

Special Meeting
May 26, 2011

The Houghton County Board of Commissioners held a Special Meeting on Thursday, May 26, 2011 at 12:00 noon, in the 5th Floor Conference Room of the Courthouse, City of Houghton.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the following commissioners responded to roll call: Edward Jenich, District 1; Dennis Barrette, District 2; Anton Pintar, District 3; Scott Ala, District 4; and Timothy Palosaari, District 5.

A motion was made by Commissioner Barrette to approve the agenda with the addition of #5 Finance Report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pintar. The motion carried by a voice vote. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Public Comment None

New Business

1. Awarding of bids for new Transfer Station

Eric Forsberg, Houghton County Controller stated they received 5 bids and he turned the floor over to Richard Supina of Traverse Engineering. He said the low bid was from MJO Contracting, Inc. of Hancock, MI. He recommended that the Board award the work to MJO. Scott Ala made a motion to move ahead and accept a bid to construct a new transfer station only after we have a rock solid business plan in place. One that details actions that will be taken if it is not self sustaining. Something that presents sustainability in the short and long terms. Something that provides clear provisions for profit or losses and something that proves to the tax payers that it will never be subsidized with tax payer money. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Palosaari. A discussion followed. The motion failed by the following vote.

YES: Ala, Palosaari 2.

NO: Barrette, Pintar, Jenich 3.

A motion was made by Commissioner Barrette and seconded by Commissioner Pintar to award the bid to the low bidder, MJO Contracting of Hancock, MI. The motion carried by the following vote.

YES: Barrette, Pintar, Jenich 3.

NO: Ala, Palosaari 2.

2. Resolution regarding Transfer Station Bonds

A motion was made by Commissioner Pintar and seconded by Commissioner Ala adopt the Bond Resolution as presented. The motion carried by the following vote.

YES: Pintar, Ala, Barrette, Palosaari, Jenich 5.

NO: None 0.

3. Request for approval of County Revolving Loan Fund administrative contract

A motion was made by Commissioner Barrette and seconded by Commissioner Ala to approve the contract as submitted. The motion carried by a voice vote. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

4. Travel request

a. Dan Giachino – Houghton County Friend of Court

A question was raised because no dollar amount was listed on the request.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pintar and seconded by Commissioner Ala to approve the request providing the cost does not exceed the amount that is in the budget. The motion carried by a voice vote. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

5. Finance Report

Commissioner Barrette reported to the Board that the State will give back some of the money from revenue sharing. The original cut of \$235,000 is estimated to be \$67,000 less of a cut. The Board will have to make a decision on the 80/20 insurance mandate in the near future.

Public Comment

Gerald Perreault was present and stated that he thinks the Board made the right decision to go forward with the transfer station.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ala to adjourn. There being no objection, the meeting was adjourned.

Chairman, Edward Jenich

Clerk, Mary Schoos