

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
KEWEENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
November 21, 2012

The regular monthly meeting of the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners held November 21, 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, Frank Stubenrauch. Absent: Ernie Mooney.

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 October 17, 2012 regular meeting and the October 24, 2012 and November 1, 2012 budget meetings.

The Treasurer, Sheriff and Mine Inspector reports were available.

Jerry Wuorenmaa was not able to make the meeting as scheduled.

Charlie Hopper from Pasty.net was present to talk about the License Agreement that he presented to the Board back in March that was not acted on. Rajala will meet with Charlie before December's meeting. Motion by Eckloff supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to put the item under Unfinished Business for December.

Scott Dianda came to the Board to say thanks and wanted to meet everyone. Scott is going to all of the counties that he will be representing to talk to them and to let everyone know that he will be in Lansing to work for them. Scott provided his cell phone number for all to use as needed: 906-369-3338.

Time was allowed for public comment.

Motion by Eckloff supported by Rajala to pay the approved and audited bills in the following amounts: General Fund=\$156,042.30 Construction Codes Fund=\$4,314.22 911 Fund=\$4,105.59 EDC Fund=\$1,932.83 Law Library=\$928.94 Child Care Fund=\$0 County Veterans Fund=\$50 Register of Deeds Automation Fund=\$0 Medical Care Fund=\$99.61 Board polled. Ayes: Eckloff, Stubenrauch, Rajala, Piche. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Eckloff supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to enter into the agreement with Copper Country Mental Health Services Board and the Keweenaw County Sheriff Department for the purpose of facilitating transportation of individuals who are Keweenaw County residents beginning on October 1, 2012 and continuing until terminated by one or both parties.

Motion by Eckloff supported by Stubenrauch and unanimously carried to enter into the "Memorandum of Agreement" between Keweenaw County and the Western U.P. Substance Abuse Services Coordinating Agency for continued participation in the Employee Assistance Program.

Motion by Rajala supported by Eckloff to adopt the following resolution confirming intent to restructure revenue bonds for the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge:

WHEREAS, the County of Keweenaw, State of Michigan (the "County"), pursuant to Act 94, Public Acts of Michigan, 1933, as amended, previously issued its \$1,273,000 Revenue Bond, Series 2007, dated January 17, 2007, \$120,000 Revenue Bond, Series 2007B, dated June 15, 2007, and \$410,000 Revenue Bond, Series 2008, dated June 18, 2008 (collectively, the "Revenue Bonds"), for the purpose of paying part of the costs of various capital improvements to facilities commonly known as the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge (the "Facility"); and

WHEREAS, the Revenue Bonds were sold to the United States of America through the U.S.D.A. Rural Development loan program; and

WHEREAS, the revenues derived from operations of the Facility have been insufficient to meet the scheduled principal and interest requirements of the Revenue Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the County and U.S.D.A. office of Rural Development ("Rural Development") have tentatively agreed to restructure the principal and interest requirement of the Revenue Bonds in the manner shown on Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the restructuring plan calls for a payment from the County to Rural Development of past due principal and interest, and after timely payments of restructured principal and interest on May 1, 2013 and November 1, 2013, the memorialization of the restructuring by the parties through the issuance of amended and restated revenue bonds at such time as the parties determined appropriate; and

WHEREAS, Rural Development has requested the county to provide assurances of its intention to implement the proposed restructuring.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT;

1. The County hereby confirms its intention to restructure the Revenue Bonds tentatively as shown on Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof.
2. The County hereby authorizes a payment from the revenues of the Facility to Rural Development in the amount of \$196,444 representing past due principal and interest on the Revenue Bonds.
3. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded

Board polled. Ayes: Eckloff, Stubenrauch, Rajala, Piche. Nays: None. Motion carried. (#12-7)

Motion by Eckloff supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to adopt the following resolution supporting the Zoning Administrator application for a grant for further education:

WHEREAS, Keweenaw County is the smallest county in the State of Michigan with a limited tax base and an ever increasing turnover of taxable lands to non-profit organizations;

WHEREAS, Keweenaw County has maintained a County Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Administrator since 1975;

WHEREAS, in the interest of reducing our risk of litigation in enforcing the zoning ordinance, it is in the best interest of the County to maintain a current, effective and compliant zoning ordinance and to encourage growth and education for the Zoning Administrator as well as the County Planning Commission;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT;

The Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners at its meeting held on November 21, 2012, supports the application to the Par Plan Risk Reduction Grant Program to cover the expenses for the Zoning Administrator to attend the MSU Zoning Administrator Certification Program in St. Ignace on February 18-20, 2013. Motion carried. (#12-8)

Motion by Stubenrauch supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to set the KEDA appropriation at \$500 for 2013.

Motion by Eckloff supported by Stubenrauch and unanimously carried to set a budget meeting for Tuesday, December 11, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. AND a public hearing on December 19, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. to hear public comment on the proposed Keweenaw County General Fund and Special Fund budgets for 2013 all to be held at the Courthouse in Eagle River.

Time was allowed for public comment. Ray Chase brought it to the Board's attention that he had mentioned a couple of months ago that an appraisal needs to be done on Mt. Horace Greeley. Motion by Rajala supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to allow Ray to contact an appraiser and bring back to the Board an estimate of what an appraisal would cost.

There being no further business, motion by Rajala supported by Eckloff supported by Rajala to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Meeting adjourned sine die.

Donald Piche, Vice Chairman

Julie A. Carlson, Clerk