

**HOUGHTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
JUNE 8, 2018**

The Houghton County Board of Commissioners held a Special meeting on Friday, June 8, 2018, 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 12:08 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 Agenda/Additions:

The Board discussed changing the June Board meeting date due to lack of Commissioners being able to attend on June 12, 2018.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Tikkanen, seconded by Commissioner Palosaari to approve the Agenda with the one addition to F-#2 for rescheduling the June Board of Commissioners meeting.

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

Public Comments:

None.

New Business:

1. Address reply from Commissioner Ala regarding residency status.

Chairman Koskela read the Michigan statute regarding Commissioners qualifications and requirements.

Chairman Koskela stated the Houghton County Sheriff Department confirmed that there has been a family residing in Scott Ala's Houghton residence since January 2018.

Jennifer Lorenz, County Clerk, informed the Board that Scott Ala's voting status has changed to "VERIFY" on the State voting system computer system due to Scott Ala obtaining a Florida driver license and becoming a registered voter in the State of Florida.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Palosaari, seconded by Commissioner Pintar to suspend all of Commissioner Scott Ala's compensation effective May 2, 2018.

The Motion carried by the following vote:

YES: Palosaari, Pintar, Tikkanen, Koskela 4.

NO: None.

The Board discussed the need to advertise for the District 4 Commissioner vacancy.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Palosaari, seconded by Commissioner Pintar to submit an advertisement to the Daily Mining Gazette for the District 4 Commissioner vacancy with a deadline for applications being on June 19, 2018 by 12:00 p.m.

The Motion carried by the following vote:

YES: Palosaari, Pintar, Tikkanen, Koskela 4.

NO: None.

2. Reschedule June 12, 2018 Board of Commissioner meeting

The Board discussed rescheduling the June monthly meeting due to lack of Commissioners being able to attend the June 12, 2018 meeting.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Pintar and seconded by Commissioner Palosaari to reschedule the June 2018 monthly meeting to Tuesday, June 19, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

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

Public Comments:

Gretchen Janssen addressed the Board and stated she would be submitting her application for the District 4 vacancy.

Announcements:

None.

Adjournment:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Tikkanen and seconded by Commissioner Palosaari to adjourn at 12:20 p.m.

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

Albert Koskela, Chairman

Jennifer Lorenz, County Clerk