

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
KEWEENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
January 20, 2021

The regular meeting of the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners was held on January 20, 2021 beginning at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was held via Zoom due to the COVID 19 pandemic.

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

Commissioners present: Bob DeMarois/Ahmeek, Randy Eckloff/Allouez, Jim Vivian/Central, Del Rajala/Mohawk, Don Piche/Lac La Belle.

Motion by Vivian supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to accept the agenda as submitted.

Chairman Piche appointed commissioners to the following committees. Motion by Rajala supported by Vivian and unanimously carried to accept the following committee appointments.

Brownfield	Chase	NorthCare	Eckloff
Building & Grounds	Piche	Planning Commission	Vivian
Building Codes	Piche	Road Commission	Piche
Community Action	Piche	Tri County Corrections	Rajala
Economic Development	Piche	UPCAP	Eckloff
Finance & Budget	Piche	UP Fair Authority	Langdon
Freedom of Information	Carlson	Hoton/Kew Conservation	Vivian
Head Start BHK Program	DeMarois	UPWARD Talent Council	Vivian/Rajala
Western UP Health Dept	Rajala/DeMarois	Veteran Affairs	Rajala
Historic Highway/Byway	DeMarois	WUPPDR	
Vivian/DeMarois			
Human Service	Piche	911 Committee	Rajala
KEDA	Ahlborn	UP Legislative Review Comm	Eckloff
KEDA Board	Vivian	Community Mental Health	Eckloff

Motion by Vivian supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to designate the following as depositories for County funds: IncredibleBank, Range, Superior National and Huntington Banks.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to approve the December 16, 2020 regular monthly meeting minutes, and the December 30, 2020 and January 11, 2021 special meeting minutes as written.

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

Motion by Eckloff supported by Vivian to pay the approved and audited bills in the following amounts; General Fund=\$238,154.80 Construction Codes Fund=\$3,237.34 911 Fund=\$952.16 Veterans Affairs=\$240.46 Medical Care Fund=\$1,000.80 Board polled. Ayes: DeMarois, Eckloff, Vivian, Rajala, Piche. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Rajala supported and DeMarois and unanimously carried to send a second request to the supervisors of the townships, asking for a response regarding zoning. This information will help the county to move forward in any zoning changes.

Motion by Vivian supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to table item a and b under New Business, which are; Discussion/Approval of Documentation for Proposed Sale of Trail Property near KML and Approval of DNR Application to Remove Restriction on Trail Property. No agreements have been reached between parties.

Motion by Rajala supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to set the 2021 mileage rate at \$.56.

Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to approve the annual agreement with Colligo GIS in the amount of \$4,300 which covers GIS services and internet-based desktop and mobile GIS application.

Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to amend the Courthouse Employee Policy by allowing new employees to have one week of vacation in the first year and to remove any reference to Keweenaw Mountain Lodge employees since KML is no longer owned by the County.

Motion by Eckloff supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to approve the Memo of Understanding between the NorthCare Network SUD Policy Board and Keweenaw County regarding the funding request in the amount of \$4,140 for FY 21.

Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to table the at&t consent letter and to allow the county attorney to further pursue the at&t request asking for consent to make site modifications at the tower at Mount Horace Greeley.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to reappoint the following members to the Construction Codes Board of Appeals for a two-year term ending 12/31/2022; Eric Bjorn, Harry Herman, John Cima and Greg Kingstrom.

Motion by Rajala supported by Vivian and unanimously carried to approve the Electrical Inspector Position Description and to move forward with the advertising and with the hiring process.

The doors of the Courthouse will continue to be locked unless you have an appointment.

Committee meetings can be held via zoom if necessary.

Motion by Rajala supported by Vivian and unanimously carried to extend the State of Emergency for the county through February 28, 2021.

Time was allowed for public comment.

There being no further business, motion by Vivian to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Donald Piche, Chairman

Julie Carlson, Clerk