

**HOUGHTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 20, 2023**

The Houghton County Board of Commissioners held a Special Meeting on Friday, January 20, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. in the 5th Floor Conference Room of the Courthouse, City of Houghton with the public viewing in person and by Zoom.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tikkanen at 1:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Tikkanen.

Roll call:

The following commissioners responded to roll call:

Tom Tikkanen, District 1; Joel Keranen, District 2; Gretchen Janssen, District 4; Roy Britz, District 5.

Absent: Glenn Anderson, District 3.

Approval of Agenda:

Chairman Tikkanen requesting adding the Solid Waste Committee to the Agenda.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Britz and seconded by Commissioner Janssen to accept the Agenda with the one (1) addition as presented.

The Motion carried by a voice vote. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Public Comments:

None.

Correspondence:

None.

Old Business:

1. Sale of Houghton County Arena-Bond Debt

A Motion was made by Commissioner Britz and seconded by Commissioner Janssen to approve Chairman Tikkanen signing the letter for the sale of the Houghton County Arena.

The Motion carried by the following vote.

YES: Britz, Janssen, Tikkanen, Keranen 4.

NO: None. 0

ABSENT: Anderson 1.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Keranen and seconded by Commissioner Britz to authorize Chairman Tikkanen and Clerk Kelly to execute the Purchase Agreement for the Sale of the Houghton County Arena.

The Motion carried by the following vote.

YES: Keranen, Britz, Tikkanen, Janssen 4.

NO: None. 0

ABSENT: Anderson 1.

New Business:

1. Commissioner Committee Appointments

a. District Health

A Motion was made by Commissioner Janssen and seconded by Commissioner Britz to appoint Commissioners Britz, Anderson, and Keranen to the District Health Board effective January 2023.

The Motion carried by a voice vote. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

b. Mental Health

A Motion was made by Commissioner Keranen and seconded by Commissioner Janssen to appoint Commissioner Britz to the Mental Health Board effective January 2023.

The Motion carried by a voice vote. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

2. Solid Waste Committee

Chairman Tikkanen stated Commissioner Janssen is appointed as Chair for the Solid Waste Committee, and Commissioner Keranen is also appointed on the Solid Waste Committee.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Britz and seconded by Commissioner Janssen to reduce the number of Commissioners from three (3) to two (2) for the Solid Waste Committee, and to amend the Rules of Order.

The Motion carried by a voice vote. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Public Comments:

Emily Timonen addressed the Board on the adoption of the Public Environmental Code.

Chairman Tikkanen stated the Public Environmental Code has not been adopted yet.

Karen Timonen addressed the Board regarding a FOIA.

Chairman Tikkanen informed Karen Timonen that should send her request to the Health Department.

Announcements:

Administrator Bjorn stated that the auditors would be back to the courthouse on Monday.

Adjournment:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Keranen and seconded by Commissioner Janssen to adjourn at 1:20 p.m.

The Motion carried by a voice vote. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Tom Tikkanen, Chairman

Jennifer Kelly, County Clerk