

**HOUGHTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2020**

The Houghton County Board of Commissioners held a Regular meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2020, in the 5th Floor Conference room of the Courthouse, City of Houghton. The public was able to attend by Zoom.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Albert Koskela at 5:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Koskela.

Roll call:

The following commissioners responded to roll call done by the County Clerk, Jennifer Kelly:

Tom Tikkanen, District 1; Albert Koskela, District 2; Glenn Anderson, District 3; Gretchen Janssen, District 4; Roy Britz, District 5.

Approval of Minutes:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Janssen to approve the minutes of the August Board of Commissioners meeting with the correction made for the Land Bank Authority per the County Treasurer's request.

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

Approval of Agenda/Additions:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Tikkanen, seconded by Commissioner Janssen to approve the Agenda as presented.

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

Public Comments:

None.

Approval of Bills:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Britz to approve paying the bills submitted of \$ 2,855,165.13 as presented.

The Motion carried by the following vote:

YES: Anderson, Britz, Tikkanen, Koskela, Janssen 5.

NO: None 0.

Correspondence:

None.

Reports:

Standing Committee:

Commissioner Janssen reported to the Board on the following: Health Department.

Commissioner Anderson reported to the Board on the following: Marina, Houghton County Arena, and Health Department.

Commissioner Britz reported to the Board on the following: Emergency planning, High Angle Rescue Team Agreement made with Calumet Township Fire, and the Jail.

Commissioner Tikkanen reported to the Board on the following: KEDA, Solid Waste Committee, and the Copper Country Recycling Initiative.

Commissioner Koskela had nothing to report.

County Officers:

None reported.

New Business:

1. Land Bank Update – Lisa Mattila, Treasurer

Lisa Mattila, County Treasurer, spoke via Zoom. She requested pulling three (3) Calumet Village Parcels that are foreclosed parcels from the tax sale auction and sell them to the Land Bank Authority for the back tax amount along with the 2020 summer taxes.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Tikkanen to approve the three (3) Calumet Village Parcels be pulled from the tax sale auction and sell them to the Land Bank Authority as requested by Lisa Mattila.

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

2. Liquor Tax Payment to Northcare Network

Ben Larson, Administrator, stated this payment is for June, July and August.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Britz and seconded by Commissioner Tikkanen to approve the Liquor Tax Payment to Northcare Network as presented.

The Motion carried by the following vote.

YES: Britz, Tikkanen, Koskela, Anderson, Janssen 5.

NO: None 0.

3. Travel

a. Sara Huuki, Required MCAO State of MI Assessor's Certification

A Motion was made by Commissioner Tikkanen and seconded by Commissioner Britz to approve the travel request as presented.

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

4. Budget Hearing/Meeting Reminder for September 29, 2020.

The Board discussed the September budget meeting on September 29, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

5. Pacific Coast Julien Brownfield Application

Ben Larson, Administrator, informed the Board he is meeting with Jon Julien on Wednesday, September 9th at 9 a.m.

6. Appropriations

- a. Copper Country Mental Health - \$41,123.73

A Motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Janssen to approve the above-mentioned appropriation as presented.

The Motion carried by the following vote.

YES: Anderson, Janssen, Tikkanen, Koskela, Britz 5.

NO: None 0.

Public Comments:

Horst Schmidt addressed the Board.

Commissioner Anderson and Tikkanen discussed the Census.

Announcements:

None.

Adjournment:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Tikkanen and seconded by Commissioner Britz to adjourn at 5:28 pm.

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

Albert Koskela, Chairman

Jennifer Kelly, County Clerk