

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
KEWEENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
July 20, 2022

The regular meeting of the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners held on July 20, 2022, 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.

Commissioner's present: Bob DeMarois, Randy Eckloff, Jim Vivian, Del Rajala. Absent: Don Piche

Motion by Eckloff supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to accept the agenda as presented.

Motion by Vivian supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to approve the June 15, 2022, regular monthly meeting minutes as written.

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

Charlie Hopper from Pasty.net was present at the meeting to discuss what is happening between now and when fiber will become available. Charlie spoke about whether Pasty wanted to continue to work on extending bandwidth or sticking with the status quo. Pasty decided to move forward with upgrading and adding equipment that will increase bandwidth and impact will be the greatest on this side of Brockway to 5 Mile Point. Charlie wants approval from the Board to go ahead with adding and upgrading equipment on the tower here between the Courthouse and Sheriff department. This upgrade will increase bandwidth from approximately 2 megabits to 100 megabits.

Time was allowed for public comment.

Motion by Eckloff supported by Vivian to pay the approved and audited bills in the following amounts; General Fund=\$201,837.90 Construction Codes Fund=\$6,394.06 911 Fund=\$13,395.63 Houghton County MCF=\$1,034.16 Veterans Affairs=\$2,483.94 Child Care Fund = \$177.65 Kermit's Fund=\$9,311.68 CCW Fund=\$65.63 Board polled. Ayes: DeMarois, Eckloff, Vivian, Rajala. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to table the Sheriff union contract until August.

Motion by Eckloff supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried accept the plans proposed by Traverse Engineering for the sheriff garage and to allow them to put the project out for bids. Bids will be due at the September Board meeting with the project completion date of August 15, 2023.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to appoint Marie Butala as a death investigator for Keweenaw County.

Motion by Eckloff supported by Vivian and unanimously carried to approve paying mileage for county death investigators.

Motion by Eckloff supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to table the request from Pasty until August.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to approve the quote from Integris for a new county server in the amount of \$30,547.30. This server is used by the Courthouse and as backup for the Sheriff Department.

Motion by Eckloff supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to approve submitting an Intent to Apply Form to the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy, Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund/Strategic Water Quality Initiatives Fund for the lagoons at Mount Horace Greeley.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to appoint James Heikkila (Republican) and Cheryl King (Democrat) to the County Board of Canvassers, term ending 10/31/2023.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to approve the County HRA to pay any outstanding bills for employees that had services provided to them prior to 1/1/2022 when the County switched health insurances. This applies only to the portion of the bill that the HRA would have paid.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to approve the following budget amendments for the Sheriff Department:

	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>New Budget Amount</u>	<u>Amount of Amendment</u>
301-701			
Wage Expense	601,905	632,835	15,930
Bonus	0	15,000	15,000

	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>New Budget Amount</u>	<u>Amount of Amendment</u>
101-332-Snowmobile			
742-Gas	300	1,300	1,300
248-Crtrhse Improvement			
932-Bldg Rpr	0	1,600	1,600
REVENUES			
101-336 Rescue			
675-Contributions	0	11,500	11,500

Time was allowed for public comment. A letter from Mary Crampton, Juvenile Officer was read regarding the Kermit's Keweenaw Kids bus. The bus needed extensive work and depleted some of the savings. A fundraiser may be started to help defray the cost.

There being no further business, motion by Eckloff to adjourn at 7:14 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

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Del Rajala, Vice Chairman

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Julie Carlson, Clerk