

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
KEWEENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
February 21, 2024

The regular meeting of the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners was held on February 21, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Motion by Vivian supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to approve the January 17, 2024, regular monthly meeting minutes as written.

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

Time was allowed for public comment.

Commissioners did report on committee meetings.

Motion by Vivian supported by DeMarois to pay the approved and audited bills in the following amounts; General Fund=\$226,480.14 Construction Codes Fund=\$2,077.90 911 Fund=\$13,209.77 Veterans Affairs=\$3,941.09 Medical Care Fund=\$3,619.56 FRF Fund=\$88,712.80 Indigent Defense Fund=\$3,992.24 Probate Child Care Fund=\$55.48 Board polled. Ayes: DeMarois, Eckloff, Vivian, Rajala, Piche. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to approve the new Zoning Permit Application as presented.

Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to approve the new Building Permit Application as presented.

Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to approve the contractual agreement between the Western Upper Peninsula Planning and Development Region (WUPPDR) and Keweenaw County in the amount of \$4,000 to prepare a five-year recreation plan which will be completed by 2/1/2025.

Motion by Eckloff supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to change the June meeting date from June 19, 2024 to Thursday, June 20, 2024.

Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to set the term for the Medical Examiner, Dr. Michael McAllister ending 12/31/2025 per requirements from Michigan Vital Records.

Eckloff and DeMarois will come to the Courthouse to attend the Materials Management webinar on Wednesday, February 28, 2024 from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m.

Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to approve the bid from Andy Jarve to paint the stairway leading to the courtroom and the courtroom at the rate of \$40 per hour, with an estimated 60 hours (\$2,400) plus supplies which are estimated to be about \$400.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to put the carpeting for the stairway and the courtroom to bid. Rajala and Piche will assist with the wording of the advertisement.

Motion by Rajala supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to approve the Second Amended License Agreement between Keweenaw County and Pasty.Net Inc. The agreement addresses the tower at Mt Horace Greeley and the tower on the Courthouse grounds.

Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to approve the application and certificate for payment #1 for Wuebben Construction in the amount of \$73,639.80 for the elevator project.

Motion by Rajala supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to table the Sheriff Union contract until March.

Time was allowed for public comment. Residents from Ahmeek Mine Location were present to comment on the stench that comes from Neuvokas. Residents were told that it will be on the agenda next month and all parties would be informed.

There being no further business, motion by Rajala to adjourn at 7:06 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

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Donald Piche, Chairman

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Julie Carlson, Clerk