

**HOUGHTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 13, 2021**

The Houghton County Board of Commissioners held a Regular meeting on Tuesday, July 13, 2021, in the 5th Floor Conference room of the Courthouse, City of Houghton. The public was attending by Zoom and in person.

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 Jennifer Kelly, County Clerk:

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, seconded by Commissioner Janssen to approve the June 15, 2021 minutes 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-Agenda Items Only (5 minutes per participant):

None.

Approval of Bills:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Tikkanen and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to approve paying the bills submitted of \$ 849,382.03 as presented.

The Motion carried by the following vote.

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

NO: None 0.

Correspondence:

None.

New Business:

1. MSU Extension Update from District 1 Director Pal Putnam

Paul Putnam, District 1 Director, provided handouts to the Board. He discussed a Veterans outreach program that is available to veterans. This program is income based and can assist veterans with up to \$200 per month in food assistance. He stated Jim Yates and Lauren Jescovitch are available to come and address the Board.

Reports:

1. Standing committee

Commissioner Tikkanen reported to the Board on the following:

Solid Waste Committee. He stated there were 3 tons of recycling in June, and 2 additional tons since then.

Recreation Authority-He discussed a meeting with the DNR & local officials. They discussed the trails from Dollar Bay, Lake Linden and Calumet. Those trails will not be open this winter. They discussed the available funds for the trails. He commended the Recreation Authority for their hard work.

Commissioner Anderson reported to the Board on the following:

Recommended the passing of the upcoming ballot languages for the Canal View (Houghton County Medical Care Facility) and the City of Hancock for their renewal for recreation. He complimented Ben Larson for his work on the American Rescue Funds.

Commissioner Janssen reported to the Board on the following:

She thanked all the workers who worked on the oil spill in Hancock.

Health Department-they discussed tick borne illnesses.

Commissioner Britz had nothing to report to the Board.

Chairman Koskela had nothing to report to the Board.

2. Special Committee

None.

3. County Officers

Dennis Hext, Airport Manager, updated the Board regarding the Airport.

New Business-Continued

2. Resolution to Support UP Area Agency on Aging's 2022 Annual Implementation Plan

A Motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Janssen to approve the U.P. Area Agency on Aging FY 2022 Annual Implementation Plan for Services to Older Adults as presented.

The Motion carried by the following vote.

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

NO: None 0.

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RESOLUTION #2021-11

**U.P. AREA AGENCY ON AGING
FY 2022 ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR SERVICES TO
OLDER ADULTS**

WHEREAS UPCAP, which serves as the U.P. Area Agency on Aging, is required to develop a 2022 Annual Implementation Plan that provides development and funding for programs to serve older adults in the Upper Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, during the 2022 Annual Implementation Plan development process, UPCAP conducted one public hearing and received input from service providers, older adults, county officials, human services organizations, and other interested parties; and

WHEREAS, each U.P. County is represented by a County official on the UPCAP Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the UPCAP Board of Directors has unanimously approved the proposed 2022 Annual Implementation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the AAA 2022 Annual Implementation Plan also requires review by individual County boards;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Houghton County Board of Commissioners has received and hereby supports the U.P. Area Agency on Aging 2022 Annual Implementation Plan.

Moved: Commissioner Anderson

Supported: Commissioner Janssen

Carried: YES Commissioners Anderson, Janssen, Tikkanen, Koskela, Britz
NO None
ABSENT None

Roll Call Vote

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

ALBERT KOSKELA, CHAIRMAN

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
COUNTY OF HOUGHTON)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Houghton, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on the 13th day of July, 2021, the original of which resolution is on file in my office. I further certify that the meeting was held and the minutes therefore were filed in compliance with Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of 1976.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my official signature this 13th day of July, 2021.

Jennifer Kelly, County Clerk
County of Houghton

3. Appropriations:

1. MSU Extension MOA Assessment - \$9,341.25

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

The Motion carried by the following vote.

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

NO: None 0.

Public Comments (5 minutes per participant):

Bill Manderfield addressed the Board regarding the wind turbines.

Teresa Kariniemi addressed the Board regarding the November 2020 election and provided a handout to the Board.

Horst Schmidt addressed the Board regarding the American Rescue Plan and the wind turbines.

Joe Morgan addressed the Board regarding the wind turbines.

Mary Markham addressed the Board regarding the wind turbines. She asked the Board if they could set zoning limits. Commissioner Tikkanen stated the Board could not, but the local municipalities could. He informed the public the power to do zoning is at the local level.

Madeline Manderfield asked the Board if they knew what a US MDOT vehicle was doing in New Allouez. The Board did not know.

Rick Koski addressed the Board regarding the wind turbines.

Roger Sullivan addressed the Board regarding issues with the County.

Steve DeLongchamp, President of Election Source, addressed the Board regarding the bi-annual preventative maintenance on the Houghton County election equipment. He informed the board that nothing was added or deleted when the maintenance was done in Houghton County.

Announcements:

None.

Adjournment:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Tikkanen and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to adjourn at 5:48 pm.

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

Albert Koskela, Chairman

Jennifer Kelly, County Clerk