

On Tuesday, January 29, 2019 at 8:30 a.m., Chairperson Patti Peretto called the Special Meeting to order. The meeting was held in the Courthouse Annex, Board of Commissioners Room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Chairperson Patti Peretto, Commissioners Tim Aho, Ray Coates, Sharon Leonoff and Mike Stafford.

Also present: Administrator Gene Smith, Civil Counsel Steve Tinti and Clerk/Register Joetta Greig.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Coates to approve the agenda. Voice vote, motion carried.

Chairperson Peretto called for Public Comment three times. No comments voiced.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Stafford to go into closed session to discuss Circuit Court for the County of Gogebic (Plaintiff), verses Counties of Houghton, Keweenaw, Baraga, Iron and Ontonagon (Defendants). Voice vote, motion carried.

When the meeting resumed after closed session, Stafford moved, supported by Leonoff to authorize Civil Counsel Steve Tinti to represent the county in the lawsuit with Gogebic County. Roll call vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

There was discussion regarding a meeting with Gogebic County to discuss the law suit. Peretto requested Stafford, Aho and Administrator Smith attend. Aho stepped down. Commissioner Stafford and Administrator Smith will be attending.

Moved by Coates, supported by Stafford to adjourn, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

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Chairperson Patti Peretto

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Clerk/Register Joetta Greig