

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
KEWEENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
February 20, 2013

The regular monthly meeting of the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners held February 20, 2013, 6:30 p.m. at the Courthouse, Eagle River, MI, opened with the pledge of allegiance.

Commissioners present: Randy Eckloff, Frank Stubenrauch, Ray Chase, Don Piche, Del Rajala.

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.

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

Motion by Chase supported by Stubenrauch and unanimously carried to accept the minutes as presented from the January 16, 2013 regular monthly board meeting.

The Treasurer, Sheriff and Mine Inspector reports were received.

Aaron Rogers came to the board looking for formal approval for the Copper Harbor Trails Club to use a portion of County property for a trail project with construction beginning this summer. The trail will not interfere with the proposed tower site. Motion by Chase supported by Stubenrauch and unanimously carried to allow the Copper Harbor Trails Club to utilize Keweenaw County property located in Section 31 in Grant Township on the north side of Brockway Mountain Drive for the construction of a bike trail.

Jack Dueweke, emergency coordinator for Houghton and Keweenaw counties, presented White Paper (plans for the Portage Lake Lift Bridge) which was put together by the Portage Lake Lift Bridge Planning Group. This group has met monthly since 2010 and is trying to develop and refine plans for different temporary ways across Portage Lake in case of bridge failure. The most critical short term response is placement of an improvised rim bridge across Portage Lake. The closest IRB (improvised rim bridge) is located in Sault Ste. Marie and controlled by the 1437th Michigan National Guard unit stationed there. The Planning Group would like to see an exercise in which the 1437th would test this rim bridge over Portage Lake but the group has not had success. The best way to mitigate the problem is with construction of a second bridge. Motion by Rajala supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to support the White Paper and the work that the Portage Lake Lift Bridge Planning Group is doing.

Time was allowed for public comment

Motion by Eckloff supported by Stubenrauch to pay the approved and audited bills in the following amounts; General Fund=\$142,896.82 Construction Codes Fund=\$952.95 911 Fund=\$14,749.52 EDC Fund=\$806.96 Law Library=\$349.00 Child Care Fund=\$1,104.00 County Veterans Trust Fund=\$67.60 Register of Deeds Automation Fund=\$0. Board polled. Ayes: Eckloff, Stubenrauch, Chase, Piche, Rajala. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Pasty.net agreement is tabled until the March as there is a meeting scheduled between parties on February 26th.

Motion by Chase supported by Stubenrauch to approve the contract between Keweenaw County and Tom Novascone as the part time Equalization Director at a rate of \$25,000 per year. Lodging and travel will not be paid. Board polled. Ayes: Eckloff, Stubenrauch, Chase, Rajala, Piche. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Eckloff supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to sign the 2013 Keweenaw County Remonumentation individual contracts with Crampton Surveying, Inc and Hein Surveying as presented.

Motion by Chase supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to adopt the following resolution regarding the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge Liquor License:

Resolved that Joseph Waananen is granted limited authority to sign the 2013 Renewal Application for the Liquor License of the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge and Donald Piche, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for Keweenaw County is authorized to execute any and all documents required by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission, and to receive the license/s in lieu of being mailed. (#13-1)

The phone and recording system for the Sheriff Department and the Courthouse is being tabled until March when more information will be available.

Motion by Chase supported by Stubenrauch and unanimously carried to appoint Rajala and Eckloff to interview all candidates that applied for the Houghton/Keweenaw Recreation Authority and to bring back a recommendation to the Board at the March meeting.

The county credit card is also being tabled until March when more information should be available.

Motion by Eckloff supported by Stubenrauch and unanimously carried to concur with the Park Trustees regarding a Forest Harvest Plan for the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge. The trees that will be harvested need to be taken within the next couple of years or they will die. The County will look into ads for bids in the spring for two of the sections at the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge.

Motion by Chase supported by Eckloff to adopt the following resolution for Peninsula Fiber Network:

Whereas, the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners (“Board”) is authorized under Michigan’s Emergency Telephone Service Enabling Act, 1986 PA 32, as amended (“Act”) and under authority provided by its Emergency Telephone Services Plan (“911 Plan”) to make administrative findings regarding among other things, the service suppliers providing 9-1-1 services within the 911 Plan’s Service District;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the board hereby makes an Administrative Finding that Peninsula Fiber Network shall be the primary 9-1-1 service supplier, employing a common network that enables all other service suppliers within the 911 Plan’s Service District to be selectively routed and otherwise access the 9-1-1 system and the primary PSAPs identified in the Plan;

Be It Resolved, that all service suppliers shall cooperate with Peninsula Fiber Network in order to facilitate the switchover to its common network and selective router as required herein;

Be It Further Resolved, that Peninsula Fiber Network is authorized and directed to work with the 911 Plan’s service suppliers, the Michigan Public Service Commission, State 911 Committee and State 911 Director and any other state, federal or local authority in order to effectuate and implement the provisions of this Administrative Finding, including but not limited to the identification for a specific date and time for the switchover to Peninsula Fiber Network’s common network;

Be It Further Resolved, that this Resolution shall augment, supersede, modify or replace any inconsistent prior resolution or motion;

Be It Further Resolved, that the County Clerk shall send a copy of this resolution and its Administrative Findings to each service supplier, PSAP, and emergency service provider within the County. Board polled.

Ayes: Eckloff, Stubenrauch, Chase, Rajala, Piche. Nays: None. Motion carried. (#13-2)

Time was allowed for public comment.

There being no further business motion by Rajala to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Meeting adjourned sine die.

Donald Piche, Chairman

Julie A. Carlson, Clerk