Proceedings
Ontonagon County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
May 19, 2026

The Ontonagon County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. in the Circuit courtroom. At the call to order the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call showed Commissioner Cane absent.

By motion of Bourdeau supported by Nousiainen and carried to approve the minutes of the 4/21/2026 regular meeting.

Public comment: None

By motion of Nousiainen supported by Store and carried to approve the agenda as presented.

By motion of Bourdeau supported by Store and carried on a 4-0 roll call vote to approve a letter of support for North Country National Scenic trail easement.

By motion of Nousiainen supported by Bourdeau and carried on a 4-0 roll call vote to accept Roy Hartwick's resignation from the Veteran's Affairs board and advertise for that vacancy.

By motion of Bourdeau supported by Cane and carried on 4-0 roll call vote to increase the court appointed attorney fees from $50/hr to $100/hr effective May 20, 2026.

By motion of Bourdeau supported by Nousiainen and carried on a 4-0 roll call vote to adopt the following resolution:

Resolution 2026-04

To Protect Rural Access to Behavioral Health Services by adopting Proposed FY 2027

Whereas it is critical to ensure that rural communities are treated consistently, thoughtfully, and proactively in state policy decisions that affect access to behavioral health services; and,

Whereas varying definitions of "rural" across MDHHS programs create instability for providers and counties and can impact funding eligibility, disrupt service planning, and ultimately affect access to care; and,

Whereas rural stakeholders are often engaged late in the policymaking process, limiting the ability to address practical challenges before implementation; and,

Whereas the attached boilerplate language addresses the above issues by establishing a single, consistent definition of rural, partially rural, and frontier areas across all department programs, and by creating a formal Rural Consultation Caucus to ensure rural perspectives are incorporated before major policy decisions are finalized.

Now, therefore be it Resolved that the Ontonagon County Board of Commissioners urges the Michigan Legislature to include the attached boilerplate language in the FY 2027 state budget.

And be it further resolved to send a copy of this resolution to Senator Ed McBroom and Representative Greg Markkanen.

ADOPTED: May 19, 2026

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Stacy C. Preiss, County Clerk/Register

By motion of Bourdeau supported by Store and carried on a 4-0 roll call vote to accept Bruce Seid's resignation from the from the airport maintenance and advertise for the vacancy.

By motion of Nousiainen supported by Bourdeau and carried on a 4-0 roll call vote to authorize the County banking depositories to remove Stacy Preiss, County Clerk/Register from the County's banking and add Haley Rasmussen, newly appointed County Clerk/Register effective June 1, 2026.

By motion of Nousiainen supported by Store and carried on a 4-0 roll call vote to approve the remon proposal from Timberline Land Surveying for 11 corners in the amount of $19,800.

By motion of Bourdeau supported by Store and carried on a 4-0 roll call vote to approve the contract with Opusweb in the amount of $7,500 to update the county website and maintain it for a monthly cost of $150.00.

By motion of Nousiainen supported by Bourdeau and carried on a 4-0 roll call vote to approve the payment of the following:

(101) General Fund $102,293.44 (210) Sonco Ambulance $0.00 (211) OCAP Funs $0.00 (256) ROD Automation Fund $750.00 (257) Veteran's Van Fund $0.00 (259) CAA Fund $35,000.00 (260) Indigent Defense Fund $141.90 (261) 911 Service Fund $1,344.61 (263) CPL Fund $42.51 (269) Law Library Fund $616.60 (280) Senior Citizens Fund $0.00 (288) Transit Fund $6,965.91 (292) PCCF $1,355.88 (525) Foreclosure Fund $0.00.

Prepaid bills from 4/16/26 – 5/13/26 (101) $25,260.56, (251) Landbank Fund $0.00, (260) Indigent Defense Fund $33,302.00, (261) $366.68, (288) $1,786.61 (292) PCCF $430.60 (525) $4,979.24.

Payroll periods ending 4/24/2026 & 5/08/26 (101) $170,408.93 (260) $459.60 (261) $2,370.24 (288) Transit Fund $36,719.85 (292) PCCF $3,278.80.

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Other Business
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Public Comment: None

By motion of Bourdeau supported by Nousiainen and carried to adjourn to the call of the chair at 4:18 p.m.

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Carl Nykanen, Chair Haley Rasmussen, Deputy Clerk

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