

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
KEWEENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
July 17, 2019

The regular meeting of the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners held on July 17, 2019 beginning at 6:30 p.m., at the Courthouse, Eagle River, MI opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting was posted on the door of the Courthouse and on the County website.

Commissioners present: Bob DeMarois, Sandra Gayk, Jim Vivian, Del Rajala, Don Piche.

Motion by Vivian supported by Gayk and unanimously carried to accept the agenda as presented.

Motion by Gayk supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to approve the June 19, 2019 regular monthly meeting minutes.

The following reports were available: Sheriff, Treasurer and Mine Inspector.

Melissa Davis was a guest at the board meeting, and she is working with the City of Houghton Energy Series. This series will take place on Tuesdays beginning on September 24th and will feature experts in the field of energy (and energy efficiency) designed to increase the area's energy literacy and business access to available supporting resources. Melissa is a part of newpowertour.com whose mission is to increase the use of renewable water and energy efficient technologies. Her group has done work in people's homes to make them more efficient. Melissa did ask for help in funding the City of Houghton Energy Series. Motion by Gayk supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to appropriate \$500 to this sponsorship opportunity.

Time was allowed for public comment.

Motion by Gayk supported by DeMarois to pay the approved and audited bills in the following amounts; General Fund=\$190,537.21 Construction Codes Fund=\$5,203.42 911 Fund=\$1,764.87 Child Care Fund=\$411.00 Medical Care Fund=\$1,551.24 Veterans Affairs=\$462.15 Law Library Fund=\$788.46 Board polled. Ayes: DeMarois, Gayk, Vivian, Rajala, Piche. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Gayk supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to request that NorthCare Network approve the funding request from Treatment Court for the use of Soberlinks. NorthCare Network receives one half of the County's Liquor Tax funds (PA2 funds) and administers the use of that money for prevention and treatment services provided to county residents.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Gayk and unanimously carried to approve the resolution supporting the U.P. Area Agency on Aging 2019 Annual Implementation Plan for services to Older Adults. **(#19-3)**

Motion by Gayk supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to authorize the subordination agreement from Superior National Bank between Keweenaw County and the owner of Lot 90 of Ahmeek Mine Location. This will allow the homeowner to get a mortgage from Superior National Bank to continue upgrading the property while putting the loan from Keweenaw County (MSHDA Loan) subordinate to the new loan from Superior National Bank.

Motion by Rajala supported by Gayk and unanimously carried to table Change Order #1 for the Keweenaw County Communications Tower project in the amount of \$7,544. The change is to install a 6-foot-tall galvanized chain link security fence around the tower. Posts will be installed in sleeves that are embedded into the concrete foundation. OHM will come back with further information regarding the breakdown of materials.

Motion by Gayk supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to approve Judy Pruner as a Medical Examiner Investigator effective immediately. Keweenaw County is fortunate to add Judy to this team.

Sheriff Luokkanen did not need budget amendments but did want to inform the Board that there will be Rural Development grant to cover \$15,025 of a new patrol vehicle and that the department was also approved to buy a truck through the Stonegarden grant. Sheriff Luokkanen invited everyone to Public Safety Day at the Mohawk School Park on Saturday, July 20th from noon to 4 p.m.

Ann Gasperich informed the Board that currently there aren't any budget amendments needed as everything seems to be in line.

Motion by Gayk supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to hold a special meeting to open bids for the Gratiot River Park -Site Contract for the ADA Restroom, Parking and Site Improvements. The meeting will be on Wednesday, July 24, 2019 at 2 p.m. at the Courthouse in Eagle River, MI where bids will be opened.

Time was allowed for public comment. The "No Camping" signs at the Gratiot River Park have all disappeared. Rajala will order 6 more small signs and 2 larger signs along with posts to put the signs back up.

There being no further business, motion by Rajala to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Donald Piche, Chairman

Julie A. Carlson, Clerk