

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
KEWEENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
October 19, 2022

The regular meeting of the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners was held on October 19, 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, Don Piche, Jim Vivian, Del Rajala.

Motion by Rajala supported by Vivian and unanimously carried to accept the agenda with the following addition: f) More ARPA funds for rescue trailer.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to approve the September 21, 2022, regular monthly meeting minutes and the October 3, 2022, special meeting minutes as written.

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

Time was allowed for public comment.

Motion by Rajala supported by Vivian to pay the approved and audited bills in the following amounts; General Fund=\$211,141.83 Construction Codes Fund=\$7,349.52 911 Fund=\$4,653.82 Veterans Affairs=\$1,254.08 Child Care Fund = \$1,045.14 ARPA Fund=\$3,137.26 Kermit's Fund=\$357.57 Courthouse Improvement Fund=\$16,574.10 Board polled. Ayes: DeMarois, Eckloff, Vivian, Rajala, Piche. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Rajala supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to table the Pasty.net upgrade until November.

Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to table the purchase of the garage owned by Allouez Township until November and to allow Rajala to attend the Allouez Township board meeting to figure out the finer details of the proposal.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to allow the purchase of 9 computers according to the replacement schedule.

Motion by Eckloff supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to allow Piche to work with the Houghton Township Supervisor to see what needs to be done to get the dry fire hydrant working properly and to share the expense with Houghton Township, 50/50. The dry hydrant is across from the Courthouse.

Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to approve the committee's recommendation of hiring Misty Meneguzzo as the Equalization Assistant.

Motion by Eckloff supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to accept the 2022 County Apportionment report as presented by Equalization Director Jaikob Djerf

Motion by Rajala supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to table the appointment to the Dept of Human Services Board as Jerry Vairus is resigning. Jerry's term ends on 10/31/22.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Vivian and unanimously carried to approve the FY 2022 Emergency Services Performance Grant that is just finishing and the 2023 grant that is just beginning.

Motion by Eckloff supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to hire a custodian/maintenance person full time with DeMarois and Sheriff Pennala to interview and the Treasurer and Sheriff to sit down to come up with a scope of work for both buildings.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Rajala with Vivian supporting and Piche and Eckloff as nays to reach out to the person who was interested in purchasing the sewage lagoons at Mount Horace Greeley.

Motion by Eckloff supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to allow the purchase of scene lighting and decals for the rescue trailer in the amount of \$2,500 to \$3,500 from the ARPA funds.

Time was made for public comment. Zach Garner from Open Skies spoke about the lagoons and said that they are fully operational, and the valves are working, a grant has been applied for and fencing and signs are going up soon.

There being no further business, motion by Eckloff to adjourn at 7:27 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Don Piche, Chairman

Julie Carlson, Clerk