

**Public Hearing/Annual Meeting
September 23, 2008**

The Houghton County Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing/Annual Meeting on Tuesday, September 23, 2008 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: Dennis Barrette, District 2; Anton Pintar, District 3; Scott Ala, District 4 and Paul Luoma, District 5. Edward Jenich, District 1, was absent.

Commissioner Luoma announced the 2008/2009 Budget Public Hearing was open. Commissioner Ala discussed contributing to KEDA.

Commissioner Luoma announced the 2008/2009 Budget Public Hearing was closed.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Barrette and seconded by Commissioner Pintar to approve the agenda. The motion was carried by a voice vote. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Public Comments None

Commissioner Barrette made a motion to approve paying the bills submitted of vouchers #109582 thru #109679 for a total of \$364,793.64. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ala. The motion was carried by the following vote.

YES: Barrette, Ala, Pintar, Luoma 4.

NO: None 0.

Correspondence: Eric Forsberg mentioned a notice from Chief Justice Cliff Taylor. Commissioner Pintar mentioned Road Commission information regarding the ORV Ordinance.

New Business

1. 2008/2009 General Appropriations Act. Eric Forsberg, Houghton County Controller, stated that the General Fund Budget Revenues are budgeted at 8.1 million. Expenditures are also budgeted at 8.1 million. The county is budgeted to have approximately a \$12,000.00 surplus. There is a question about State Revenue Sharing Monies. Eric answered any questions regarding the proposed budget. A motion was made by Commissioner Barrette, seconded by Commissioner Pintar to approve the budget as presented for year ending September 30, 2009. The motion carried by the following vote.

YES: Barrette, Pintar, Ala, Luoma 4.

NO: None 0.

2. Budget Amendments. A motion was made by Commissioner Barrette, seconded by Commissioner Ala to approve the General Fund Budget Amendments as presented for the year ending September 30, 2008. The motion carried by the following vote.

YES: Barrette, Ala, Pintar, Luoma 4.

NO: None 0.

3. Treasurer's Office request for resolution. A motion was made by Commissioner Ala, seconded by Commissioner Pintar to accept the resolution as presented in support of the Multi-Bank Securities Resolution. The motion carried by the following vote.

YES: Ala, Pintar Barrette, Luoma 4.

NO: None 0.

4. Bids for County car. A motion was made by Commissioner Ala, seconded by Commissioner Barrette to approve the bid from Copper Country Ford for a 2009 Ford Fusion 5 for \$15,475. The motion carried by a voice vote. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ala, seconded by Commissioner Pintar to require anyone traveling more than 50 miles one way to use the county car, if available, and to formally amend the employee manual as such. The motion carried by a voice vote. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

5. Houghton County Revolving Loan Fund Administration Agreement. A motion was made by Commissioner Barrette, seconded by Commissioner Ala to approve the Agreement to Administer the Houghton County Revolving Loan Fund. The motion carried by a voice vote. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

6. Resolution regarding 911 funding. (Tabled)

7. Date of October regular meeting. The regular meeting for October 2008 was set for October 21st at 5:00.

Public Comment

Kathy Beattie, Treasurer, commented on the motion requiring employees to use the county car.

Phil Musser thanked the Board for their trust in him to manage the Revolving Loan Fund for another three years.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ala to adjourn.

Paul Luoma, Chairman

Patricia Janke, Deputy Clerk