

**HOUGHTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 9, 2024**

The Houghton County Board of Commissioners held a Special Meeting on Wednesday, October 9, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. in the 5th Floor Conference Room of the Courthouse, City of Houghton with the public viewing in person and by Microsoft Teams.

Call to Order:

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

Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Tikkanen.

Roll call:

The following commissioners responded to roll call:

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

Approval of Minutes September 10, 2024 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting

A Motion was made by Commissioner Keranen and seconded by Commissioner Britz to approve the September 10, 2024 Minutes are presented.

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

Approval of Agenda/Additions:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Janssen and seconded by Commissioner Keranen to approve the Agenda as presented.

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

Public Comments-Agenda Items only *(5 minute limit):

None.

New Business:

1. County Administrator Position

Commissioner Anderson discussed the various websites the position was posted. He stated there were 16 applicants.

He stated the Board would go into closed session to review the candidates, and come out and inform which candidate's numbers would be interviewed. A Special Meeting will have to be scheduled for interviews. The names of the Candidates who accept the interview will be on the Agenda for the Special Meeting.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Keranen and seconded by Commissioner Janssen to go into Closed Session at 12:06 pm.

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

Reopen Special Meeting:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Keranen and seconded by Commissioner Janssen to reopen the Special Meeting at 12:34 pm.

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

A Motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Keranen to offer an interview to Candidates #4, #8, #10, and #13.

The Motion carried by the following vote.

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

NO: None. 0

A Motion was made by Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Keranen to schedule a Special Meeting on Wednesday, October 16, 2024 at 9:00 am to conduct 40 minute candidate interviews pending their acceptance of the interview.

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

Public Comments:

Colin with TV6 asked the Board for a copy of Administrator Larson's letter of resignation. Chairman Tikkanen stated a copy of the email will be provided.

Announcements:

None.

Adjournment:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Keranen and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to adjourn at 12:37 p.m.

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

Tom Tikkanen, Chairman

Jennifer Kelly, County Clerk