

**HOUGHTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
JULY 21, 2020**

The Houghton County Board of Commissioners held a Special meeting on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. in the 5th Floor Conference Room of the Courthouse, City of Houghton and public viewing by Zoom.

Call to Order:

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

Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Koskela.

Roll call:

The following commissioners responded to roll call done by Jennifer Kelly, County Clerk:

Tom Tikkanen, District 1; Albert Koskela, District 2; Glenn Anderson, District 3; Gretchen Janssen, District 4; Roy Britz, District 5.

Approval of Agenda/Additions:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Tikkanen and seconded by Commissioner Britz to approve Agenda as presented.

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

Public Comments:

David Coponen addressed the Board.

New Business:

1. Resolution regarding local COVID response

Jeff Ratcliffe, Executive Director of Keweenaw Economic Development Alliance, explained the Resolution to the Board.

Commissioner Anderson discussed the increase of cases in Houghton County with a limited number of ventilators.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Britz to approve the Resolution in Support of a Community Response to COVID 19.

The Motion carried by the following vote:

YES: Anderson, Britz, Tikkanen, Koskela, Janssen 5.
NO: None 0.

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO COVID 19
RESOLUTION #20-12

WHEREAS, our nation, state and County continue to suffer the negative effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, and

WHEREAS, the response to the pandemic has had a negative impact on residents, business, and government alike, and

WHEREAS, our economy and business community are essential and need to keep their employees and public safe; and their businesses open, and

WHEREAS, our schools and universities are essential and need to be able to reopen safely; and

Whereas our health care system is essential and needs to be able to safely provide plentiful services to our residents, and

WHEREAS, lowering the spread of COVID-19 in our community is essential to the prosperity of our community, operation of businesses, reopening of schools and universities, and safe access to healthcare.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Houghton supports compliance with all public health and safety measures needed to combat the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we ask our community and businesses to please follow the applicable laws and CDC guidelines to ensure everyone's safety when out in public. Specifically, wear a mask, wash your hands, practice distancing as appropriate to the situation, and be respectful of the need for our community to be safe.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
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COUNTY OF HOUGHTON)

I, JENNIFER KELLY, Clerk of the Houghton County Board of Commissioners and Clerk of the County of Houghton, do hereby certify that the above Resolution was duly adopted by the said Board on July 12, 2020.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the County of Houghton, Houghton, Michigan, on this 21st day of July 2020.

Jennifer Kelly
Houghton County Clerk

Public Comments:

David Coponen addressed the Board.

County Clerk, Jennifer Kelly, informed everyone that the Governor will not be requiring everyone to wear masks for the August 4, 2020 election. It will be strong suggested at the polls only.

Announcements:

None.

Adjournment:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Tikkanen and seconded by Commissioner Britz to adjourn at 12:35 pm.

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

Albert Koskela, Chairman

Jennifer Kelly, County Clerk