

**Regular Meeting / Public Hearing
June 14, 2011**

The Houghton County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Meeting / Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 14, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. 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 and seconded by Commissioner Pintar to approve the minutes of the May 10, Regular Meeting and the May 26, Special Meeting as presented. The motion carried by a voice vote. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

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

Public Comments

John Ollila from Portage Township was present and gave an informational presentation regarding the Pilgrim River Watershed Project.

Public Hearing - Rural Development Patrol Car Grant Application

Commissioner Jenich announced the Public Hearing was open and asked for comments or discussion. There being none, he announced that the Public Hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Barrette and seconded by Commissioner Pintar to approve paying the bills of voucher #126821 thru #126912 for a total of \$105,857.19 along with the late bills submitted of \$2,264.88 for a grand total of \$108,122.07. The motion carried by the following vote.

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

NO: None 0.

Correspondence – None

Reports Standing Committee

Commissioner Barrette reported to the Board on the following: Maritime Security Committee Meeting, which is part of the local emergency planning, Community Mental Health Services Board, WUPPDR, Houghton County Memorial Airport, and Portage Lake Lift Bridge Planning Group.

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

Commissioner Pintar reported to the Board on the following: Houghton County Planning Commission, Western Upper Peninsula Health Board, and the Houghton – Keweenaw Conservation District.

Commissioner Ala reported to the Board on the following: B-H-K Headstart, Portage Lake Multi Rec., Michigan Works, and KEDA.

Commissioner Jenich reported to the Board on the following: Commission on Aging will meet on 6-15, and UPCAP will meet 6-17. He attended a meeting with the Sheriff and Coast Guard regarding protocol on the water way, and the Keweenaw National Park.

County Officers

Kathleen Beattie, Houghton County Treasurer gave her annual report on the balance of the Land Sale Proceeds Account.

New Business

1. Proposed MSU Extension Memorandum of Agreement. Michael Erdman, representing MSU Extension Redesign Plan was present. He went over the proposed MOA and cost to the County. He asked for any questions from the commissioners. The questions ranged from length of contract to cost flexibility. Commissioner Jenich referred this to the Finance Committee.

2. Appropriations

a. Copper Country Mental Health \$41,123.73

A motion was made by Commissioner Ala and seconded by Commissioner Pintar to approve the appropriation as listed above. The motion carried by a voice vote. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Public Comment

There were concerned citizens present regarding the Transfer Station and jail. Also there were people in attendance with positive comments who were concerned about loosing 4H in the area.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Pintar.

Edward Jenich, Chairman

Mary Schoos, Clerk