Proceedings
Ontonagon County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
July 21, 2026

The Ontonagon County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, July 16, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. in the Circuit courtroom. At the call to order the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call showed all commissioners present.

By motion of Bourdeau supported by Store and carried on a 5-0 roll call vote to approve the minutes of the 6/16/2026 regular meeting.

By motion of Cane supported by Nousiainen and carried 5-0 to approve the agenda with addition of 21a) Cancel the July 24th, 2026 budget meeting and 21b) Renew the Otis Elevator contract.

Public comment: Marlene Broemer expressed her disagreement with the hiring of VSO Kayln Store. Meagan Morrison of White Pine Copper introduced herself as the External Relations representative for White Pine Copper and welcomed any opportunity to answer questions that the County may have. Jenny Neumann, Greenland Township Supervisor, expressed her hope that the County Board would enter into the Water Sampling Agreement being presented on the agenda.

Presentation by Brendon Presnell from WUPPDR did not take place as Mr. Presnell was absent.

Presentation by Roy Manninen and Pete Baril from the Western Upper Peninsula Health Department to discuss funding levels for county appropriations.

By motion of Cane supported by Bourdeau and carried on a 5-0 roll call vote to approve purchase of critical loads panel for airport in the amount of $2,430.00.

By motion of Bourdeau supported by Store and carried on a 5-0 roll call vote to formally approve Obstruction Removal (Phase 2) for the airport with a local share of $15,007.00.

By motion of Nousiainen supported by Cane and carried on a 5-0 roll call vote to formally approve L-4029 from E-TC School.

By motion of Store to disapprove adoption of Resolution 2026-05 Opposing Legislation to Dissolve the Upper Peninsula Community Health System into a Single Specialized Regional Mental Health Authority. Motion failed for lack of support.

By motion of Nousiainen supported by Bourdeau and carried on 5-0 roll call vote to table action regarding the approval of Resolution 2026-05 Opposing Legislation to Dissolve the Upper Peninsula Community Health System into a Single Specialized Regional Mental Health Authority until the August 18, 2026 County Board meeting.

By motion of Bourdeau supported by Nousiainen and carried on a 5-0 roll call vote to accept Sue Preiss's resignation from the EDC board.

By motion of Cane supported by Bourdeau and carried on a 5-0 roll call vote to advertise for the EDC board vacancy.

By motion of Bourdeau supported by Cane and carried on a 5-0 roll call vote to approve travel request for Kayln Store to attend Michigan American Legion VSO Training.

By motion of Nousiainen supported by Bourdeau and carried on a 5-0 roll call vote to approve Veterans Affairs Board member count from 3 to 5 and to advertise for the 2 vacancies.

By motion of Cane supported by Bourdeau and carried on a 5-0 roll call vote to table the Water Sampling Agreement between Greenland Township and the County of Ontonagon pending review by County legal counsel to be acted upon at the August 18, 2026, County Board meeting.

By motion of Cane supported by Bourdeau and carried on a 5-0 roll call vote to approve Haley Rasmussen's travel request to the MACC Summer Conference.

By motion of Bourdeau supported by Store and carried on a 5-0 roll call vote to approve Michele Smith's travel request to the MACT Summer Conference.

By motion of Nousiainen supported by Store and carried on a 5-0 roll call vote to approve Sharon Csmarich's travel request to attend the Victim Advocate Conference with a cash advance of $696.00.

By motion of Bourdeau supported by Cane and carried on a 5-0 roll call vote to approve Rudy Perhalla's travel request to attend a PACC function with a cash advance of $1,159.64.

By motion of Bourdeau supported by Cane and carried on a 5-0 roll call vote to approve cancellation of the July 24, 2026 budget meeting.

By motion of Cane supported by Bourdeau and carried on a 5-0 roll call vote to approve renewal of Otis elevator contract.

By motion of Bourdeau supported by Cane and carried on a 5-0 roll call vote to enter closed session at 4:55p.m. to discuss pending litigation.

By motion of Bourdeau supported by Cane and carried on a 5-0 roll call vote to enter open session at 5:04pm. No action was taken regarding the closed session meeting.

By motion of Cane supported by Bourdeau and carried on a 5-0 roll call vote to approve the payment of the following:

(101) General Fund $96,011.22 (210) Sonco Ambulance $0.00 (211) OCAP Fund $15,000.00 (256) ROD Automation Fund $655.00 (257) Veteran's Van Fund $0.00 (259) CAA Fund $30,000.00 (260) Indigent Defense Fund $0.00 (261) 911 Service Fund $3,381.98 (263) CPL Fund $75.81 (269) Law Library Fund $616.60 (280) Senior Citizens Fund $0.00 (288) Transit Fund $5,312.60 (292) PCCF $218.40 (525) Foreclosure Fund $0.00.

Prepaid bills from 06/11/2026-07/15/2026 (101) $132,510.22, (251) Landbank Fund $0.00, (260) Indigent Defense Fund $12,721.80, (261) $391.30, (263) CCW Fund $310.20, (288) $25,925.68 (292) PCCF $2,900.41 (525) $1,729.00.

Payroll periods ending 06/19/2026 & 07/03/2026 (101) $165,904.58 (260) $321.72 (261) $2,370.24 (288) Transit Fund $28,851.54 (292) PCCF $3,278.80.

Committee Reports
Department Head Reports
Other Business: None
Agenda Requests: None
Public Comment: Marlene Broemer spoke in support of greater County appropriations to the Western Upper Peninsula Health Department and against the hiring of VSO Kayln Store

By motion of Bourdeau supported by Nousiainen and carried to adjourn to the call of the chair at 5:10 p.m.

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Carl Nykanen, Chair Haley Rasmussen, County Clerk

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