

**HOUGHTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 13, 2019**

The Houghton County Board of Commissioners held a Regular meeting on Tuesday, August 13, 2019, in the 5th Floor Conference Room of the Courthouse, City of Houghton.

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:

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 July 9, 2019 meeting as presented.

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 Britz to approve the Agenda as presented.

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

Public Comments:

Tom Shook addressed the Board.

Approval of Bills:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Tikkanen and seconded by Commissioner Janssen to approve paying the bills submitted of \$ 1,510,365.83 as presented.

The Motion carried by the following vote.

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

NO: None 0.

Correspondence:

None.

Reports:

Standing Committee:

Commissioner Tikkanen reported to the Board on the following: Solid Waste Committee.

Commissioner Anderson reported to the Board on the following: Houghton County Fair, Houghton County Marina, and commented on the opioid lawsuit.

Commissioner Janssen reported to the Board on the following: MSU Extension, and congratulated Mikayla Geberkoff for receiving a 4-H award.

Commissioner Britz reported to the Board on the following: Jail Taskforce subcommittee, Houghton County Road Commission, and the 911 Advisory Board.

Chairman Koskela had nothing to report to the Board.

County Officers:

Kevin Coppo, Undersheriff, addressed the Board regarding the patrol boat being repaired through a 100% grant.

New Business:

1. Walmart Cloth Bag Grant Application

Susan Burack addressed the Board. She requested the County serve as the physical agent for a grant through Walmart for 1,000 bags to be given away and a brochure to be printed with the grant funds. This is a \$1,300.00 grant through Walmart.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Tikkanen and seconded by Commissioner Janssen to allow Houghton County to be listed as the physical agent on the Walmart Cloth Bag Grant Application as presented.

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

2. Jail Taskforce

Eric Forsberg, Administrator, suggested the Board discuss a new meeting date, and discuss the four (4) proposals.

The Board had discussion. Commissioner Anderson questioned the number of beds in each of the proposals. Commissioner Britz commented on the number of beds in previous ballot proposals, and to look into the future for having the option for expansion.

The Board had discussion on the four (4) proposals and the possibility of combining any of them, or eliminating any of them. Commissioner Janssen stated she likes having the diversity of options.

The Board agreed to a Jail Taskforce meeting on Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Circuit Courtroom. Jennifer will post the meeting notices in the Courthouse and on the County website.

3. Appropriations

- a. WUPPDR - \$2,866.50
- b. NorthCare Network - \$33,993.50

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.

7. Travel Requests

- a. Rebecca Wakeham – Prosecutor’s Office
- b. Brittany Bulleit – Prosecutor’s Office
- c. Hazards Preparedness Workshop

A Motion was made by Commissioner Britz and seconded by Commissioner Tikkanen to approve the Travel Requests as requested.

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

The Board agreed that everyone should register on their own for this workshop.

Public Comments:

Tom Shook addressed the Board.

Announcements:

Jennifer Kelly, County Clerk, announced that there will not be an election in Houghton County in November 2019.

Adjournment:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Tikkanen and seconded by Commissioner Britz to adjourn at 5:40 pm.

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

Albert Koskela, Chairman

Jennifer Kelly, County Clerk