

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
KEWEENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
August 20, 2008

The official meeting of the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners held August 20, 2008, 6:30 P.M. at the Houghton Township Building opened with the pledge of allegiance.

Commissioners present: Joe Langdon, Donald Keith, Jeff Turnquist, Frank Stubenrauch, Randy Eckloff.

Motion by Turnquist supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to approve the agenda.

The minutes of the August 6 meeting stood as read..

The Treasurer and Road Commission reports were received.

As a recent incident in a remote forested area hindered the off road rescue team and first responders in their response for medical help due to gated property and burned roads and lack of access in hilly terrain, the Ahmeek Fire Department Rescue Team and the Sheriff said they were willing to inspect property owned by the Michigan Nature Association, the Nature Conservancy and the Houghton-Keweenaw Conservation District to work with them to help plan for emergency access and requested the Board to correspond with these entities. Motion by Langdon supported by Turnquist and unanimously carried to authorize the Chairman to write a letter.

Motion by Keith supported by Eckloff to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Health Reimbursement Arrangement effective August 15, 2008, presented to this meeting is hereby approved and adopted and that the proper officers of the Employer are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver to the Administrator of the Plan one or more counterparts of the Plan.

RESOLVED, that the Administrator shall be instructed to take such actions that are deemed necessary and proper in order to implement the Plan, and to set up adequate accounting and administrative procedures to provide benefits under the Plan. Board polled. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried. (#08-08)

Motion by Eckloff supported by Stubenrauch to pay the approved and audited bills from the following funds: General \$23,543.28; 911 \$907.30; Economic Development \$159.27. Board polled. Ayes: Turnquist,, Stubenrauch, Langdon, Eckloff, Keith. Motion carried.

Motion by Turnquist supported by Langdon and unanimously carried to follow Richard Harrer's advice and wait until the spring or summer of next year to find a more effective way to fence in the lagoon at Mt. Greeley.

Motion by Langdon supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to table action on the ADA bathroom until the next meeting.

Motion by Stubenrauch supported by Eckloff to nominate Larry Harrington of Iron County for the WUPPDR award. Board polled. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Turnquist supported by Keith to sign the tax rate millage request. Board polled. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

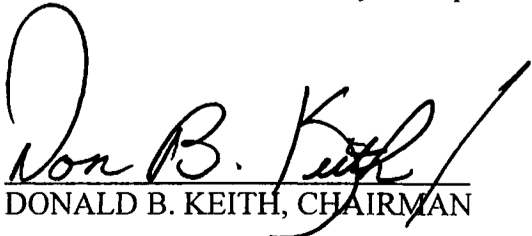
Motion by Keith supported by Langdon to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between the Michigan Department of State Police and the County of Keweenaw for the purpose of establishing and defining the rights and obligations with regard to the designation of the Negaunee Regional Dispatch Center as the Primary Public Safety Answering Point for the Keweenaw County E9-1-1 Service District. Board polled. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Langdon supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried that the Economic Development Committee submit the recommendations for the annual projects survey to WUPPDR.

Motion by Langdon supported by Turnquist to authorize \$400 for a retirement actuarial valuation for elected officials to go from a five year average wage compensation to a 3 year average. Board polled. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Time for public comment was allowed.

There being no further business motion by Turnquist to adjourn. Meeting adjourned sine die.


DONALD B. KEITH, CHAIRMAN

MARILYN WINQUIST, CLERK