

**HOUGHTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 14, 2017**

The Houghton County Board of Commissioners held a Regular meeting on Tuesday, November 14, 2017, 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 5:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Koskela.

Roll call:

The following commissioners responded to roll call:

Tom Tikkanen, District 1; Albert Koskela, District 2; Anton Pintar, District 3; and Tim Palosaari, District 5.

Absent: Scott Ala, District 4.

Approval of Minutes:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Palosaari, seconded by Commissioner Tikkanen to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting dated October 17, 2017 as presented.

Commissioner Ala sat down at the table.

The Motion carried by a voice vote. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Approval of Agenda:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Tikkanen, seconded by Commissioner Pintar to approve the Agenda as presented.

The Motion carried by a voice vote. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Public Comments:

None.

Approval of Bills:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Palosaari, seconded by Commissioner Pintar to approve paying the bills submitted of \$2,024,971.14 as presented. The Motion carried by the following vote.

YES: Palosaari, Pintar, Tikkanen, Koskela, Ala 5.

NO: None 0.

Correspondence:

The Board discussed a letter from the City of Houghton. No action was taken at this time.

Reports:

Standing Committee:

Commissioner Tikkanen reported to the Board on the following: Solid Waste and Copper Country Recycling Initiative.

Commissioner Pintar reported to the Board on the following: Houghton County Planning Commission, Houghton-Keweenaw Conservation District, Western U.P. Health Board, U.P. Association of County Commissioners meeting, and U.P. Economic Development Alliance.

Commissioner Ala had nothing to report to the Board.

Commissioner Palosaari had nothing to report to the Board.

Chairman Koskela reported to the Board on the Houghton County Jail.

County Officers:

No one had anything to report to the Board.

New Business:

1. County Millage Apportionment

Board discussed John Partanen, Equalization Director's letter.

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A Motion was made by Commissioner Tikkanen, seconded by Commissioner Ala to approve the Houghton County Millage Apportionment as presented.

The Motion carried by the following vote.

YES: Tikkanen, Ala, Koskela, Pintar, Palosaari 5.

NO: None 0.

2. WUPPDR Request for letter of support

A Motion was made by Commissioner Palosaari, seconded by Commissioner Pintar to support and approve a Resolution for the 2018 Regional Prosperity Initiative for WUPPDR.

The Motion carried by the following vote.

YES: Palosaari, Pintar, Tikkanen, Koskela, Ala 5.

NO: None 0.

3. Houghton County Road Commission Board Compensation

A Motion was made by Commissioner Palosaari, seconded by Commissioner Ala to approve the Houghton County Road Commissioners Compensation as presented.

The Motion carried by the following vote.

YES: Palosaari, Ala, Tikkanen, Koskela, Pintar 5.

NO: None 0.

4. Election of Canvassers

Jennifer Lorenz, Houghton County Clerk, advised the Board that the paper ballots are for one (1) Democrat, and one (1) Republican Canvassing Board member.

The Board voted.

Barbara Manninen and Becky Bruin-Slot were re-appointed for four (4) year terms.

5. Melissa Davis – Houghton Energy Efficiency Team

Melissa Davis discussed the Georgetown Energy Grant with the Board.

The Commissioners commended Melissa on a job well done.

6. Houghton County Airport Lot sale

Dennis Hext, Airport Manager, and David Camps, Property Owner, addressed the Board.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Pintar, seconded by Commissioner Ala to approve the sale of David Camps' lot.

The Motion carried by the following vote.

YES: Pintar, Ala, Tikkanen 3.

NO: Koskela, Palosaari 2.

7. Appropriations

- a. Western UP District Health Department - \$64,912.75
- b. WUPPDR - \$2,866.50

A Motion was made by Commissioner Palosaari, seconded by Commissioner Ala to approve the above-mentioned Appropriations as presented.

The Motion carried by the following vote.

YES: Palosaari, Ala, Tikkanen, Koskela, Pintar 5.

NO: None 0.

8. Travel Requests

- a. Jessica Trevathan – District Court

A Motion was made by Commissioner Palosaari, seconded by Commissioner Pintar to approve the above-mentioned Travel Request.

The Motion carried by a voice vote. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Public Comments:

None.

Announcements:

None.

Adjournment:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Palosaari and seconded by Commissioner Ala to adjourn at 5:35 pm.

The Motion carried by a voice vote. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Albert Koskela, Chairman

Jennifer Lorenz, County Clerk