

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
KEWEENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
October 17, 2012

The regular monthly meeting of the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners held October 17, 2012, 6:30 p.m. at the Courthouse, Eagle River, MI, opened with the pledge of allegiance.

Commissioners present: Randy Eckloff, Don Piche, Del Rajala. Absent: Ernie Mooney, Frank Stubenrauch.

The meeting was posted in the Courthouse on the bulletin board and the agenda for the meeting was posted on the door of the Courthouse prior to the meeting.

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

Motion by Rajala supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to accept the minutes as presented from the September 19, 2012 regular meeting.

The Treasurer, Sheriff and Mine Inspector reports were available.

Time was allowed for public comment.

Motion by Rajala supported by Eckloff to pay the approved and audited bills in the following amounts: General Fund=\$141,878.32 Construction Codes Fund=\$1,827.49 911 Fund=\$2,677.87 EDC Fund=\$773.76 Law Library=\$265.94 Child Care Fund=\$3,169.69 County Veterans Fund=\$4,127.22 Register of Deeds Automation Fund=\$3,200.000 Medical Care Fund=\$0 Board polled. Ayes: Eckloff, Rajala, Piche. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Rajala supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to adopt the following resolution:  
WHEREAS, the Production Tax Credit (hereafter the "PTC") has led to the creation of 75,000 jobs and over 400 manufacturing plants in 43 states, including 31 manufacturing plants and over 3000 jobs in the state of Michigan;  
WHEREAS, the PTC has fostered an American wind manufacturing sector responsible for 60% of wind turbine parts (up from 25% in 2004);  
WHEREAS, the PTC has led to an over 90% drop in the price of wind power since 1980, benefiting utilities and consumers;  
WHEREAS, the PTC was a major contributing factor in domestic and foreign investment in the US economy of \$10 billion in 2010 alone;  
WHEREAS, the PTC drives energy diversity, energy security and long-term stable energy prices;  
WHEREAS, the US generated 3.25% of its electricity from clean wind energy in the first half of this year, and is capable of producing 20% of U.S. electricity by 2030, which would lead to providing 500,000 American jobs in wind energy;  
WHEREAS, since the PTC's introduction in 1992, the wind industry has faced recurring boom-bust cycles as the PTC was allowed to expire. In the years following expiration, installations dropped between 73 and 93%, with corresponding job losses;  
WHEREAS, the PTC is due to expire at the end of 2012 and wind project developers are not making plans in the US and American manufacturers are not receiving orders. Job layoffs have started already;  
WHEREAS, it is imperative that to save American jobs and manufacturing in the growing wind industry, Congress must pass and the President must sign an extended PTC bill that gives investors, developers and manufacturers confidence in the future of American wind energy;  
NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby declared that Keweenaw County supports and encourages the swift passage of the Federal Production Tax Credit, in support of American wind energy. **(#12-5)**

Motion by Eckloff supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to adopt the following resolution:  
WHEREAS, Michigan Public Act 7 of 1967, Michigan Compiled Laws 124.501 et. Seq., hereinafter referred to as "P.A. 7", provides for the transfer of functions and responsibilities of two or more political subdivisions to a public body Corporate; and  
WHEREAS, the Counties of Baraga, Gogebic, Houghton, Iron, Keweenaw, and Ontonagon have mutually consented to the establishment of the Western Upper Peninsula Alliance under P.A. 7 pursuant to an Interlocal Agreement dated July 1, 2012; and  
WHEREAS, the activities and purposes of the consortium have changed in accordance with changes in and from its funding sources since the adoption of the initial agreement and modification; and  
WHEREAS, the attached, restated Interlocal Agreement reflects the changes in the activities and purposes of the Consortium in accordance with the changes in and from its funding sources;  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Keweenaw County agrees to the attached, Restated Interlocal Agreement of the Western Upper Peninsula Alliance. **(#12-6)**

Motion by Rajala supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to allow Donna Jaaskelainen to accept the at&t proposal with the only possible change being that the amount of money will either be equal to the amount stated in the agreement or more.

Motion by Eckloff supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to reappoint Joe Langdon to the U.P. Fair Board for a 3 year term beginning January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2015.

Motion by Eckloff supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to approve following millage rates for December: Police 0.4988 mills, Veterans Fund 0.0997 mills, Building Repairs 0.5000 mills for a total December levy of 1.0985 mills.

Motion by Rajala supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to accept the Apportionment Report as presented by Elizabeth Anderson.

Motion by Rajala supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to set a budget meeting for Thursday, November 1st at 6:30 p.m. at the Courthouse in Eagle River.

Time was allowed for public comment.

There being no further business, motion by Rajala supported by Eckloff to adjourn at 6:57 p.m. Meeting adjourned sine die.

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Donald Piche, Vice Chairman

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Julie A. Carlson, Clerk