

**Regular Meeting
August 15, 2006**

The Houghton County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, August 15, 2006, in the 5th Floor Conference Room of the Courthouse, City of Houghton.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the following commissioners responded to roll call: Edward Jenich, District 1; Dennis Barrette, District 2; Michael Lahti, District 3; Scott Ala, District 4; and Paul Luoma, District 5.

A motion by Commissioner Jenich, seconded by Commissioner Ala to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2006, Regular Meeting. Carried by a voice vote. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

A motion by Commissioner Barrette, seconded by Commissioner Luoma to approve the agenda as presented, Carried by a voice vote. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Public Comment None

A motion by Commissioner Jenich, seconded by Commissioner Ala to approve paying vouchers # 99957 through # 100075 along with the late bills submitted for a total of \$102,415.44.

Carried by the following vote.

YES: Jenich, Ala, Barrette, Luoma, Lahti 5.

NO: None 0.

Eric stated he received a correspondence regarding the future loss of National Forest Moneys. He stated Houghton receives approximately \$180,000.00 with the majority of that money going to the Southern townships and school districts. They are looking for support to extend the law so it can continue to benefit forest counties and their schools. A motion by Commissioner Luoma, seconded by Commissioner Jenich to send a letter in support of HR 517 and S 267 to Re-authorize PL 106-393 to Representative Bart Stupack and Senators Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow. Carried by a voice vote. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

A motion by Commissioner Barrette, seconded by Commissioner Ala to adopt a resolution in Opposition of Regional Consolidation of Local Community Mental Health System Programs (HB 5924) and send it to Governor Jennifer Granholm, our State Senator, Michael Prusi and State Representative, Rich Brown.

Carried by the following vote.

YES: Barrette, Ala, Jenich, Luoma, Lahti 5.

NO: None 0.

Reports Standing Committee

Commissioner Luoma reported to the Board on the following: Houghton County Road Commission, and the Houghton County Airport.

Commissioner Barrette reported to the Board on the following: Western Upper Peninsula District Health Department, Torch Lake Sewage Authority, the parcel mapping committee meeting, Torch Lake PAC, the 911 Advisory Committee meeting, and Copper Country Mental Health.

Commissioner Ala reported to the Board on the following: Portage Lake Multi Rec, Baraga-Houghton-Keweenaw Head Start, Michigan Works, and the Houghton County Fair.

Commissioner Jenich reported to the Board on the following: Department of Human Services / Houghton County Medical Care, Houghton County Marina, Main Street Calumet, Keweenaw National Park Advisory Board, TRIAD Group, and Houghton County Finance Committee.

County Officers None

New Business

1. Houghton County Planning Commission - Reappointment of members. A motion by Commissioner Jenich, seconded by Commissioner Ala to reappoint Pat Coleman, Jack

Dueweke, and Paul Luoma to three year terms 10/1/06 to 9/30/09. Carried by a voice vote. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

2. Western U.P. Planning & Development Regional Commission Resolution. A motion by Commissioner Barrette, seconded by Commissioner Luoma to adopt the Western Upper Peninsula Planning and Development Regional Commission Resolution as presented.

Carried by the following vote.

YES: Barrette, Luoma, Jenich, Ala, Lahti 5.

NO: None 0.

3. Houghton County Brown Field Authority - resolution approving bylaws. A motion by Commissioner Barrette, seconded by Commissioner Ala to approve the Resolution as presented.

Carried by the following vote.

YES: Barrette, Ala, Jenich, Luoma, Lahti 5.

NO: None 0.

4. Register of Deeds and Clerks Office software purchase proposal. Eric presented the Board with 2 options for the software proposal. He recommended purchasing the Life Cycle Option which would gain free future updates, and putting a \$40,000.00 down payment on the maintenance fee for the Register of Deeds Office. He recommended purchasing the software outright with a one time purchase for the Clerks office with no update benefits. Eric explained the Automation Funds generated in the Deeds office would pay for all expenses of the new software for that office. The Clerks office program expenses would be repaid within approximately 3 years by eliminating the annual maintenance fee that is presently paid to Manatron. A motion by Commissioner Jenich, seconded by Commissioner Ala to approve the software purchase as recommended. Carried by a voice vote. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

5. Justin Muraski, Trimedia consultants - Update on County mapping. Justin gave an informative slide presentation of Houghton County E911 update. There are three steps to the project. 1. The 911 mapping showing where each residence driveway hits the road. 2. The pictures of sites for townships that requested them. 3. The parcel mapping county wide.

6. Appropriations

a. Copper Country Mental Health \$41,126.

b. Western U.P. Planning & Development Regional Commission \$2,459.

A motion by Commissioner Jenich, seconded by Commissioner Ala to approve both budgeted appropriations as submitted. Carried by a voice vote. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Public Comments None

Announcements

A motion by Commissioner Barrette, seconded by Commissioner Ala to adjourn.

Michael Lahti, Chairman

Mary Schoos, Clerk