

**HOUGHTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ORGANIZATIONAL/REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2018**

The Houghton County Board of Commissioners held an Organizational/Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 5:00 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 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; Anton Pintar, District 4; Tim Palosaari, District 5.

Absent: District 3; Scott Ala.

Election:

Vice Chairman-A nomination was made by Commissioner Tikkanen to have Commissioner Palosaari stay on as the Vice Chairman.

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

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Commissioner Palosaari and seconded by Commissioner Pintar to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2017 Regular Meeting.

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

Approval of Agenda:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Palosaari and seconded by Commissioner Tikkanen to accept the Agenda as presented.

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

Public Comments:

None.

Approval of Bills:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Pintar and seconded by Commissioner Palosaari to approve paying the bills submitted of \$2,012,302.62. The Motion carried by the following vote.

YES: Pintar, Palosaari, Tikkanen, Koskela 4.

NO: None. 0

Correspondence:

Eric Forsberg, Administrator, advised the Board on the thank you letter that was received from the Houghton County Fair. Commissioner Palosaari informed the Board that the ice arena looks great.

Reports:

Standing Committee:

Commissioner Tikkanen reported to the Board on the following: Copper Country Mental Health. He stated Cari Raboin is the new Executive Director.

Commissioner Pintar reported to the Board on the following: WUPPDR, and the Houghton County Planning Commission.

Commissioner Palosaari had nothing to report.

Commissioner Koskela reported to the Board on the following: Houghton County Medical Care Facility. He stated Kim Salmi is the new Administrator.

County Officers:

Sheriff, Brian McLean, provided a handout to the board on the overcrowded jail. The work camp can hold 26 men. No females can go to the work camp.

Commissioner Tikkanen questioned the Sheriff on three (3) telephone scams. The Sheriff stated anyone with questionable calls should call the Sheriff Department.

New Business:

1. Meeting dates/times. A Motion was made by Commissioner Pintar and seconded by Commissioner Tikkanen to accept the Schedule of Board Meetings 2018 with changing the October meeting to October 16, 2018 as presented.

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

2. Rules of Order. The Board discussed different committees, but no changes were made.

A Motion to adopt the Rules of Order as presented was made by Commissioner Pintar and seconded by Commissioner Palosaari.

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

3. Commissioner Committee Appointments.

District Health: A nomination/Motion was made by Commissioner Tikkanen to nominate Tom Tikkanen, Anton Pintar, and Tim Palosaari which was seconded by Commissioner Palosaari to appoint Commissioner Tikkanen, Commissioner Pintar, and Commissioner Palosaari to the District Health Board.

The Motion carried by the following vote.

YES: Tikkanen, Palosaari, Koskela, Pintar 4.

NO: None 0.

Mental Health: A nomination/Motion was made by Commissioner Palosaari to nominate Albert Koskela, which was seconded by Commissioner Tikkanen to have Chairman Koskela be appointed to the Mental Health Board.

The Motion carried by the following vote.

YES: Palosaari, Tikkanen, Koskela, Pintar 4.

NO: None 0.

4. Commissioner's Meeting Compensation Policy

A Motion was made by Commissioner Pintar and seconded by Commissioner Tikkanen to adopt the Policy as presented.

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

5. Houghton County Work Camp Union Contract

A Motion was made by Commissioner Palosaari and seconded by Commissioner Pintar to approve the Houghton County Work Camp Union Contract as presented.

The Motion carried by the following vote.

YES: Palosaari, Pintar, Tikkanen, Koskela 4.

NO: None 0.

6. Houghton County Planning Commission

a. 2016 Planning Commission Annual Report

The Board discussed the 2016 Annual Report.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Pintar and seconded by Commissioner Tikkanen to accept the Houghton County Planning Commission 2016 Annual Report as presented.

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

b. Houghton County Master Plan Draft

A Motion was made by Commissioner Pintar and seconded by Commissioner Tikkanen to allow the Houghton County Master Plan Draft to be distributed.

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

7. Appropriations

a. Copper Country Mental Health- \$41,123.73

b. UPEDA -\$500.00

A Motion was made by Commissioner Palosaari and seconded by Commissioner Tikkanen to approve paying the above-mentioned appropriations. The Motion carried by the following vote.

YES: Palosaari, Tikkanen, Koskela, Pintar 4.

NO: None 0

8. Travel Requests

a. Kathleen Beattie-Houghton County Treasurer, Bellaire, Michigan

b. Ginger Sulisz-District Court Administrator-Lansing, Michigan

A Motion was made by Commissioner Tikkanen and seconded by Commissioner Pintar to approve the above-mentioned travel requests.

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

Public Comments:

Evan McDonald addressed the Board regarding the Copper Country Recycling Initiative/Solid Waste Committee. Commissioner Tikkanen informed him that he is on that Committee.

Announcements:

None.

Adjournment:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Palosaari and seconded by Commissioner Tikkanen to adjourn at 5:30 p.m.. The Motion carried by a voice vote. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Albert Koskela, Chairman

Jennifer Lorenz, County Clerk