

PUBLIC HEARING in Person and via Zoom due to COVID 19
KEWEENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
June 16, 2021

The Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing on the proposed increase of .0850 mills in the operating tax millage rate to be levied in 2021. Proposed additional millage will increase operating revenues from ad valorem property taxes by \$13,910.61 over such revenues generated by levies permitted without holding a public hearing. Piche opened the public hearing at 6:15 p.m. with all commissioners present and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Equalization Director was present to answer any questions. Motion by Eckloff supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to close the public hearing at 6:19 p.m.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
KEWEENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
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The regular meeting of the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners was held on June 16, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was held in person and via Zoom due to the COVID 19 pandemic. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited at the Public Hearing prior to the meeting.

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

Commissioner's present: Bob DeMarois, Randy Eckloff, Jim Vivian and Don Piche in person, Del Rajala/Mohawk.

Motion by Rajala supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to accept the agenda with the addition under New Business: item g) Request from ATV Club for help with their signs being vandalized.

Motion by Vivian supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to approve the May 19, 2021, regular monthly meeting minutes as written.

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

Public comment was offered, there was none.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Eckloff to pay the approved and audited bills in the following amounts; General Fund=\$158,204.86 Construction Codes Fund=\$3,912.33 911 Fund=\$36,051.42 Child Care Fund=\$8,596.00 Houghton County Medical Care Fund=\$1,109.22 Veterans Affairs=\$3,374.72 Board polled. Ayes: DeMarois, Eckloff, Vivian, Rajala, Piche. Nays: None. Motion carried.

In May, the Board tabled the agricultural zoning classification as they wanted some clarification. The Zoning Administrator was present and did answer some questions regarding minimum size.

Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to table the Gogo update as Rajala is waiting for a call back.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Vivian to approve a \$10,000 appropriation for the next five years to UPSET West via the Portage Health Foundation. Board polled. Ayes: DeMarois, Eckloff, Vivian, Rajala, Piche. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Rajala supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to adopt the levies as presented in the public hearing, therefore increasing the tax millage rate by .0850 mills for 2021, providing additional operating revenue from ad valorem property taxes by \$13,910.61.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Vivian and unanimously carried to approve the agreement with Grant Township for extra police protection from July 1st through the second week of September. This agreement will be considered in January of each year.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to approve the proposal from North of 45, LLC for the First Phase in updating the Zoning Ordinance in the amount of \$3,600. Further discussion will take place on how to get input from the public on what changes need to be made to the current zoning ordinance.

A letter was received from a Zoning Board of Appeals member requesting that information about zoning needing to get to the public. The Zoning Administrator will review costs of some of the options that may be available and will bring the information back to the Board.

Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to approve the Letter of Intent for the FY22 County Veteran Service Fund Grant from the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency.

Motion by Eckloff supported by Vivian and unanimously carried to open the Courthouse doors immediately and to discontinue the required Zoom for meetings as the mandates from Covid 19 no longer require these things. All courts will still be entirely by Zoom until we hear differently.

Motion by Vivian supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to table assisting the ATV Club with their signage that is being destroyed.

Time was allowed for public comment.

There being no further business, motion by Eckloff to adjourn at 7:28 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Donald Piche, Chairman

Julie Carlson, Clerk