

**HOUGHTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MARCH 25, 2015**

The Houghton County Board of Commissioners held a Special Meeting on Wednesday, March 25, 2015, in the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room of the Courthouse, City of Houghton.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Albert Koskela at 12:00 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance the following commissioners responded to roll call: Eugene Londo, District 1; Al Koskela, District 2; Anton Pintar, District 3 (appeared by telephone); Scott Ala, District 4 and Timothy Palosaari, District 5.

A motion was made by Commissioner Londo, seconded by Commissioner Palosaari, to approve the agenda as presented with an addition under New Business #2. The motion carried by a voice vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0. Commissioner Pintar did not vote due to appearing by telephone.

**Public Comments:**

Evan McDonald, Chairman of the Houghton County Planning Commission, addressed the Board regarding the Recycling Grant Application and the Recycling Task Force. He informed the Board that many members of the working group are in attendance. He also explained the benefits and costs of recycling of cardboard.

David Hall who moved to Houghton County this past summer expressed his disappointment regarding the lack of recycling in our area.

Suzanne Van Dam from Hancock, advised the Board of the benefits of cardboard recycling and launching a major educational outreach campaign within the community. She also advised that there are about twenty (20) support letters from organizations attached to the proposal.

Carol Heckstrom stated she supports the grant application as a great educational opportunity for the community and students.

Susan Burack from Hancock, and currently serves on the Houghton County Planning Commission, informed the Board that Hancock has made a commitment to defer cardboard that it collects for curbside recycling to the transfer station at their expense.

Lynne Gierke stated she was representing Chassell Township. She stated that Chassell would be considered a satellite township drop off center. Their township would bring recycling to the Transfer Station.

Ruth Gleckler informed the board that she supports recycling.

**New Business:**

1. Recycling Grant Application.

Evan McDonald of the Houghton County Planning Commission gave a presentation regarding the Recycling Application to the Board of Commissioners, county employees and public present.

After the presentation, a number of questions were asked.

A motion was made by Commissioner Palosaari, seconded by Commissioner Ala, to accept the Recycling Grant Application.

The motion carried by a voice vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0. Commissioner Pintar did not vote due to appearing by telephone.

2. A letter of congratulations to the Calumet High School Girls Basketball Team.

A motion was made by Commissioner Palosaari, seconded by Commissioner Londo, to send a letter of congratulations to the Calumet High School Girls Basketball team.

The motion carried by a voice vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0. Commissioner Pintar did not vote due to appearing by telephone.

Public Comments:

None.

Announcements:

None.

A motion was made by Commissioner Palosaari, seconded by Commissioner Ala, to adjourn the meeting at 12:30 pm. The motion carried by voice vote: Ayes 5, Nays 0.

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Albert Koskela, Chairman

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Jennifer Lorenz, County Clerk