

**HOUGHTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
October 19, 2016**

The Houghton County Board of Commissioners held a Special meeting on Wednesday, October 19, 2016, in the 5th Floor Conference Room of the Courthouse, City of Houghton.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Albert Koskela at 12:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Koskela.

Roll call:

The following commissioners responded to roll call:

Eugene Londo, District 1; Albert Koskela, District 2; Anton Pintar, District 3.

Absent: Scott Ala, District 4, and Tim Palosaari, District 5.

Approval of Agenda:

A motion was made by Commissioner Londo and seconded by Commissioner Pintar to approve the Agenda as presented.

The motion carried by a voice vote. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Public Comments:

None.

New Business:

1. Rice Lake Special Assessment District- Resolution to adopt computation of costs.

John Pekkala, Drain Commissioner addressed the Board and explained Rice Lake Assessment.

Commissioner Londo questioned the differences in the legal fees between Rice Lake and Twin Lakes. John Pekkala explained the differences.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pintar, seconded by Commissioner Londo to approve the Resolution to adopt computation of costs for the Rice Lake Special Assessment District.

The motion carried by the following vote.

YES: Pintar, Londo, Koskela, 3.

NO: None 0.

ABSENT: Ala, Palosaari, 2.

2. Twin Lakes Special Assessment District – Resolution to adopt computation of costs.

John Pekkala, Drain Commissioner addressed the Board and explained Twin Lakes Assessment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Londo, seconded by Commissioner Pintar to approve the Resolution to adopt computation of costs for the Twin Lakes Special Assessment District.

The motion carried by the following vote.

YES: Londo, Pintar, Koskela, 3.

NO: None 0.

ABSENT: Ala, Palosaari, 2.

3. Houghton County Medical Care Facility construction project.

Tammi Lehto, Administrator, Houghton County Medical Care Facility, addressed the Board on the construction project. She gave a lengthy presentation with handouts given to the Board. The construction project should begin in January 2017.

James Heikkinen, Owner's Rep/Project Manager, Houghton County Medical Care Facility Building Project, addressed the Board and explained the process for bids.

Karin Cooper, Architect, UPEA, addressed the Board.

A motion was made by Commissioner Londo, seconded by Commissioner Pintar to advance forward and begin receiving bids for the construction project.

The motion carried by the following vote.

YES: Londo, Pintar, Koskela, 3.

NO: None 0.

ABSENT: Ala, Palosaari, 2.

Public Comments:

None.

Announcements:

Chairman Koskela discussed the retirement party for Jack Dueweke, Emergency Director, on October 28, 2016.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Commissioner Londo and seconded by Chairman Pintar to adjourn the meeting.

Albert Koskela, Chairman

Jennifer Lorenz, County Clerk