

**Regular Meeting
June 10, 2008**

The Houghton County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, June 10, 2008, in the 5th Floor Conference Room of the Courthouse, City of Houghton.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Paul Luoma, at 5:00 p.m. 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 Paul Luoma, District 5.

A motion was made by Commissioner Barrette and seconded by Commissioner Jenich to approve the minutes as presented of the May 13, 2008 meeting. The motion was carried by a voice vote. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Barrette and seconded by Commissioner Jenich to approve the agenda as amended with an addition of GIS under item number 6. The motion carried by a voice vote. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Public Comment None

A motion was made by Commissioner Jenich and seconded by Commissioner Ala to approve paying the bills of voucher #108296 thru 108382 for a total of \$62,190.92 along with the following late bills of \$36,139.42 for a total of \$98,330.34. The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

NO: None 0.

Correspondence U. P. Association of County Commissioners

Reports Standing Committee

Commissioner Barrette reported to the Board on the following. Houghton County Airport, UP MAC Conference.

Commissioner Pintar reported to the Board on the following. Houghton-Keweenaw Conservation District, Western U. P. Michigan Works Administration Board meeting.

Commissioner Ala reported to the Board on the following. BHK Head Start, Portage Lake Multi Rec., Revolving Loan Fund.

Commissioner Jenich reported to the Board on the following. Western Upper Peninsula Planning & Development Region (WUPPDR), Houghton County Medical Care Facility/Department of Human Services, Houghton County Commission on Aging, Houghton County Marina, TRIAD, State Police, Keweenaw Economic Development Alliance, UPCAP, Western Upper Peninsula District Health Department, Finance Committee.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jenich and seconded by Commissioner Pintar to send a letter to Debbie Pindral and George Turner to thank them for taking daily snow measurements for the county. The motion carried by a voice vote. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Commissioner Luoma reported to the Board on the following. Upper Peninsula Commissioners meeting, Houghton County Road Commission.

County Officers

John Pekkala, Houghton County Drain Commissioner, reported the soil erosion program is running.

New Business

Michael Grentz reviewed the Houghton County annual audit report.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jenich and seconded by Commissioner Barrette to accept the audit report. The motion carried by a voice vote. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Jenich and seconded by Commissioner Ala to approve the purchase of a van for the Community Corrections Program. The motion carried by a voice vote. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Barrette and seconded by Commissioner Pintar to approve the budgeted appropriation to Copper Country Mental Health - \$41,126. The motion carried by a voice vote. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jenich and seconded by Commissioner Ala to approve travel requests.

- a. Sue O'Connell – Probate Court
- b. John Partanen – Equalization Department
- c. MAC Conference

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

A committee was formed by Commissioner Barrette and Commissioner Ala to research a GIS specialist position for Houghton County.

Public Comments None

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Ala and seconded by Commissioner Pintar.

Paul Luoma, Chairman

Pat Janke, Deputy Clerk