

**Special Meeting
September 20, 2007**

The Houghton County Board of Commissioners held a Special Meeting on Thursday, September 20, 2007, in the 5th Floor conference room of the Courthouse, City of Houghton.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Paul Luoma at 10.00 a.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; and Paul Luoma, District 5. Scott Ala, District 4, was absent.

A motion was made by Commissioner Barrette and seconded by Commissioner Pintar to approve the agenda with the order change of moving #1. MAC Representatives further down and starting with #2. Jim Tercha, International Paper Update. The motion carried by a voice vote. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Public Comment None

Correspondence None

New Business

2. Jim Tercha, International Paper Update. Mr. Tercha informed the Board that he drew up an agreement between Houghton County, who he represents, and International Paper, Lake Superior Land Company and GMO Threshold Timber Michigan II LLC. He stated the agreement was accepted by International Paper and its attorneys. He was present to get the Board's approval of the written agreement. A motion was made by Commissioner Jenich and seconded by Commissioner Barrette to approve the agreement submitted by the County's attorney and allowing the County Chairman of the Board and County Clerk to sign on behalf of the County. The motion was carried by a voice vote. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

1. MAC Representatives. Tim McGuire and Tom Hickson, representatives of MAC were present to give a MAC legislative update. They answered any questions they could that the Commissioners had and offered to assist in getting back to them if they didn't have an answer.

3. State of Michigan Rental Agreement #11338. Eric Forsberg, Houghton County Controller, stated the State of Michigan wants a rental agreement for the former 911 Building on Hecla Street in Laurium for a State Police Post. There is no time frame but a month to month agreement of \$1,400.00 a month. A motion was made by Commissioner Jenich and seconded by Commissioner Barrette to approve the State of Michigan Rental Agreement #11338. The motion was carried by a voice vote. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Commissioner Barrette made a motion to approve a resolution authorizing the Controller, Eric Forsberg to sign the Rental Agreement #11338 on behalf of Houghton County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pintar.

The motion was carried by the following vote.

YES: Barrette, Pintar, Jenich and Luoma 4.

NO: None 0.

Absent: Ala 1.

4. WUPPDR MEDC Technical Assistance Letter of Support. A motion was made by Commissioner Jenich and seconded by Commissioner Barrette to send a letter of support on behalf of WUPPDR regarding the termination of their Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) technical assistance funding. The motion was carried by a voice vote. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Public Comments

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

Paul Luoma, Chairman

Mary Schoos, Clerk