

**HOUGHTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC HEARING/REGULAR MEETING
JULY 9, 2019**

The Houghton County Board of Commissioners held a Regular meeting on Tuesday, July 9, 2019, 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; Glenn Anderson, District 3; Gretchen Janssen, District 4; Roy Britz, District 5.

Approval of Minutes:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Tikkanen and seconded by Commissioner Britz to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2019 meeting as presented.

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

Approval of Agenda/Additions:

Chairman Koskela requested adding #3a for a Resolution for Line 5. Commissioner Janssen requested #3 under New Business be corrected to Evan McDonald, not Even Dixon.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Janssen, seconded by Commissioner Anderson to approve the Agenda with the one (1) addition and the one (1) correction as presented.

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

Public Hearing-Houghton County Revolving Loan Fund

Open hearing:

Chairman Koskela opened the meeting.

Discussion and Public Comment:

Jeff Ratcliffe explained the two (2) year close our process. There were 2 loans given. The first was to NACI for \$60,000 with a current balance of \$32,000 approximately. Four (4) jobs were proposed, and four (4) jobs were created. The second was to Wright Start Day for \$48,000 with a current balance of \$29,000 approximately. Four (4) jobs were proposed, and four (4) jobs were created.

Close Hearing:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Janssen and seconded by Commissioner Britz to close the public hearing.

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

Public Comments:

None.

Approval of Bills:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Janssen and seconded by Commissioner Britz to approve paying the bills submitted of \$ 3,511,986.98 as presented.

The Motion carried by the following vote.

YES: Janssen, Britz, Tikkanen, Koskela, Anderson 5.

NO: None 0.

Correspondence:

None.

Reports:

Standing Committee:

Commissioner Britz had nothing to report to the Board.

Commissioner Janssen reported to the Board on the following: Houghton County Planning Commission, and the Western U.P. Health Department.

Commissioner Anderson had nothing to report to the Board.

Commissioner Tikkanen reported to the Board on the following: Solid Waste Committee, and the Jail Task Force.

Chairman Koskela had nothing to report to the Board.

County Officers:

No one had anything to report to the Board.

New Business:

1. UPAAA Resolution

A Motion was made by Commissioner Tikkanen and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to approve the UPAAA Resolution as presented.

The Motion carried by the following vote.

YES: Tikkanen, Anderson, Koskela, Janssen Britz 5.

NO: None 0.

2. Melissa Davis – City of Houghton Energy Series

Melissa Davis gave a brief presentation to the Board on the 4 part series that will be presented this fall.

3. Evan McDonald – Request for Resolution for Keweenaw Resiliency Group

Evan McDonald with Keweenaw Resiliency Group provided a handout to the board and the public in attendance. Ben Ciavola addressed the Board.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Janssen, seconded by Commissioner Anderson to adopt the Resolution for the Keweenaw Resiliency Group as requested.

The Motion carried by the following vote.

YES: Janssen, Anderson, Tikkanen, Koskela, Britz 5.

NO: None 0.

3. a. Resolution for Line 5

A Motion was made by Chairman Koskela seconded by Commissioner Britz to adopt the Resolution for Line 5.

Commissioner Anderson expressed concerns and wanted to hear what the State intends to do regarding this matter.

Commissioner Janssen stated she wanted more information on this matter.

The Motion carried by the following vote.

YES: Koskela, Britz, Tikkanen 3.

NO: Anderson, Janssen 2.

4. Appropriations

- a. MAC Dues - \$5,343.64
- b. Copper Country Mental Health - \$41,123.73
- c. Western U.P. Health Department - \$65,147.50

A Motion was made by Commissioner Tikkanen and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to approve the above-mentioned appropriation as presented.

The Motion carried by the following vote.

YES: Tikkanen, Anderson, Koskela, Janssen, Britz 5.

NO: None 0.

5. Travel Requests

- a. Ginger Sulisz- 97th District Court
- b. Nickole Jollimore – 97th District Court
- b. Jennifer Kelly – Register of Deeds
- c. Lisa Mattila & Karen Semmens – Treasurer’s Office

A Motion was made by Commissioner Janssen and seconded by Commissioner Britz to approve the above-mentioned travel requests as presented.

The Motion carried by the following vote.

YES: Janssen, Britz, Tikkanen, Koskela, Anderson 5.

NO: None 0.

Public Comments:

Horst Schmidt addressed the Board.

Announcements:

Commissioner Anderson introduced Paul LaBine as the new Mayor for the City of Hancock.

Adjournment:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Tikkanen and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to adjourn at 5:55 pm.

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

Albert Koskela, Chairman

Jennifer Kelly, County Clerk