

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
KEWEENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
April 19, 2023

The regular meeting of the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners was held on April 19, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., at the Courthouse and on Zoom in Eagle River, MI opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting was posted on the door of the Courthouse and on the Website.

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

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

Motion by Vivian supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to approve the March 15, 2023, regular monthly meeting minutes as written.

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

Time was allowed for public comment.

Motion by Eckloff supported by DeMarois to pay the approved and audited bills in the following amounts: General Fund=\$190,226.77, Construction Codes Fund=\$1,033.73, 911 Fund=\$1,247.63, Child Care Fund=\$916.00, Houghton County MCF Fund=\$1,634.64, Veteran's Affairs=\$434.98, ARPA Fund=\$4,772.36, CCW Fund=\$2,720.72. Board polled. Ayes: DeMarois, Eckloff, Vivian, Rajala, Piche. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion by Rajala supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to table the discussion regarding the Pasty.net Upgrade.

Motion by Rajala supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to table the discussion regarding the Medical Examiner.

Motion by Rajala supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to table the discussion regarding the Keweenaw Wastewater Services LLC/Keweenaw County Agreement.

Jaikob Djerf, Equalization Director for Keweenaw County presented the report for County Equalization. Overall, the County's equalized value went up 7.55%. The CEV (County Equalized Value) went from \$258,361,616 to \$279,472,413. The following values were adopted as presented:

Motion by Rajala supported by Vivian and unanimously carried to set the commercial CEV at \$14,012,504.

Motion by Rajala supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to set the industrial CEV at \$213,630.

Motion by Rajala supported by Vivian and unanimously carried to set the residential CEV at \$254,491,448.

Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to set the timber cut over at \$3,172,171.

Motion by Rajala supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to set the personal CEV at \$7,582,657.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to set the Truth in Taxation Public Hearing for June 21, 2023, at 6:15 p.m., prior to the regular monthly meeting.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to approve the Sheriff's Office to apply for MCOLES Grant to fund a Deputy Recruit through the Academy. This is a non-binding contract, "handshake deal" that the Recruit will stay for at least 3 years.

Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to give 10% for the Employer portion of the Defined Contribution for Maintenance/Groundskeeper.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to proceed with the installation of an elevator for the Courthouse. OHM will get more information on Traction Lift v. Hydraulic Lift before the County decides which one to go with.

Motion by Rajala supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to approve the Remonumentation Contracts with CHN and Clearwater.

Motion by Eckloff supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to add Joe Foster as a County Employee. Foster will be paid like Crampton Surveying was. Administration Fees will all be paid out of the Remonumentation Grant.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to have Eckloff attend the UPACC Spring Conference on May 18 & 19 in Harris, MI.

Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to amend the Medical Examiner General Fund Budget/911 Budget in the amount of \$6,002.63 for radio expense from 2020.

A Monthly Report regarding projects, repairs and urgent situations was submitted to the Board of Commissioners by Maintenance/Groundskeeper.

Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to replace two broken windows, one in the Courtroom and one in the attic of the Sheriff's Office (former Sheriff's residence).

Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to repair the water leak that is running through the electrical panel in the Courthouse basement. Piche will be talking with Marty at Keweenaw Power & Lite regarding this issue.

Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to have the hardwood floors refinished at the Courthouse and Sheriff's Office and to accept the proposal with J.W. Hardwood Flooring in the amount of \$10,095. This total includes the additional \$1,000 for the higher quality Bona Traffic Finish. The Board would like a contract prepared and ready for signature at the next meeting.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to replace seven windows on the second floor of the Sheriff's Office. The estimate from Keweenaw Glass and Door was \$6,716.10. This will be paid for out of the Courthouse Improvement Fund. The replacement of these windows will save money by reducing energy costs for heating and cooling.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to appoint AJ Kern to the ZBA as Planning Commission Liaison.

Time was allowed for public comment.

There being no further business, motion by Rajala to adjourn at 7:09 P.M. Meeting adjourned.

Donald Piche, Chairman

Roxanne Billing, Deputy Clerk