

PUBLIC HEARING
KEWEENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
December 18, 2019

The Public Hearing was held for the 2020 budgets at 6:00 p.m. at the Courthouse in Eagle River, MI.

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

The Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing for comments on the 2020 County budgets including the General Fund and all Special Funds. There was no public comment.

Motion by DeMarois to close the public hearing at 6:13 p.m.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
KEWEENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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The regular monthly meeting of the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners was held on December 18, 2019, 6:30 p.m. at the Courthouse, Eagle River, MI following the public hearing and began with the pledge of allegiance.

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

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

Motion by DeMarois supported by Gayk and unanimously carried to approve the minutes from the November 20, 2019 regular monthly meeting and the December 6, 2019 special meeting as written.

The Treasurer, Sheriff, and Mine Inspector reports were received.

Time was allowed for public comment.

Motion by Gayk supported by Vivian to pay the approved and audited bills in the following amounts: General Fund=\$167,340.93 Construction Codes=\$5,076.23 911 Fund=\$2,107.38 Concealed Pistol Permit Fund=\$149.66 Houghton County Medical Care Facility Fund=\$1,034.16 Board polled. Ayes: DeMarois, Gayk, Vivian, Piche. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Vivian supported by Gayk and unanimously carried to adopt the following budgets for 2020: General Fund, Friend of the Court, Courthouse Improvements, Building Codes, Register of Deeds Automation, Indigent Defense Fund, 911 Fund, Concealed Pistol Licensing, Sheriffs Training, Drug Law Enforcement, Law Library, Revenue Sharing, Medical Care Facility, Probate Child Care and Juvenile Fund, Veterans Affairs.

Ann Gasperich went over the budget amendments and there were three amendments needed. Motion by Vivian supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to approve the following amendments: \$5,000 for Workmens Comp which was paid early, \$1,200 for the Lawsuit Defense in the Gogebic MERS case, \$1,556 for the Gratiot River Park.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Gayk and unanimously carried to adopt the following resolution opting out of PA 152: WHEREAS, on September 27, 2011, P.A. 152 of 2011, an act to limit a public employer's expenditures for employee medical benefits plans, became immediately effective; and WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners have reviewed the requirements of that Act; and WHEREAS, in keeping with the County's established, long-range budgeting practices that actively balance the interests of taxpayers and County employees, and in keeping with the long-established practice of Keweenaw County employees working with the County to defray escalating costs associated with employees' medical benefit plans and having made wage and salary concessions; and WHEREAS, Section 8 of Act 152 authorizes a local unit of government, defined to include a county government, upon a 2/3 vote of the governing body, to exempt itself from the requirements of the Act for the next succeeding year; and WHEREAS, by exempting itself under Section 8 of Act 152 for calendar year 2020, Keweenaw County is allowed prudent time to continue making changes over time that yield significant reductions in health care costs in a manner that is fair to both taxpayers and employees; and WHEREAS, exempting Keweenaw County from Act 152 for calendar year 2020 is equitable considering that Keweenaw County's employees have already demonstrated by their actions a continuing willingness to fairly share in the burden of meeting the significant economic challenges associated with Michigan's long recession; and NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that acting pursuant to the authority granted a county under Section 8 of Act 152, the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby exempts Keweenaw County government from the requirements of P.A. 152 of 2011 for calendar year 2020. **(#19-7)**

Motion by DeMarois supported by Gayk and unanimously carried to approve the following reappointments/appointments/thanks for years of service:

PLANNING COMMISSION

Reappoint John Parsons-term ending 12/31/2022

Reappoint Ned Huwatek-term ending 12/31/2022

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Reappoint Mark Ahlborn-term ending 12/31/2023

EDC

Reappoint Harvey Desnick-term ending 12/31/2022

Reappoint Todd Holmstrom-term ending 12/31/2022

Reappoint Sam Raymond-term ending 12/31/2022

BROWNFIELD

Reappoint Charles Bennetts-term ending 12/31/2022

Reappoint Mark Klemp-term ending 12/31/2022

Reappoint Mike Musiel-term ending 12/31/2022

VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Reappoint Ned Huwatek-term ending 12/31/2022

Reappoint Barry Koljonen-term ending 12/31/2022

911 COMMITTEE-All committee members willing to continue

Motion by Gayk supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to approve the agreement with Coleman Engineering for GIS mapping in the amount of \$2,500 which will also allow the mapping to be accessed on the county website.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Gayk and unanimously carried to approve the BS&A File Record Card Availability Agreement. This will not cost the county anything. Consumers will be able to go to the website and then go to BS&A and obtain record cards, delinquent taxes or building permit records for parcels. Each query will cost the consumer \$2.00 with the county retaining \$.40.

Motion by Gayk supported by Vivian and unanimously carried to approve the Planning Commission's recommendation for the Special Land Use application for the primitive campground at Mt Bohemia for Black Bear Inc with the following conditions: the campground must have a privy, within walkable distance of the campground and the receipt of a campground permit license from the State of Michigan Environment, Great Lakes and Energy.

Motion by Gayk supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to authorize the County Clerk (as the County's Chief Financial Officer) to make budget transfers between accounts and between activities without increasing the total board authorized fund expenditures. The allowed transfers must be subsequently submitted to the County Board for approval. This is in accordance with the State's Uniform Budgeting Act.

Motion by Gayk supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to approve the undersheriff using his remaining 2019 vacation of 32 hours in January of 2020.

The letter from UPPCO about the violation of the National Electrical Code and UPPCO Service rules is being taken care of. There was a misunderstanding between the vendor and their electrician.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Gayk and unanimously carried to approve the 2020 Survey and Remonumentation grant application.

Public comment was allowed.

There being no further business, motion by DeMarois to adjourn at 7:07 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Donald Piche, Chairman

Julie A. Carlson, Clerk