

**HOUGHTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 5, 2021**

The Houghton County Board of Commissioners held a Special meeting on Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. 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 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 the County Clerk, Jennifer Kelly:

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

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

1. County Administrator Candidate Review

Chairman Koskela stated they would go candidate by candidate to choose who to interview.

Kassy Heikkinen:

Chairman Koskela and Commissioner Anderson agreed to interview.

Dale Shalifoe:

The Board passed.

Keith Anderson:

The Board passed.

Kerry Pontis:

Commissioner Anderson said she was a possible interview.

Mary Sears:

Commissioner Britz discussed her nursing background and her involvement with the township supervisors.

Adam Gill:

Commissioner Tikkanen was impressed with his business management skills. Commissioners Tikkanen and Anderson agreed to interview him.

William Lytle:

Commissioners Anderson and Tikkanen agreed to interview.

Jeremy Marshall:

Commissioner Anderson said Jeremy had a good resume, but has no connections to our area and passed on interviewing.

David Juntunen:

Commissioner Anderson said maybe to an interview.
Commissioner Janssen said he was on her list.

Christina Holcomb:

Commissioner Janssen said she would pass on an interview.

Elizabeth Bjorn:

Commissioner Tikkanen said Elizabeth is his top pick as an Accountant.

Commissioner Britz said Elizabeth was his top pick.

Commissioner Janssen said it would be the easiest transition.

Chairman Koskela said Elizabeth is his only pick.

Commissioner Tikkanen commented on her management and account background.

Commissioner Britz and Chairman Koskela agreed it is not necessary to interview for this position.

Commissioner Anderson said Elizabeth is his top pick but would like to ask question as to how long she intends to remain employed such as 1-2 years, 3-5 years, or 10 years.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Tikkanen and seconded by Commissioner Britz to extend an offer to Elizabeth Bjorn for the County Administrator position.

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

A Motion was made by Commissioner Tikkanen and seconded by Commissioner Janssen to make the County Administrator position an MP12 with a beginning wage of \$86,000.00.

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

Adjournment:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Tikkanen to adjourn the meeting at 1:25 pm.

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

Albert Koskela, Chairman

Jennifer Kelly, County Clerk