Each public agency which decided to operate a PSAP acknowledges that the rates, rules, and regulations of the Michigan Public Service Commission's E-9-1-1 tariff now in effect or hereafter established in its tariff's as filed with the Michigan Public Service Commission, govern the provision of E-9-1-1 service by the service suppliers.

The public agency designated to be the public safety answering point in this final E-9-1-1 Service Plan is The Michigan State Police at Negaunee Regional Communication Center.

Organizational Structure

Houghton County is a political subdivision of the State of Michigan and is governed by the Houghton County Board of Commissioners. The Board of Commissioners are public officials elected by the citizens of Houghton County to represent all citizens of Houghton County, regardless of their place of residence in the County. The Board of Commissioners has the power and duties including, but not limited to, the creation of departments, the establishments of ordinance, the levying and collection of taxes, the establishment of budgets, and establishment of policy standards and priorities for the County. The Houghton County Central Dispatch Advisory

Board (HCCDAB,) shall be appointed by the Houghton County Board of Commissioners. This HCCDAB is charged with the responsibility to make recommendations for the operation of a central dispatch and the emergency service telephone answering point. All recommendations of the HCCDAB shall comply with the County-wide policies, procedures, and standards which the Houghton County Board of Commissioners have established.

HOUGHTON COUNTY E-9-1-1 CENTRAL DISPATCH ADVISORY BOARD

The E-9-1-1 Houghton County Central Dispatch Advisory Board shall be in accordance with the Act, section 320. The Board may be comprised of one member from each of the following groups. Any other interested party can be added to the advisory board by a vote of the Houghton County Board of Commissioners.

1. Member of Houghton County Board of Commissioners
2. Citizen at Large – North
3. Citizen at Large – South
4. UP Health Systems Portage
5. Aspirus Keweenaw Medical Center
6. Mercy Ambulance
7. First Responder Representative
8. Fire Department Representative – North
9. Fire Department Representative – South
10. Houghton County Sheriff Office – Mandatory
11. Michigan State Police – Mandatory
12. Michigan Tech Representative
13. Hancock City Representative
14. Houghton City Representative
15. Township Representative as selected by Michigan Townships Association
16. Houghton County Emergency Management Coordinator.

The intent in the formation of this board is to obtain balanced jurisdiction representation. A total of no less than ten (10) members will constitute the HCCDAB. A majority of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and questions arising at meetings will be determined by a majority of the members present.

Houghton County shall not be required to pay per diem or mileage to the members of the Houghton County Central Dispatch Advisory Board.

Houghton County shall indemnify members of the Board, subject specifically and only to the terms of the Houghton County coverage with its insurance carrier against expenses actually and necessarily incurred by them in connection with the defense of any action, suit or claiming money damages, in which they or any of them are made parties by reason of any matter relating to the affairs of the Board; provided, however, Houghton County shall not confess or be adjudged or found guilty by any Court of competent jurisdiction of fraud, misconduct, in the performance by such member(s) of his/her duties of the Board.

COORDINATOR

The Coordinator of the E-9-1-1 Emergency Dispatch Center shall be appointed by and work at the direction of the Houghton County Board of Commissioners. The Coordinator shall be responsible for maintaining operational liaison with Negaunee Regional Communication Center. The Coordinator shall also keep an accurate accounting of the financial operation of the service district revenues and expenses and shall report same to the HCCDAB on a quarterly basis.

The Coordinator shall be responsible for establishing services required, working with the Houghton County E911 Central Dispatch Advisory Board in developing rules, procedures, and providing budgets.

FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS

The following are estimated costs of an E-9-1-1 system for the Houghton County Service District.

Technical Surcharge

The Act, as amended, allows for calculation of a 4% cap for recurring charges and a 5% cap for non-recurring charges based on the highest monthly residential base rate in the emergency telephone district. The base rate for AT&T will be used to calculate the 4% and 5% caps for the entire district.

At this time, the estimated recurring charge will be \$.34 cents per access line per month. The recurring charges will be billed to customers for the life of the system.

At this time the estimated non-recurring technical charge is \$.06 cents per access line per month. The non-recurring charges will be amortized over a 60 month period at which time the customer will no longer be charged.

These charges, as authorized by the Michigan Public Service Commission, may be raised or lowered as approved by the auditors contracted to oversee the collection and allocation of these funds. These funds, in accordance with section 484.1405 of the Act, will be collected by each telephone company from all subscribers in the district and remitted to Maner Costerian 2425 E. Grand River Ave #1 Lansing MI 48912

PSAP Equipment Costs

The Act requires each agency operating a PSAP to pay for all terminal equipment installation and for the actual PSAP equipment either through rental or capital acquisition. Equipment required for Houghton County Central Dispatch under this plan, at a minimum, is as follows:

1. Additional Trunks
2. Computer Equipment and Monitors
3. ANI and ALI Display Equipment

4. Other related dispatch equipment required for operations.

Houghton County 911 services will utilize existing equipment located at the Negaunee Regional Communication Center. The cost of this equipment shall be borne by the Central Dispatch Budget. Grant monies, wherever applicable will be sought for equipment costs and planning and development of the database.

Estimated Operational Charges

The Act, as amended, allows local County Boards to pass on to the subscriber a charge of not more than 4% of the highest base rate, and up to an additional 16% as voted by the public.

The base rate used for the initial plan in 1997 was SBC (Ameritech) at \$11.83 per access line is used to calculate the 4% and 16% operational surcharge for the Houghton County Service District. The highest monthly flat rate in Houghton County is \$36.00.

Based on the \$20.00 cap within the Act, The Houghton County Board of Commissioners authorized operational surcharge of 2.35% is estimated to be \$.47 per access line, the 4% Board Authorized amount, within the cap, cannot exceed \$.80.

Based on the \$20.00 cap within the Act, The Houghton County Board of Commissioners further authorizes, by voter approval an additional 9.4% operational surcharge estimated to be \$1.77 per access line, the 16% voter approved amount, within the cap, cannot exceed \$3.20.

The additional 16% operational surcharge will not be levied until county voter approval.

The total estimated monthly cost including technical and operational surcharges per access line for each subscriber is \$2.64.

All figures used in this compilation are based on the current actual figures. These figures may change to reflect current conditions.

All monies collected from the Operational Surcharge shall be remitted to: Treasurer, County of Houghton, 401 E Houghton Ave, Houghton, Michigan 49931.

EXECUTION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Date: _____

Thomas P. Tikkanen, Chairperson
Houghton County Board of
Commissioners

I, Jennifer Kelly, the Houghton County Clerk, hereby attest that the Houghton County Board of Commissioners approved this Plan on _____, _____, and authorized the Chairperson to execute it on its behalf, which occurred in my presence.

Date: _____

Jennifer Kelly

APPENDIX #1

Notice of Intent to function as a PSAP

NOTICE OF INTENT TO FUNCTION AS A PSAP OR SECONDARY PSAP

Pursuant to Section 307 of the Emergency Telephone Service Enabling Act, _____

shall function as a (check one) _____ PSAP, _____ Secondary PSAP, within the E-9-1-1 service district of the tentative E-9-1-1 Service Plan adopted by resolution of the board of commissioners for the county of Houghton, on _____, _____.

Clerk

APPENDIX #2

NOTICE OF EXCLUSION FROM THE E-9-1-1 SERVICE DISTRICT

Pursuant to Section 306 of the Emergency Telephone Service Enabling Act, the _____
of _____ hereby notifies the board of commissioners of the county of Houghton that
the _____ of _____ is excluded from the E-9-1-1 Service District
established by the E-9-1-1 Service Plan adopted by the board of commissioners on
_____, _____.

Clerk

APPENDIX #3

Governmental Units by Notice of Exclusion Not Included in the Final Plan

APPENDIX #4

List of public agencies serviced by the 911 network

Fire Departments

Adams Township Fire
Bootjack Fire
Calumet Township Fire
Calumet Village Fire
Chassell Fire
Dollar Bay Fire
Duncan Twp. Fire
Hancock City Fire
Houghton City Fire
Hubbell Fire
Hurontown Fire
Laird Twp. Fire
Lake Linden Fire
Laurium Village Fire
Otter Lake Fire
Quincy-Franklin-Benton-Hancock Twp. Fire
Ripley Fire
South Range Fire
Stanton Township Fire
Tamarack City Fire
Toivola Fire
Twin Lakes Fire

Law Enforcement Agencies

Calumet Township
Houghton County Sheriff
Laurium Village
Lake Linden Village
MSP Post 87
MTU-Michigan Tech Public Safety and Police Services

Emergency Medical Services

City of Hancock
City of Houghton
Mercy EMS
Bay Ambulance
Sonco Ambulance
Bootjack Medical First Responders
Adams Township Medical First Responders
Michigan Tech EMS
Stanton Township Medical First Responders
Chassell Township Medical First Responders
Dollar Bay Medical First Responders



**Houghton County
Board of Commissioners
Agenda Item Request Form**

Please fill out the following form to request an item be added to the agenda for the upcoming Houghton County Board of Commissioners meeting.

Submitter Information:

- Name: Chris VanArsdale
- Department/Organization (if applicable): Office of Emergency Measures
- Phone Number: 9064826400
- Email Address: oem@houghtoncounty.gov

Agenda Item Details:

- Title of Agenda Item: Letter in Support of SB109
- Requested Meeting Date: 2/10/2026
- Brief Description of the Item (include any decisions needed):

Request the Board sign a letter of support of Michigan Senate Bill 109 increasing the eligible amounts for Section 19 funding and increase the State Disaster Emergency Fund

- Are you requesting time to speak at the meeting?
 Yes
 No
- Supporting Documents Attached?
 Yes
 No
(If yes, please list): Proposed letter of Support, SP10

Signature: 

Date: 2/02/2026



**Houghton County
Office of Emergency Measures**

401. E. Houghton Ave.
Houghton, Michigan 49931
906.482.6400

February 10, 2026

To: Houghton County Board of Commissioners
From: Chris Van Arsdale, Office of Emergency Measures
RE: Michigan Senate Bill 109 Letter of Support Recommendation

Dear Board Members,

Michigan Senate Bill 109 (attached) has passed the State Senate and is in the Michigan House. This bill would, among other things, substantially increase the public infrastructure repair funding available through Michigan's Disaster Emergency Contingency Fund (DECF); part of Michigan Public Act 390 of 1976.

Houghton County has used DECF several times in just the last 7 years including the 2018 Flood, the 2023 Spring Melt Flood, and in the summer flooding in 2025. This fund can be used for public infrastructure repairs, debris cleanup, emergency protective measures, etc.

For the last three years the DECF has been depleted due to other disasters around the state. We have been on the waiting list, but as soon as the fund is replenished (either by starting a new fiscal year, or through other legislation) the backlog results in the fund being almost immediately depleted again. The result is no funding support or substantially delayed funding (by years) for repairs. An increase in the minimum funding requirement for the statewide DECF (from "not less than \$2,500,000" to a fixed amount of \$75,000,000) would be of significant local value.

To the best of my knowledge, the DECF fund and Section 19 funding levels have not changed significantly since the original bill passed in 1976 (if I recall the bottom end amount increased from \$100,000 to \$250,000 a few years ago- not what I would call "significant" from a usability standpoint). The number of disasters in the state has increased in both frequency and impact in recent years, and the costs of infrastructure repair have increased significantly at the same time. I would argue that the point of Section 19 funding is to fill the gap between what communities can absorb on their own, and the approximate \$18 million threshold for FEMA assistance (which is not guaranteed, even if the threshold is met).

For some examples: Houghton County had over \$13M in non-federal aid road damages in the Spring Melt Flood of 2023, and under the current PA390 law, was only eligible for \$500,000 worth of repairs. Under the new legislation, Houghton County would have been eligible for \$2,500,000.

An increase in funding levels is not the only issue however. There is also a rule that Section 19 Funds cannot exceed 10% of the municipality's previous year's operating budget. Schoolcraft Township was only eligible for about \$13,000- which is enough to repair about

10 feet of culvert on one road (but not enough to pave the road over the culvert). Lake Linden similarly was eligible for a small fraction of the damage that occurred and emergency protective measures (storm drain cleaning). This remains a concern. Without the 10% rule, our local municipalities would, under SB 109, would have been eligible for up to \$2,500,000 each.

I recommend you consider the attached letter to our representatives in Lansing to support passage of this bill. I would also recommend you suggest our representatives try to remove the 10% cap included in the current and proposed bill, as this remains a significant barrier for communities in our county and others around the state as they recover from disasters. With that cap in place, it is difficult to even justify the hassle of the paperwork for what amounts to a fraction of the cost of a project.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you,



Christopher VanArdsdale
Emergency Management Coordinator
Houghton and Keweenaw Counties



February 10, 2026

Dear Members of the Michigan House of Representatives and Senate,

The Houghton County Board of Commissioners wishes to express its support for Michigan Senate Bill 109. This bill would substantially increase the public infrastructure repair funding available through Michigan's Disaster Emergency Contingency Fund (DECF); part of Michigan Public Act 390 of 1976.

For several years in a row now, the DECF has been depleted due to other disasters around the state, resulting in significant hardship in the Upper Peninsula and Houghton County in particular. The result is no funding support or support delayed by years for repairs. An increase in the minimum funding requirement for the statewide DECF (from "not less than \$2,500,000" to a fixed amount of \$75,000,000) reflects the realities of the number of damaging incidents occurring annually and the costs of disasters occurring in Michigan.

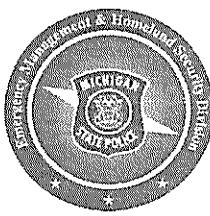
The Houghton County Board of Commissioners recognizes the number of disasters in the state has increased in both frequency and impact over the last 15 years, and the costs of infrastructure repair have increased significantly at the same time. The current population-based funding model in Section 19 of Public Act 390 of 1976 is insufficient to fill the gap between what small rural communities can absorb and the approximate \$18 million threshold for FEMA assistance- if the assistance is even awarded after crossing that threshold. For example, Houghton County had over \$13M in non-federal aid road damages in the Spring Melt Flood of 2023 and was only eligible for \$500,000. Under the new legislation, Houghton County would have been eligible for \$2,500,000. However, due to the rule that Section 19 Funds cannot exceed 10% of the municipality's previous year's operating budget, Schoolcraft Township was only eligible for \$13,000- which is enough to repair about 10 feet of culvert on one road (but enough to also pave the road over the culvert). This, even in the proposed legislation, remains a concern. Without the 10% rule, our local municipalities would, under SB 109, have been eligible for up to \$2,500,000 each, thus allowing them to make more robust and permanent repairs that can better withstand the next flooding event.

The Houghton County Board of Commissioners encourages its representatives in Lansing to support passage of this bill. Further, the Board encourages further changes to remove the 10% cap included in the current and proposed bill, as this remains a significant stumbling block for communities in our county and others around the state as they recover from disasters.

We would appreciate your support in our communities during times of disaster. This bill, while not solving all of the short comings of the current Section 19 legislation, makes an important step forward.

Sincerely,

Houghton County Board of Commissioners
Tom Tikkanen, Chairman



Fact Sheet

Michigan Senate Bill 109

As passed on September 25, 2025, what would Senate Bill 109 do?

- Increase the minimum funding requirement of the Disaster and Emergency Contingency Fund (DECF)
- Increase DECF funding caps for counties and municipalities for disaster response
- Establish and fund a State of Michigan hazard mitigation program

Why is Senate Bill 109 needed?

- Extreme weather events, such as the 2025 Northern Michigan Ice Storm, man-made disasters and other state declared emergencies and disasters have highlighted demand on DECF and significant funding challenges
- Federal aid for preparedness, response, and recovery efforts is increasingly unreliable
- The federal government is warning states to become more self-reliant for the cost of disaster response, recovery, and hazard mitigation

What are the proposed changes to DECF?

- Increased minimum funding level from \$2.5 million to \$75 million
- Michigan Legislature would be responsible for maintaining a minimum balance
- MSP Director (or designee) serves as DECF administrator
- Increase DECF funds available to communities based on population
 - Less than 75,000 people = up to \$2.5 million (currently limited to \$250,000)
 - 75,000 people or more but less than 500,000 = up to \$5 million (currently limited to \$500,000)
 - 500,000 people or more = up to \$10 million (currently limited to \$1 million)

How would the Hazard Mitigation Program function under Senate Bill 109?

- Grants would be made available to local governments to implement projects that prevent and mitigate future disaster damage and protect lives
- \$500,000 must be deposited into the Hazard Mitigation Program but only if:
 - Current DECF funds are greater than the \$75 million minimum
 - Following the transfer, remaining DECF balance is greater than \$75 million
- Mitigation funds carry over into the next fiscal year
- Director of the MSP (or designee) creates rules for grant applications, awards, eligible expenditures and program administration

What eligibility criteria does the bill include for the Hazard Mitigation Program?

- Communities must have an approved local hazard mitigation plan that identifies most critical mitigation needs
- Projects are limited to FEMA eligible activities
- Michigan Citizen-Community Emergency Response Coordinating Council (MCCERCC) must be consulted on funding decisions

Who would be eligible for Hazard Mitigation Funding?

- State agencies
- Local governments
- Federally recognized tribal governments

What is next for Senate Bill 109?

- After passing the Michigan Senate, the Michigan House of Representatives will decide whether to act or not
- The bill is currently assigned to the House Committee on Appropriations, Chaired by Rep. Ann Bollin

What challenges does Senate Bill 109 face?

- The bill would significantly increase the minimum financial contribution from the Legislature at a time when increased spending is disfavored among many legislators

Who are the bill sponsors?

- Sen. Sean McCann, D-Kalamazoo
- Sen. Rosemary Bayer, D-Beverly Hills
- Sen. Veronica Klinefelt, D-Eastpointe
- Sen. Paul Wojno, D-Warren

SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 109

A bill to amend 1976 PA 390, entitled
"Emergency management act,"
by amending the title and sections 18 and 19 (MCL 30.418 and
30.419), the title as amended by 2006 PA 267, section 18 as amended
by 2018 PA 263, and section 19 as amended by 2018 PA 264, and by
adding sections 18a and 18b.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 local agencies and officials; to prescribe immunities and
2 liabilities; to provide for the acceptance of gifts; and to repeal
3 acts and parts of acts.

4 Sec. 18. (1) A disaster and emergency contingency fund is
5 created. and shall be administered by the director. An annual
6 accounting of expenditures under this act shall be made to the
7 legislature and the The director shall administer the disaster and
8 emergency contingency fund and may deposit money and other assets
9 from any source into the fund. If at the end of a fiscal year the
10 money in the disaster and emergency contingency fund is less than
11 \$75,000,000.00, the legislature shall annually appropriate
12 sufficient funds to maintain the fund at a level not to exceed
13 \$10,000,000.00 and not less than \$2,500,000.00. Unexpended
14 \$75,000,000.00. Except as otherwise provided under subsection (7),
15 unexpended and unencumbered funds remaining in the disaster and
16 emergency contingency fund at the end of the fiscal year shall do
17 not lapse to the general fund and shall be are carried forward and
18 be available for expenditure in subsequent fiscal years.

19 (2) The director may expend money from the disaster and
20 emergency contingency fund upon appropriation for the purpose of
21 paying necessary and reasonable overtime, travel, and subsistence
22 expenses incurred by an employee of an agency of this state acting
23 at the direction of the director in a disaster or emergency related
24 operation, and, with the concurrence of the governor or the
25 governor's designated representative, for other needs required for
26 the mitigation of the effects of, or in response to, a disaster or
27 emergency.

28 (3) The director may place directly in the disaster and
29 emergency contingency fund a reimbursement for expenditures out of

1 the fund received from the federal government, or another source.

2 (4) If a state of major disaster or emergency is declared by
3 the President of the United States, and when authorized by the
4 governor, an expenditure from the fund may be made by the director
5 upon appropriation to pay the state's matching share of grants as
6 provided by ~~the disaster relief act of 1974, Public Law 93-288, 88~~
7 ~~Stat 143-42 USC 5121 to 5207.~~

8 (5) The state treasurer shall direct the investment of the
9 disaster and emergency contingency fund. The state treasurer shall
10 credit to the disaster and emergency contingency fund interest and
11 earnings from fund investments.

12 (6) The director shall submit a recommendation to the
13 legislature concerning an amendment to this section that provides
14 for the use of funds from the disaster and emergency contingency
15 fund created in this section for an initiative to aid preemptive
16 disaster resiliency programs. The recommendation described in this
17 subsection must include information concerning how the initiative
18 described in this subsection is designed to avoid the worst types
19 of disasters.

20 (7) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, each
21 year, \$500,000.00 of the funds remaining in the disaster and
22 emergency contingency fund at the end of the fiscal year may be
23 transferred and deposited into the state hazard mitigation fund
24 created in section 18a. The transfer and deposit described in this
25 subsection may be made only if at the end of the fiscal year the
26 balance in the disaster and emergency contingency fund, after this
27 transfer and deposit, will be \$75,000,000.00 or more.

28 Sec. 18a. (1) The state hazard mitigation fund is created in
29 the state treasury.

1 (2) The state treasurer shall deposit money and other assets
2 received from the disaster and emergency contingency fund, other
3 state or federal sources, or any other source in the state hazard
4 mitigation fund. The state treasurer shall direct the investment of
5 money in the state hazard mitigation fund and credit interest and
6 earnings from the investments to the state hazard mitigation fund.

7 (3) The department is the administrator of the state hazard
8 mitigation fund for audits of the state hazard mitigation fund.

9 (4) The unexpended and unencumbered funds remaining in the
10 state hazard mitigation fund at the end of the fiscal year do not
11 lapse to the general fund and are carried forward and available for
12 expenditure in subsequent fiscal years.

13 (5) The department shall expend money from the state hazard
14 mitigation fund, on appropriation, only for the use of hazard
15 mitigation programs by the department of state police.

16 (6) The state hazard mitigation fund may be expended by the
17 department to support the reasonable administrative expenses
18 related to the administration of the grant program created under
19 this section.

20 (7) The director shall promulgate rules governing grant
21 applications, award determinations, eligible expenditures, and
22 program administration that are related to the hazard mitigation
23 fund. The rules described in this subsection must include, but are
24 not limited to, all of the following criteria:

25 (a) That eligibility for funding is limited to entities
26 eligible to apply as sub-applicants for the Federal Emergency
27 Management Agency's hazard mitigation assistance programs managed
28 and administered by the emergency management and homeland security
29 division within the department. For purposes of this subdivision,

1 eligible sub-applicants include any of the following entities:

2 (i) State agencies.

3 (ii) Local governments.

4 (iii) Federally recognized tribal governments.

5 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, the
6 application process for receipt of funds in the hazard mitigation
7 fund must require a showing of evidence that each applicant for
8 funds has adopted and maintains an adequate local hazard mitigation
9 plan that has been approved by the Federal Emergency Management
10 Agency. For purposes of this subdivision, an applicant without a
11 local hazard mitigation plan that has been approved by the Federal
12 Emergency Management Agency may apply for funding as described in
13 this subdivision to develop a new local hazard mitigation plan or
14 update an existing local hazard mitigation plan that has lapsed.

15 (c) Reimbursement from funds in the hazard mitigation fund for
16 expenditures is limited to approved hazard mitigation activities
17 that align with eligible activities under the Federal Emergency
18 Management Agency's hazard mitigation assistance programs or 42 USC
19 5172, for public assistance mitigation.

20 (d) The governor-appointed Michigan Citizen-Community
21 Emergency Response Coordinating Council must be consulted regarding
22 funding decisions related to the hazard mitigation fund.

23 Sec. 18b. Not later than 90 days after the end of each fiscal
24 year, the director shall prepare a report regarding the
25 administration of this act, the disaster and emergency contingency
26 fund, and the state hazard mitigation fund and shall submit the
27 report to the legislature. The report must include all of the
28 following information for the immediately preceding fiscal year:

29 (a) An accounting of each fund, including a description of

1 each deposit into and expenditure from the fund. A description of
2 an expenditure must state the disaster or emergency for which the
3 expenditure was made.

4 (b) The administrative costs associated with each fund.

5 (c) The beginning and ending balances of each fund.

6 (d) An accounting of all federal money that this state applied
7 for regarding a disaster or emergency and all federal money
8 received by this state for a disaster or emergency.

9 (e) A list of all federal reimbursements received by this
10 state related to a disaster or emergency, delineated by the purpose
11 of the federal reimbursement and the state department or agency
12 that incurred the cost that was reimbursed.

13 (f) The amount of money in each fund that has been obligated
14 but has not been expended.

15 (g) A list of every person that this state has contracted with
16 to administer each fund, if applicable.

17 Sec. 19. (1) Under extraordinary circumstances, upon the
18 declaration of a state of disaster or a state of emergency by the
19 governor and subject to the requirements of this subsection, the
20 governor may authorize an expenditure from the disaster and
21 emergency contingency fund to provide state assistance to counties
22 and municipalities when federal assistance is not available. If the
23 governor proclaims a state of disaster or a state of emergency, the
24 first recourse for disaster related expenses ~~shall~~must be to funds
25 of the county or municipality. If the demands placed upon the funds
26 of a county or municipality in coping with a particular disaster or
27 emergency are unreasonably great, the governing body of the county
28 or municipality may apply, by resolution of the local governing
29 body, for a grant from the disaster and emergency contingency fund.

1 The resolution ~~shall~~must certify that the affected county or
2 municipality emergency operations plan was implemented in a timely
3 manner. The resolution ~~shall~~must set forth the purpose for which
4 the assistance is sought, the extent of damages sustained, and
5 certify an exhaustion of local efforts. The assistance under this
6 subsection is to provide grants, excluding reimbursement for
7 capital outlay expenditures, in mitigation of the extraordinary
8 burden of a county or municipality in relation to its available
9 resources. Assistance grants under this section ~~shall~~must not
10 exceed the following amounts or 10% of the total annual operating
11 budget for the preceding fiscal year of the county or municipality,
12 whichever is less:

13 (a) For a county or municipality with a population under
14 ~~25,000 according to the most recent federal decennial census,~~
15 ~~\$250,000.00.~~75,000, \$2,500,000.00.

16 (b) For a county or municipality with a population of ~~25,000~~
17 ~~75,000 or more and~~but less than ~~75,000 according to the most~~
18 ~~recent federal decennial census,~~ ~~\$500,000.00.~~500,000,
19 ~~\$5,000,000.00.~~

20 (c) For a county or municipality with a population of ~~75,000~~
21 ~~500,000 or more, according to the most recent federal decennial~~
22 ~~census,~~ ~~\$1,000,000.00.~~\$10,000,000.00.

23 (2) The director shall promulgate rules governing the
24 application and eligibility for the use of the state disaster and
25 emergency contingency fund. Rules that have been promulgated prior
26 to December 31, 1988 to implement this section ~~shall~~ remain in
27 effect until revised or replaced. The rules ~~shall~~must include, but
28 not be limited to, all of the following:

29 (a) Demonstration of exhaustion of local effort.

13 (c) Evidence that the applicable county or municipal emergency
14 operations plan was implemented in a timely manner at the beginning
15 of the disaster or emergency.

16 (d) Reimbursement for expenditures shall ~~must~~ be limited to
17 public damage and direct loss as a result of the disaster or
18 emergency, or expenses incurred by the applicant for reimbursing
19 employees for disaster or emergency related activities which were
20 not performed as a part of their normal duties, or for other needs
21 required specifically for the mitigation of the effects, or in
22 response to the disaster or emergency.

23 (e) A disaster assessment team established by the emergency
24 management division of the department has substantiated the damages
25 claimed by the applicant. Damage estimates submitted by the
26 applicant ~~shall~~must be based upon a disaster assessment carried
27 out by the applicant according to standard procedures recommended
28 by the emergency management division.



Outlook

RFP for Cash Recon

From Chelsea Rheault <chelsea@houghtoncounty.gov>

Date Wed 1/21/2026 3:01 PM

To Lisa Mattila <treasurer@houghtoncounty.gov>; Karen Semmens <karen@houghtoncounty.gov>

Cc Tom Tikkanen <tom.tikkanen@houghtoncounty.gov>; Roy Britz <roy.britz@houghtoncounty.gov>; Paige Setter-Hallwachs <paige.setter@houghtoncounty.gov>

Let me know what you think of the below RFP I drafted. If acceptable, Paige can assist with emailing it off, if you would like.

1. Introduction and Background

Houghton County, Michigan (the “County”) is requesting proposals from qualified Certified Public Accounting (CPA) firms and/or governmental accounting firms to assist with reconciling the County’s cash balances so that they accurately reflect bank balances across all County accounts and align with the County’s general ledger.

The County maintains multiple bank accounts and funds, and discrepancies currently exist between recorded cash balances in the general ledger and actual bank balances. The County seeks professional assistance to identify, analyze, and resolve these discrepancies, establish accurate reconciled balances, and recommend improvements to internal controls and reconciliation processes.

2. Scope of Services

The selected firm will be expected to provide services that may include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Review and assessment of all County bank accounts, funds, and related general ledger cash accounts.
2. Reconciliation of bank statements to the general ledger across all funds and accounts.
3. Identification and documentation of discrepancies, timing differences, posting errors, unsupported balances, or misclassifications.
4. Assistance in determining appropriate adjusting journal entries needed to bring the general ledger cash balances into agreement with bank balances.
5. Preparation of detailed reconciliation schedules and supporting documentation suitable for audit purposes.
6. Coordination with County staff to obtain records, explain findings, and validate proposed adjustments.
7. Recommendations for improved cash reconciliation procedures, internal controls, and best practices to prevent future discrepancies.

8. Optional: Assistance with implementation of recommended procedures and staff training (if requested).

3. Deliverables

At a minimum, the selected firm shall provide:

- A comprehensive reconciliation of all County cash accounts to corresponding bank balances.
- A written summary of findings, including the nature and cause of discrepancies identified.
- A list of proposed and/or posted adjusting journal entries.
- Final reconciled cash balances by fund and account.
- Recommendations for ongoing reconciliation processes and internal control improvements.

4. Firm Qualifications

Proposals should demonstrate the firm's qualifications, including:

- Experience providing governmental accounting and reconciliation services for counties or similar public-sector entities.
- Knowledge of Michigan local government accounting requirements and generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).
- Experience reconciling complex, multi-fund cash environments.
- Identification of key personnel who will be assigned to the project, including credentials and relevant experience.

5. Proposal Requirements

Proposals should include the following information:

1. Firm name, address, and primary contact information.
2. A brief history and overview of the firm.
3. Description of the firm's approach and methodology for completing the scope of services.
4. Proposed timeline and estimated duration of the project.
5. Identification of staff who will perform the work.
6. Fee proposal, including hourly rates and/or a not-to-exceed cost.
7. Disclosure of any potential conflicts of interest.
8. At least three references from governmental clients for whom similar services were provided.

6. Evaluation Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated based on, but not limited to, the following criteria:

- Relevant experience and qualifications.
- Understanding of the project and proposed approach.
- Ability to meet the County's timeline.
- Cost and overall value to the County.
- References and past performance with governmental entities.

The County reserves the right to interview one or more firms as part of the evaluation process.

8. Submission Instructions

Proposals should be submitted electronically in PDF format to:

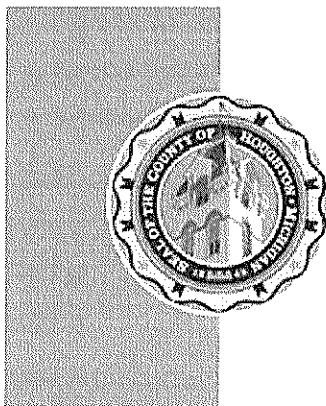
[Email Address]

9. Terms and Conditions

- The County reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive informalities, and to accept the proposal deemed to be in the best interest of the County.
- The County is not responsible for any costs incurred by proposers in preparing or submitting proposals.
- All proposals submitted become the property of the County and may be subject to disclosure under the Michigan Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

10. Additional Information

Questions regarding this RFP should be submitted in writing to the contact person listed above by the deadline indicated in the timeline.



CHELSEA RHEAULT, MBA
Houghton County
Administrator

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✉ chelsea@houghtoncounty.gov
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Book time to meet with me



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SERVING BARAGA, HOUGHTON, KEWEENAW & ONTONAGON COUNTIES

February 2, 2026

Ms. Jennifer Kelly, Houghton County Clerk
Houghton County Courthouse
401 E. Houghton Avenue
Houghton, MI 49931

RE: Copper Country Mental Health Board Member Appointment – Zach Edgerton

Dear Ms. Kelly,

Our agency has had one Houghton County Board member opening on the Copper Country Mental Health Services Board of Directors.

The Copper Country Mental Health Services Board Executive Committee would like to request and recommend that the Houghton County Board of Commissioners appoint Zach Edgerton for a three-year term ending March 31, 2029.

Please feel free to contact me at (906) 482-9400 or admindept@cccmh.org if you have any questions or need any further information. Thank you for your assistance in this process.

Sincerely,

Mike Bach, Executive Director
Copper Country Mental Health Services

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Baraga County	Houghton County	Keweenaw County	Ontonagon County	Training & Prevention
BARAGA CO. CENTER 15644 Skanee Road L'Anse, MI 49946 (906) 524-5885 Fax: (906) 524-5866	RICE MEMORIAL CENTER 901 West Memorial Drive Houghton, MI 49931 (906) 482-9400 Fax: (906) 482-9794	CALUMET (CLK) CENTER 56938 Calumet Avenue Calumet, MI 49913 (906) 337-5810 Fax: (906) 337-2108	ONTONAGON CO. CENTER 515 Quartz Street Ontonagon, MI 49953 (906) 884-4804 Fax: (906) 884-4856	THE INSTITUTE 900 West Sharon Avenue Houghton, MI 49931 (906) 482-4880 Fax: (906) 482-7657

Carl's Electrical Service, LLC



29515 Post Rd.
Lake Linden, MI 49945
Phone: (906) 369-3432

Date: February 4, 2026

Job Location: Houghton County Courthouse

Hello Tom,

My estimate to add receptacles and repair a light fixture is shown below:

- Add a floor receptacle in front of the prosecutors table in the circuit court
- Add a floor receptacle in front of the defendants table in the circuit court
- Add a receptacle under the judges desk in circuit court
- Add a duplex receptacle to the right of the judges desk by the railing
- Add a duplex receptacle to the left of the judges desk by the railing
- Repair the light fixture in the stairwell outside of the circuit court

The total for the above is \$6000.

Thank you,

Carl Keranen

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Bingham" above a smaller, stylized signature that appears to be "T.B." or "Tom B.".

Hello Chealsea

Please see below for the RFP language for Sharon Av.

Thank you,

Todd LaRoux
Houghton County Building Official
(906) 482-2260
(906) 370-0965

From: Jared Hyrkas <jhyrkas@upea.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 3, 2026 9:27 AM
To: Todd LaRoux <inspector@houghtoncounty.gov>
Cc: Jeffrey J. West <jwest@upea.com>; John Arnold <jarnold@upea.com>
Subject: Sharon Ave RFP Language

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Todd,

Below is the language you requested for the RFP for design services at the Sharon Avenue Property. If you have any questions or I missed something, just let me know. You can add other specifics and dates to this, and remove things if they aren't applicable. I can help generate or review the entire RFP if you want as well, depending on what you want included.

Title/subject for the RFP: Architect/Engineering Services for County offices in Existing Sharon Ave Building

Houghton County is requesting a Schematic Design and code review for new County offices to house non court related offices (such as the treasurer, clerk, building department, drain commissioner) in the existing Sharon Avenue building that was recently acquired. The design shall also include a preliminary structural design for reinforcing the existing roof to meet current loading requirements and addition of a firewall(s) to keep the building from needing to be sprinklered. Provide an engineer's cost estimate to make the floor plan changes, firewall, MEP upgrades, and structural changes to accommodate the new layout. No work on the exterior of the building will be included.

I'm assuming you don't want to get into changing door and window locations, you just want to make them work as they are to keep it as economical as possible? I think some minor electrical and HVAC changes will be required at a minimum, but if you want full scale changes, that would be noteworthy to include. Depending on the level of changes, it might trigger adding outside air/ventilation. Also, it's likely you might want/need some more bathrooms?

What about utilities to the site? Again, since it was used by large #'s of people already and the utilities were fine, I'm assuming you would just leave them as they are if possible to keep costs low?

Thanks,

Jared Hyrkas, P.E.
Project Manager / Structural Engineer



Outlook

January, 2026 Expenses

From Ann Harris <aharris@tcpd.legal>

Date Wed 2/4/2026 2:42 PM

To Alexandra Jahfetson <alexandra.jahfetson@houghtoncounty.gov>

Cc Chelsea Rheault <chelsea@houghtoncounty.gov>; Paige Setter-Hallwachs <paige.setter@houghtoncounty.gov>

3 attachments (970 KB)

January 2026 Balance Sheet Detail.pdf; january 2026 profit and loss detail.pdf; RECEIPTS JANUARY 2026.pdf;

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Alex:

Attached please find a detailed P&L and a detailed Balance Sheet for January, 2026. I've also attached copies of all receipts for last month.

Please forward a check for these expenses as soon as possible.

Thank you

Ann

PLEASE CONFIRM RECEIPT OF THIS E-MAIL.

Ann M. Harris
Administrator
Tri-County Public Defenders
1221 Schoolhouse Drive
Houghton, MI 49931
Phone: 906-487-7007
Fax: 906-487-7027
Email: aharris@tcpd.legal

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Accrual Basis

Tri-County Public Defenders

Profit & Loss Detail

January 2026

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Split	Amount	Balance
Ordinary Income/Expense							
Income							
General Journal	01/01/2026	25-17	Tri-County Public Defenders	To reclassify prior fiscal year funding	42500 · Prior Yr...	-143,451.29	-143,451.29
Deposit	01/27/2026	Deposit	Tri-County Public Defenders	November 2025 payment for expenses	10000 · TCPD ...	70,982.78	-72,468.51
Deposit	01/27/2026	Deposit	Tri-County Public Defenders	December 2025 payment for expenses	10000 · TCPD ...	66,917.39	-5,551.12
Total 42000 · State Income						-5,551.12	-5,551.12
General Journal	01/01/2026	25-17		To reclassify prior fiscal year funding	42000 · State In...	143,451.29	143,451.29
Total 42500 · Prior Yr Income Recd in Curr Yr						143,451.29	143,451.29
Total Income						137,900.17	137,900.17
Expense							
51000 · Salaries & Wages							
General Journal	01/02/2026	25-13		Bi-weekly payroll journal	-SPLIT-	23,165.61	23,165.61
General Journal	01/16/2026	25-15		Bi-weekly payroll journal	-SPLIT-	23,165.61	46,331.22
General Journal	01/30/2026	25-16		Bi-weekly payroll journal	-SPLIT-	23,165.61	69,496.83
Total 51000 · Salaries & Wages						69,496.83	69,496.83
General Journal	01/02/2026	25-13		Bi-weekly payroll journal	51000 · Salarie...	2,040.88	2,040.88
General Journal	01/16/2026	25-15		Bi-weekly payroll journal	51000 · Salarie...	2,029.28	4,070.16
General Journal	01/30/2026	25-16		Bi-weekly payroll journal	51000 · Salarie...	1,909.46	5,979.62
Total 52000 · Payroll Taxes						5,979.62	5,979.62
56000 · Mileage							
Check	01/07/2026	4296	Joshua Makkonen	860 miles @ .70 cents per mile	10000 · TCPD ...	602.00	602.00
Check	01/07/2026	4297	David Gemignani	620 miles @ .70 cents per mile	10000 · TCPD ...	434.00	1,036.00
Check	01/07/2026	4298	Cameron Herrington	420 miles @ .70 cents per mile	10000 · TCPD ...	294.00	1,330.00
Check	01/07/2026	4299	Mandy Daniels	140 miles @ .70 cents per mile	10000 · TCPD ...	98.00	1,428.00
Total 56000 · Mileage						1,428.00	1,428.00
58000 · Direct Case Costs							
58020 · Criminal History Report							
Check	01/15/2026	EFT	Michigan State Police	ichat/jared rabitoy	10000 · TCPD ...	10.00	10.00
Check	01/28/2026	EFT	Michigan State Police	ichat/christopher canales	10000 · TCPD ...	10.00	20.00
Check	01/28/2026	EFT	Michigan State Police	ICHA/ryan mcgruder	10000 · TCPD ...	10.00	30.00
Check	01/28/2026	EFT	Michigan State Police	ICHA/javieaunn Gray	10000 · TCPD ...	10.00	40.00
Total 58020 · Criminal History Report						40.00	40.00
Total 58000 · Direct Case Costs						40.00	40.00
64300 · Legal Research Online							
Check	01/07/2026	4293	Lexis Nexis		10000 · TCPD ...	895.13	895.13
Total 64300 · Legal Research Online						895.13	895.13
65100 · Internet and Fax Line							
Check	01/14/2026	4304	Charter Communications		10000 · TCPD ...	190.00	190.00
Total 65100 · Internet and Fax Line						190.00	190.00
65200 · Website							
Check	01/07/2026	4290	Opus Web Technologies		10000 · TCPD ...	75.00	75.00
Check	01/30/2026	4310	Opus Web Technologies	Invoice #17248	10000 · TCPD ...	75.00	150.00
Total 65200 · Website						150.00	150.00
66200 · Office Supplies/Expenses							
Check	01/07/2026	4292	Wandel's Watercare	water	10000 · TCPD ...	35.15	35.15
Check	01/07/2026	4294	Quill	Invoice#47096078	10000 · TCPD ...	96.87	132.02
Check	01/30/2026	4309	Quill	Invoice #47585331	10000 · TCPD ...	109.11	241.13
Total 66200 · Office Supplies/Expenses						241.13	241.13
66210 · Postage							
Check	01/14/2026	4302	USPS	postage stamps	10000 · TCPD ...	0.00	0.00
Check	01/14/2026	4303	USPS	stamps	10000 · TCPD ...	880.00	880.00
Total 66210 · Postage						880.00	880.00
66500 · Repairs and Maintenance							
66520 · Cleaning/Janitorial							
Check	01/07/2026	4295	A+ Pest Management	Inv #113243	10000 · TCPD ...	42.00	42.00
Total 66520 · Cleaning/Janitorial						42.00	42.00
66530 · Plowing							
Check	01/07/2026	4289	Northend Excavaling	Banks pushed back/trucked snow offsite	10000 · TCPD ...	250.00	250.00
Total 66530 · Plowing						250.00	250.00
Total 66500 · Repairs and Maintenance						292.00	292.00
66571 · Computer backup, remote service							
Check	01/30/2026	4308	UP And Running	Invoices No: 45402; 45341; 45342	10000 · TCPD ...	1,423.99	1,423.99

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02/04/26

Accrual Basis

Tri-County Public Defenders

Profit & Loss Detail

January 2026

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Split	Amount	Balance
			Total 66571 · Computer backup, remote service			1,423.99	1,423.99
			67000 · Professional Fees				
			67100 · Accounting fees & payroll exp				
Check	01/02/2026	EFT	Paychex Fees		10100 · TCPD ...	185.25	185.25
Check	01/16/2026	EFT	Paychex Fees		10100 · TCPD ...	391.75	577.00
Check	01/30/2026	EFT	Paychex Fees		10100 · TCPD ...	185.25	762.25
Check	01/30/2026	4307	Value Core	assist with payroll issues	10000 · TCPD ...	87.00	849.25
			Total 67100 · Accounting fees & payroll exp			849.25	849.25
			Total 67000 · Professional Fees			849.25	849.25
			67500 · Rent Expense				
			67510 · Building Rent				
Check	01/05/2026	4280	David Gemignani	1/26 rent	10000 · TCPD ...	2,500.00	2,500.00
			Total 67510 · Building Rent			2,500.00	2,500.00
			67525 · Copier Lease & Maintenance Cont				
Check	01/05/2026	4266	OPG	VOID:	10000 · TCPD ...	0.00	0.00
Check	01/05/2026	4267	OPG	VOID:	10000 · TCPD ...	0.00	0.00
Check	01/05/2026	4268	OPG	VOID:	10000 · TCPD ...	0.00	0.00
Check	01/05/2026	4269	OPG	VOID:	10000 · TCPD ...	0.00	0.00
Check	01/05/2026	4270	OPG	VOID:	10000 · TCPD ...	0.00	0.00
Check	01/05/2026	4271	OPG	VOID:	10000 · TCPD ...	0.00	0.00
Check	01/05/2026	4272	OPG	VOID:	10000 · TCPD ...	0.00	0.00
Check	01/05/2026	4273	OPG	VOID:	10000 · TCPD ...	0.00	0.00
Check	01/05/2026	4274	OPG	VOID:	10000 · TCPD ...	0.00	0.00
Check	01/05/2026	4275	OPG	VOID:	10000 · TCPD ...	0.00	0.00
Check	01/05/2026	4276	OPG	VOID:	10000 · TCPD ...	0.00	0.00
Check	01/05/2026	4277	OPG	VOID:	10000 · TCPD ...	0.00	0.00
Check	01/05/2026	4278	OPG	VOID:	10000 · TCPD ...	0.00	0.00
Check	01/05/2026	4279	OPG	VOID:	10000 · TCPD ...	0.00	0.00
Check	01/12/2026	4300	Phoenix Funding	VOID:	10000 · TCPD ...	0.00	0.00
Check	01/13/2026	4301	Phoenix Funding	2 copiers lease	10000 · TCPD ...	379.46	379.46
			Total 67525 · Copier Lease & Maintenance Cont			379.46	379.46
			Total 67500 · Rent Expense			2,879.46	2,879.46
			67700 · Cell phone reimbursement				
Check	01/07/2026	4282	David Gemignani	1/6	10000 · TCPD ...	40.00	40.00
Check	01/07/2026	4283	Cameron Herrington	1/26	10000 · TCPD ...	40.00	80.00
Check	01/07/2026	4284	Joshua Makkonen	1/26	10000 · TCPD ...	40.00	120.00
Check	01/07/2026	4285	Ann Harris	1/26	10000 · TCPD ...	40.00	160.00
Check	01/07/2026	4286	Taryn C. Clisch	1/26	10000 · TCPD ...	40.00	200.00
Check	01/07/2026	4287	Mandy Daniels	1/26	10000 · TCPD ...	40.00	240.00
Check	01/07/2026	4288	Michelle A. Clisch	1/26	10000 · TCPD ...	40.00	280.00
			Total 67700 · Cell phone reimbursement			280.00	280.00
			68500 · Utilities				
			68510 · Electric				
Check	01/05/2026	4281	UPPCO	VOID:	10000 · TCPD ...	0.00	0.00
Check	01/30/2026	4305	UPPCO		10000 · TCPD ...	366.19	366.19
			Total 68510 · Electric			366.19	366.19
			68520 · Gas				
Check	01/07/2026	4291	Semco		10000 · TCPD ...	104.82	104.82
			Total 68520 · Gas			104.82	104.82
			68550 · Water and Sewer				
Check	01/30/2026	4306	City of Hancock		10000 · TCPD ...	27.93	27.93
			Total 68550 · Water and Sewer			27.93	27.93
			Total 68500 · Utilities			498.94	498.94
			Total Expense			85,524.35	85,524.35
			Net Ordinary Income			52,375.82	52,375.82
			Net Income			52,375.82	52,375.82

APPROPRIATIONS



Western Upper Peninsula Health Department

540 Depot St., Hancock, MI 49930
Phone (906) 482-7382, Fax (906) 482-9410

2/2/2026

Invoice 9260011

Houghton County
Houghton County Courthouse
Attn: Jennifer Kelly
401 E. Houghton Avenue
Houghton, MI 49931

Fiscal Year 2026 - Second Quarter
January - March 2026

Charge Date	Description	Qty	Unit Price	Amount
2/2/2026	Quarterly Appropriations - Houghton County, January - March 2026	0.00	0.00	\$69,106.50

Payment Terms: Net 30 Days

Please return bottom portion with your payment.

Total: \$69,106.50

Customer ID HTN CTY

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Customer Name Houghton County

Invoice Date 2/2/2026

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Payment Terms: Net 30 Days

Total: \$69,106.50

Fiscal Year 2026 - Second Quarter
January - March 2026



STATEMENT
Copper Country Community Mental Health
901 W. Memorial Drive
Houghton MI 49931
(906) 482-9400 Ext. 0146

Date:	12/31/25
Account:	00052
Amount Paid:	

Payment Terms: NET 30

HOUGHTON COUNTY ADMIN

HOUGHTON COUNTY- ADMIN OFFICE
401 E HOUGHTON AVENUE
HOUGHTON MI 49931

Deposits Received: **\$0.00**

"Please return this portion with your payment"

Document No.	Date	Code	Description	Amount	Balance
INV00000030000000180	11/28/25	SLS	1/12th Appropriation Paid	\$13,707.91	\$13,707.91
INV00000030000000181	12/28/25	SLS	1/12th Appropriation	\$13,707.91	\$27,415.82

Amount Due: **\$27,415.82**

~~\$13,707.91~~

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

Codes: SLS = Sales / Invoices
DR = Debit Memos

CR = Credit Memos
RTN = Returns

PMT = Payments