

**HOUGHTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 14, 2018**

The Houghton County Board of Commissioners held a Regular meeting on Tuesday, August 14, 2018, 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 3; Gretchen Janssen, District 4; Tim Palosaari, District 5.

Approval of Minutes:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Palosaari, seconded by Commissioner Pintar to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting dated July 10, 2018 as presented.

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

Approval of Agenda:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Tikkanen, seconded by Commissioner Palosaari to approve the Agenda as presented.

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

Public Comments:

None.

Approval of Bills:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Pintar, seconded by Commissioner Tikkanen to approve paying the bills submitted of \$ 1,093,620,03 as presented.

The Motion carried by the following vote.

YES: Pintar, Tikkanen, Koskela, Janssen, Palosaari 5.

NO: None 0.

Correspondence:

None.

Reports:

Standing Committee:

Chairman Koskela reported to the Board on the following: Copper Country Mental Health, and the Great Lakes Fall Conference, WUPPDR, and Northwoods Rail.

Commissioner Tikkanen reported to the Board on the following: Upward Talent Council/MI Works, and Hancock Township, Ken Moyle was appointed as the new Supervisor.

Commissioner Pintar reported to the Board on the following: Houghton County Planning Commission, Houghton County Recycling Committee, and Western UP Health Board.

Commissioner Janssen reported to the Board on the following: Houghton County Road Commission.

Commissioner Palosaari reported to the Board on the following: Houghton County Fair.

County Officers:

None had anything to report.

New Business:

1. Indigent Defense Fund Resolution

Eric Forsberg, Administrator, explained the Resolution to the Board and stated the State passed the funding. The Resolution is necessary to set up accounting.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Tikkanen, seconded by Commissioner Pintar adopt the Indigent Defense Fund Resolution as presented.

The Motion carried by the following vote.

YES: Tikkanen, Pintar, Koskela, Janssen, Palosaari 5.

NO: None 0.

2. Airport Lot Sale

A Motion was made by Commissioner Tikkanen, seconded by Commissioner Janssen to approve the sale of the Airport Lot for \$25,000.00.

The Motion carried by the following vote:

YES: Tikkanen, Janssen, Koskela, Pintar, Palosaari 5.

NO: None 0.

3. National Parks Resolution

Commissioner Janssen advised the Board on the Federal funding of the National Parks. The Board had some discussion.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Janssen, seconded by Commissioner Pintar to approve the National Parks Resolution Federal funding as presented.

The Motion carried by the following vote:

YES: Janssen, Pintar, Tikkanen, Koskela, 4.

NO: Palosaari 1.

4. PILT Class Action Law Suit

The Board had discussion regarding the suit.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Tikkanen, seconded by Commissioner Palosaari to approve the PILT Class Action Law Suit.

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

The Board had a discussion regarding the jail addition and scheduling public meetings. Public meetings will be scheduled in each District in the County. So far the tentative schedule is as follows:

October 3-CLK School @ 7:00 pm in commons area-1st floor
October 10-Chassell-Chassell Fire Hall @ 6:30 pm
October 17-Lake Linden @ Lake Linden GYM @ 7 pm
October 24-Houghton-Circuit Court

5. Appropriations

- a. WUPPDR - \$2,866.50
- b. NorthCare Network - \$38,202.00

A Motion was made by Commissioner Palosaari, seconded by Commissioner Tikkanen to approve the above-mentioned Appropriations.

The Motion carried by the following vote:

YES: Palosaari, Tikkanen, Koskela, Pintar, Janssen 5.
NO: None 0.

10. Travel Requests

- a. Friend of Court Office
- b. Todd LaRoux –Houghton County Building Inspector

A Motion was made by Commissioner Tikkanen, seconded by Commissioner Pintar to approve the above-mentioned Travel Requests.

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

Public Comments:

None.

Announcements:

None.

Adjournment:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Palosaari and seconded by Commissioner Tikkanen to adjourn at 5:37 pm.

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

Albert Koskela, Chairman

Jennifer Lorenz, County Clerk