Proceedings
Ontonagon County Board of Commissioners
Public Hearing
September 15, 2026

The Ontonagon County Board of Commissioners met in special session on Tuesday, September 15, 2026 at 3:45 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 Nousiainen, supported by Bourdeau, 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 open the public hearing.

Public comment: none

By motion of Nousiainen, supported by Bourdeau, and carried on 4-0 roll call vote to close the public hearing at 3:46 p.m.

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

ONTONAGON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2026-07
2026-2027 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT

SECTION 1. BUDGET ADOPTION AND EXPENDITURE AUTHORIZATION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ontonagon County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the 2026-2027 General Fund Operating Budget and the 2026-2027 Special Revenue Fund Budgets, including the following funds: Road Commission Fund, SONCO Ambulance Fund, Ontonagon County Animal Protection Fund, Friend of the Court Fund, Public Transit Fund, Forestry Fund, Land Bank Authority Fund, Register of Deeds Automation Fund, Veteran's Van Fund, Community Action Agency Fund, Senior Citizens Fund, 911 Service Fund, Correction Officer Training Fund, 911 Equipment Fund, Concealed Pistol Licensing Fund, Law Library Fund, Library Board Fund, Housing Fund, EDC Revolving Loan Fund, Opioid Settlement Fund, Probate Child Care Fund, Veteran's Service Fund and Foreclosure Fund

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 16(2) of the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act "the truth in budgeting act" the Board hereby authorizes the levying of the following number of mills of ad valorem property taxes: 6.4392 mills for General Fund Operating; 4.8833 mills for County Road Fund Snow Removal and Road Construction; 1.9752 mills for SONCO Ambulance; 0.9876 mills for Public Transit Fund Operating; 0.4929 mills for Commission on Aging (Senior Citizen Fund) Operating, .2961 mills for Gogebic-Ontonagon Community Action Agency and .1480 mills for Ontonagon County Animal Protection (OCAP).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby appropriates monies from the various county revenues and authorizes the expenditures in the various funds in accordance with the following detail:

GENERAL FUND

	REVENUES:	
	Taxes and Penalties	$3,683,700
	Licenses and Permits	10,020
	Federal Grants	2,000
	State Grants	1,107,724
	Contributions from Public Sources	15,000
	Charges for Services	389,450
	Fines & Forfeitures/Interest & Rents	52,700
	Other Revenues	50,100
Other Financing Sources:		
	Transfer in From Foreclosure Fund	
	Transfer in From Forestry Fund	
	Transfer in From Friend of the Court Fund	1,037
	Transfer in From Tax Revolving Funds	
	Transfer in From Fund Balance	

TOTAL REVENUE AND OTHER SOURCES	$5,311,731
EXPENDITURES:	
LEGISLATIVE	
Board of Commissioners	$42,825
TOTAL LEGISLATIVE	$42,825
JUDICIAL	
Circuit Court	$64,478
District Court	203,864
Friend of the Court	246,782
Probate Court	443,437
Jury Board	2,870
TOTAL JUDICIAL	$961,431
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
Accounting	$122,155
Clerk & Register of Deeds	236,076
Other General Gov't	74,500
Tax Processing	3,655
Remonumentation Program	93,400
Treasurer	301,024
Equalization Dept	283,987
Elections	12,175
Courthouse & Grounds	147,200
Record Copying	6,000
SAMHSA	20,477
Drug Court	22,891
Prosecutor	256,170
Cooperative Extension	70,886
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	$1,650,596
PUBLIC SAFETY	
Sheriff Department	$948,577
Stonegarden	$26,600
UPSET	6,000
Marine Law Enforcement	3,930
Snowmobile Law Enforcement	11,775
ORV Enforcement	15,025
Jail Operations	779,600
Mine Inspector	3,500
Planning Commission	650
Emergency Services	34,405
Homeland Security Grant	16,500
Soil Erosion Control	6,070
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	$1,852,632
PUBLIC WORKS	
Airport	$126,600
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	$126,600
HEALTH & WELFARE	

Western U.P. District Health Department	$73,677
Juvenile Mental Health Court	$5,127
Adult Mental Health Court	$5,127
Medical Examiner	33,800
Copper Country Mental Health	48,814
Ambulance Garage	3,500
Care of Patients	5,550
DHS Board	1,210
Veteran's Burials	11,500
Veteran's Counselor	26,570
Veteran's Affairs Board	335
Western UP Substance Abuse Agency	13,000
Victims Services	2,000
Brownfield Authority	500
WUPPDR	50,000
UPCAP	600
TOTAL HEALTH & WELFARE	$281,310
RECREATION & CULTURAL	
Park	$108,745
TOTAL RECREATION & CULTURAL	$108,745
OTHER	
Insurance & Bonds	$231,250
TOTAL OTHER	$231,250
DEBT SERVICE	
	$0
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	0
Fair Board	$3,500
Law Library Fund	10,000
MIDC Fund	27,748
County EDC	15,000
Land Bank Authority Fund	0
TOTAL APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS OUT	$56,248
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & TRANSFERS OUT	$5,311,637

ROAD COMMISSION FUND #201

Beginning Fund Balance	$7,215,545
REVENUES:	
Taxes	$1,720,000
Federal Funds	6,000,000
State Grants	7,500,000
Interest	15,000
Approp From Fund Balance	1,500,000
TOTAL REVENUES	$16,735,000

	EXPENDITURES:	
	Public Works	$11,000,000
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	$11,000,000
Ending Fund Balance		$12,950,545

SONCO AMBULANCE FUND #210

Beginning Fund Balance		$787,336
	REVENUES:	
	Taxes	750,000
	Approp from Fund Balance	3500
	TOTAL REVENUES	753,500
	EXPENDITURES:	
	Contractual Services	700,000
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	700,000
Ending Fund Balance		$840,836

OCAP FUND #211

Beginning Fund Balance		$116,952
	REVENUES:	
	Taxes	60,000
	TOTAL REVENUES	60,000
	EXPENDITURES:	
	Contractual Services	56,000
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	56,000
Ending Fund Balance		$120,952

FRIEND OF THE COURT FUND #215

Beginning Fund Balance		$7,208
	REVENUES:	
	Other	1,037
	TOTAL REVENUES	1,037
	EXPENDITURES:	
	Operating Transfers Out to General Fund	1,037
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,037
Ending Fund Balance		$7,208

FORESTRY FUND #239

Beginning Fund Balance		$251,644
	REVENUES:	
	Sale of Stumpage	20,000
	TOTAL REVENUES	20,000
	EXPENDITURES:	

	Administration	20,000
	Transfer Out to General Fund	
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	20,000
Ending Fund Balance		$251,644

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOAN FUND #244

Beginning Fund Balance		$0
	REVENUES:	
	Interest	0
	Repayment of Loans	5,000
	TOTAL REVENUES	5,000
	EXPENDITURES:	
	Administration	5,000
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	5,000
Ending Fund Balance		$0

LAND BANK AUTHORITY #251

Beginning Fund Balance		$1,037,230
	REVENUES:	
	Sale of Property/Taxes/Transfers In	3,013
	TOTAL REVENUES	3,013
	EXPENDITURES:	
	Operating	2,954
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,954
Ending Fund Balance		$1,037,289

911 EQUIPMENT FUND #253

Beginning Fund Balance		$212,333
	REVENUES:	
	Contributions from Public Sources	10,000
	Interest	1,200
	TOTAL REVENUES	11,200
	EXPENDITURES:	
	911 Equipment	10,000
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	10,000
Ending Fund Balance		$213,533

REGISTER OF DEEDS AUTOMATION FUND #256

Beginning Fund Balance		$24,667
	REVENUES:	
	Register of Deeds Services	10,000

	TOTAL REVENUES	10,000
	EXPENDITURES:	
	Operating	9,500
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	9,500
Ending Fund Balance		$25,167
VETERAN'S VAN FUND #257		
Beginning Fund Balance		$64,379
	REVENUES:	
	Current Property Taxes	1,500
	TOTAL REVENUE	1,500
	EXPENDITURES:	
	Contractual Services	1,500
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,500
Ending Fund Balance		$64,379
COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY FUND #259		$113,408
Beginning Fund Balance		
	REVENUES:	
	Taxes	106,000
	TOTAL REVENUES	106,000
	EXPENDITURES:	
	Contractual Services	106,000
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	106,000
Ending Fund Balance		$113,408
INDIGENT DEFENSE FUND #260		
Beginning Fund Balance		$24,990
	REVENUES:	
	State Grant	135,000
	Appropriation from General Fund	27,747
	TOTAL REVENUES	162,747
	EXPENDITURES:	
	Operating	162,150
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	162,150
Ending Fund Balance		$25,587
911 SERVICE FUND #261		
Beginning Fund Balance		$707,831

	REVENUES:	
	State Grant	125,000
	Interet Earned on Deposits	11,000
	Charges for Services	40,000
	Approp from FB	0
	TOTAL REVENUE	176,000
	EXPENDITURES:	
	911 Service	45,700
	Wireless Expenditures	129,600
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	175,300
Ending Fund Balance		$708,531

CPL FUND #263

Beginning Fund Balance		$19,784
	REVENUES:	
	Concealed Weapons Permits	4,000
	TOTAL REVENUES	4,000
	EXPENDITURES:	
	Operating	3,800
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	3,800
Ending Fund Balance		$19,984

CORRECTION OFFICER TRAINING FUND #264

Beginning Fund Balance		$672
	REVENUES:	
	Booking Fees	500
	TOTAL REVENUE	500
	EXPENDITURES:	
	Training	500
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	500
Ending Fund Balance		$672

COUNTY LAW LIBRARY FUND #269

Beginning Fund Balance		$3,439
	REVENUES:	
	Penal Fines	2,000
	Transfer In From General Fund (Other Sources)	5,500
	TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER SOURCES	7,500
	EXPENDITURES:	
	Books	7,500

	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	7,500
		$3,439
Ending Fund Balance		

LIBRARY BOARD FUND #271

Beginning Fund Balance		$0
	REVENUES:	
	Interest	10
	Penal Fines	15,000
	TOTAL REVENUES	15,010
	EXPENDITURES:	
	Recreation & Cultural	15,000
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	15,000
Ending Fund Balance		$10

HOUSING FUND #277

Beginning Fund Balance		$0
	REVENUES:	
	Federal Grants	5,000
	TOTAL REVENUES	5,000
	EXPENDITURES:	
	Contractual Services	5,000
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	5,000
Ending Fund Balance		$0

SENIOR CITIZEN FUND #280

Beginning Fund Balance		$159,799
	REVENUES:	
	Taxes/Trans from FB	208,445
	TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER SOURCES	208,445
	EXPENDITURES:	
	Contractual Services	173,080
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	173,080
Ending Fund Balance		$195,164

PUBLIC TRANSIT FUND #288

Beginning Fund Balance		$1,782,899
	REVENUES:	
	Taxes	404,500
	Federal Grants	174,691
	State Grants	322,017

	Charges for Services	64,000
	Approp from FB	0
	Interest	0
	TOTAL REVENUES	965,208
	EXPENDITURES:	
	Transit Operations	615,000
	Maintenance Operations	101,980
	Administration	212,525
	Promotion Grant	0
	Building Maintenance	22,000
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	951,505
Ending Fund Balance		$1,796,602

PROBATE CHILD CARE FUND #292

Beginning Fund Balance		$26,748
	REVENUES:	
	State Grants	96,653
	Reimbursements Child Care	150
	Approp from Fund Balance	
Other Financing Sources:	Transfer in From General Fund	0
	TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER SOURCES	96,803
	EXPENDITURES:	
	Health & Welfare	86,634
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	86,634
Ending Fund Balance		$36,917

FORECLOSURE FUND #525

Beginning Fund Balance		$1,549,057
	REVENUES:	
	Treasurer's Services	100,000
	TOTAL REVENUES	100,000
	EXPENDITURES:	
	Contractual Services/Other	84,000
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	84,000
Ending Fund Balance		$1,565,057

JAIL COMMISSARY FUND #595

Beginning Fund Balance		$13,179
	REVENUES:	
	Commissary Sales/Cable Use Fees	10,000
	TOTAL REVENUES	10,000

	EXPENDITURES:	
	Supplies for Resale/Cable	10,000
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	10,000
Ending Fund Balance		$13,179

VETERANS SERVICE GRANT FUND #296

Beginning Fund Balance		$3,646
	REVENUES:	50,000
	TOTAL REVENUES	50,000
	EXPENDITURES:	
	Utilities/Training	50,000
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	50,000
Ending Fund Balance		$3,646

OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND #284

Beginning Fund Balance		$142,511
	REVENUES:	$0
	TOTAL REVENUES	$0
	EXPENDITURES:	
	Contractual Services	$0
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	$0
Ending Fund Balance		$142,511

It should be understood that an appropriation is not a mandate to spend but shall limit the amount which may be spent for such purposes as are defined by the Board of Commissioners and which shall be limited to the 2026-2027 fiscal year. All non-general fund department fund balances at year end are to be considered the initial allotment under the budgetary appropriation for the new fiscal year. The fund balance determination will be based on the most appropriate basis of accounting (cash-for those departments on a cash basis, modified accrual - for those departments on a modified accrual basis, accrual - for those departments on an accrual basis). If a department contends that part of the department fund balance is either obligated or otherwise restricted from being considered as an initial allotment of county monies under the new appropriation, it will be incumbent upon the department to demonstrate the obligation for restriction to the satisfaction of the county board.
General Fund expenditures are authorized by activity level, however, salaries have been established by the board at various levels and are not to be adjusted without board approval or union contracts. Policy requires prior approval by the county board before any employee is authorized overnight travel expenses. Further, unless otherwise specified, the board shall review and authorize line item transfers within activities in the General Fund.

SECTION 2. FISCAL YEAR AND FISCAL OFFICER.
The fiscal year of the County of Ontonagon shall begin on October 1st in 2026 and close on the following September 30th, 2027. The County Clerk shall be the fiscal officer for the County of Ontonagon and in accordance with Act 621, P.A. 1978, Section 2b. (2) (a) is hereby designated the Chief Administrative Officer of the County. The Clerk shall perform the duties of the fiscal officer and chief administrative officer as enumerated in this resolution and as specified by state law.

SECTION 3. BUDGET POLICY STATEMENT
Each year the clerk shall send to each office, department, commission and board of Ontonagon County, a budget policy statement for use by those agencies in preparing their estimates of budgetary requirements for the ensuing fiscal year. The statement shall include information that the clerk determines necessary to assure that the budgetary estimates are prepared in consistent manner and shall include other necessary policy direction. All county agencies, departments, etc., shall transmit to the clerk by the time specified in the annual budget policy,

budget requests in the proper format estimating the expenditures required for operating in the ensuing fiscal year. No authorizations to expend funds shall be given until each such budget is submitted and approved by the county board of commissioners.

SECTION 4. PURCHASING

Various office supplies are available in central supply in accounting. Departments may purchase items in accordance with the purchasing policy only when they are not available in central supply. Three quotes shall be obtained, when practical, for purchases over five hundred ($500) dollars of any durable items, such as equipment, furniture and specialized projects.

SECTION 5. LIMIT ON OBLIGATIONS AND PAYMENTS

No obligation shall be incurred against, and no payment shall be made from any appropriation account unless there is sufficient unencumbered balance and sufficient funds available to meet the obligation. The county treasurer, however, is authorized to make temporary advances to debt service funds and accounts, if necessary, to avoid defaulting on bond principal and interest payments.

SECTION 6. AMENDMENT TO THE APPROPRIATION ACT (BUDGET).

A deviation from the original General Appropriations Act shall not be made without first amending the act in accordance with state statutes.

Motion offered at a special budget hearing of the Ontonagon County Board of Commissioners, Tuesday, September 15, 2026 by Commissioner _____ supported by Commissioner _____

AYES
:
NAYS: None.
ABSTENTIONS:
ABSENT: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

_____
HALEY RASMUSSEN, CLERK

ONTONAGON COUNTY

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CARL R. NYKANEN, CHAIRMAN
ONTONAGON COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS

By motion of Bourdeau, supported by Store, and carried to adjourn to the call of the Chair at 3:48 p.m.

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Carl Nykanen, Chair Haley Rasmussen, County Clerk

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