

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
SPECIAL MEETING
KEWEENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
March 13, 2023

A special meeting of the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners was held on March 13, 2023 beginning at 3:30 p.m., at the Courthouse, Eagle River, MI and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Commissioners present: Randy Eckloff, Jim Vivian, Bob DeMarois, Don Piche. Absent: Del Rajala

This meeting was being held to discuss the groundskeeper/maintenance position. Mark Aho is an employee of the Sheriff Department so the county had to ask MERS (Municipal Employees' Retirement System) for assistance when considering how Mark's retirement would be affected since he would no longer be an employee of the Sheriff Department. Terra Langham from MERS zoomed in and was able to explain the three options that were given by MERS for this situation. The board and Mark agreed that option 2 was the best option for both parties. The county will create a Defined Contribution Plan for Mark. The DC plan is a 401A plan and MERS will assist with getting a percentage that is fair for the county to be contributing to the plan for Mark in place of what was being contributed to the Defined Benefit plan. Mark's current MERS plan with the Sheriff Department would be frozen and once he transitions, he will be moved to the DC plan that will be created.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to hire Mark Aho as the groundskeeper/maintenance person. Mark will give his two week notice and then he will begin in his new position.

Time was allowed for public comment.

There being no further business, motion by Eckloff to adjourn at 4:06 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Donald Piche, Chairman

Julie Carlson, Clerk