

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
KEWEENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
September 3, 2008

The official meeting of the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners held September 3, 2008 6:30 P.M. at the Eagle Harbor Township Community Building opened with the pledge of allegiance.

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

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

The minutes of the August 20 meeting stood as read.

The Sheriff report was received.

Jack Hartmann spoke on the efforts being made in trying to stop the VHS fish virus from entering Michigan's Great Lakes and inland waters. He contacted Senator Levin who in turn contacted the Dept. of Agriculture and Coast Guard to see what preventative measures they were taking. Dr. Hand of MTU created a formula for disinfecting the virus on pleasure boats which Michigan Lakes and Streams has a website MLSWA.org on how to make a disinfection station at boat landings, while he continues to work on ship ballast water.

Mike Schira of MSU Cooperative Extension spoke on Project FRESH senior food voucher program and a potential quarantine limiting ash wood movement in response to finding emerald ash borer in Houghton County

Motion by Keith supported by Stubenrauch to adopt a resolution to approve the intergovernmental agreement between Baraga, Gogebic, Houghton, Keweenaw and Ontonagon Counties under the Urban Cooperation Act establishing the Western Upper Peninsula District Health Department. Board polled. Ayes: all. Nays: None. Motion carried. (#2008-9)

Motion by Keith supported by Stubenrauch and unanimously carried to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Mr. Gary M. Barker has resided in Keweenaw County for many years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Barker has served as a volunteer firefighter for Grant Township, Lac LaBelle and Medical First Responder under the County Sheriff for numerous years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Barker was a multi-term Grant Township Board Member; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Barker, Medical First Responder, acting as a Good Samaritan lost his life in service to Keweenaw County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the County Board of Commissioners post humously recognize, commend, and thank Mr. Gary M. Barker for his service to the people of Keweenaw County.

Motion by Keith supported by Stubenrauch to authorize the Chairman to sign an Interlocal Agreement to establish an U. P. 911 Authority. Board polled. Ayes: Eckloff, Langdon, Stubenrauch, Turnquist, Keith. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Time was allowed for public comment.

Motion by Langdon to adjourn. Meeting adjourned sine die.

DONALD B. KEITH, CHAIRMAN

MARILYN WINQUIST, CLERK