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Addressing Issues with the Houghton County Jail

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Jail Discussion Update 6-8-2026

The following jail-related discussions have taken place since the 5/19/26 press release:
(some meeting recordings are posted at www.youtube.com/@CountyofHoughton)

6/1/2026 County Board Work Session 10am

6/1/2026 Jail Committee Meeting 4pm

Summaries appear below.

At the June 1, 2026 County Board Work session there were no jail issues on the agenda. Faith Morrison, member of the Jail Committee, spoke during the second public comment session. Morrison noted that many issues brought up by the public after the August 2025 jail millage had been addressed by the three jail committees, all of which have reported to the Board. Morrison encouraged the Board to act on getting a millage drafted so that supporters of the jail project can present the millage plan to the public. Morrison said “It’s already late. Two months ago it was late.” Chairman Tikkanen noted that there was a jail committee meeting scheduled in the afternoon of that day.

At the June 1, 2026 Jail Committee Meeting there was a wide-ranging discussion of where the jail project stands. The draft minutes, attached, contain summaries of the discussion at the meeting. Most notable at the meeting, Tom Tikkanen, Chair of the Board of Commissioners and a member of the Jail Committee, told the committee that Moyle Development had held meetings with each of the five individual commissioners. They think they can help the County find a less expensive way to get a new jail. That was all that was said at the meeting, but the follow-up meeting of the Jail Committee is tomorrow, June 9, 2026 and Moyle Development is expected to attend. The agenda of the June 9, 2026 Jail Committee meeting is attached.

Upcoming meetings:

(Open to the public; locations and credentials for online participation posted on the County’s website houghtoncounty.net)

6/9/2026 Jail Committee Meeting, 4pm (5th floor)

6/9/2026 County Board Regular Meeting, 6pm (3rd floor)