

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
KEWEENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
September 18, 2013

The regular monthly meeting of the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners held September 18, 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 Eckloff and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion by Chase supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to accept the minutes as presented from the August 21, 2013 board meeting.

The Treasurer, Sheriff and Mine Inspector reports were received.

Time was allowed for public comment.

Motion by Rajala supported by Chase to purchase the five year extended warranty on the new boilers for the Courthouse and Jail for the total price of \$1,850. This amount was not included in the original approved amount of \$48,790 to William Hyrkas Plumbing and Heating but it was an option that was overlooked as bids were opened at the July board meeting. Board polled. Ayes: Eckloff, Stubenrauch, Chase, Rajala, Piche. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Chase supported by Eckloff to pay the approved and audited bills in the following amounts; General Fund=\$127,319.91 Construction Codes Fund=\$1,307.46 911 Fund=\$1,261.88 Law Library=\$727.04 Child Care Fund=\$5,509.01 County Veterans Trust Fund=\$0 Register of Deeds Automation Fund=\$0 Courthouse Improvement Fund=\$50,640.00 Board polled. Ayes: Eckloff, Stubenrauch, Chase, Piche, Rajala. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Eckloff supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to reappoint Gerald Vairus to the Department of Human Services Board for the period of 11/1/13 through 10/31/16.

Motion by Chase supported by Rajala to allow the EDC to spend up to \$3,000 on brochures and equipment for holding brochures to market Keweenaw County businesses. Any information gathered for the brochure should also be added to the County website. The brochure should also have the County website address listed on it. Board polled. Ayes: Stubenrauch, Chase, Rajala, Piche. Nays: Eckloff. Motion carried.

Motion by Chase supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to allow Frank Stubenrauch to attend the UPACC Fall Conference and to pay any expenses that are incurred.

The rough draft of the lease agreement with Keweenaw Copper Company for building #50 (aka Motor Pool Building) at Mt. Horace Greeley and the County was reviewed. Some changes will be made by the County Attorney and then the agreement will be presented to Keweenaw Copper Company. If the Copper Company approves the agreement, the Board may hold a special meeting at a later date.

Motion by Eckloff supported by Chase to spend up to \$100 to have the Road Commission work on a new locking system for the storage building at Mt. Horace Greeley. Board polled. Ayes: Eckloff, Stubenrauch, Chase, Rajala, Piche. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

WHEREAS, the County of Keweenaw's Park Fund (Keweenaw Mountain Lodge) had a deficit fund balance on December 31, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Glenn Steil State Revenue Sharing Act of 1971, Public Act 140 of 1971 Section 21(2) states that units of local government that end their fiscal year in a deficit condition requires that a Deficit Elimination Plan be formulated by the local unit of government and filed with the Michigan Department of Treasury; and

WHEREAS, the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners adopted a Deficit Elimination Plan for the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge on June 27, 2013 and submitted it soon thereafter; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Treasury sent a letter dated September 9, 2013 requesting additional information on the Deficit Elimination Plan ID Number 42-0-000; and

WHEREAS, a response was needed to three items before a decision could be made and this resolution deals with item #3 which reads as follow: "3. The response submitted to us on July 30, 2013 says, "The transfer out to the General Fund is not a required transfer and will only be done if by doing so, it does not negatively affect the Unrestricted Net Position by year's end." The 2012 audit shows a transfer of \$45,000 being made to other funds. In addition, the submitted plan shows two more transfers being made to the General Fund for an

additional amount of \$30,000 in the next two years. This did/will have a negative effect on the Unrestricted Net Position. Therefore, please confirm the transfers out will not be made until the Fund has a positive fund balance.”

WHEREAS, the Keweenaw County Board understands that any additional transfers from the Keweenaw Park Fund to the General Fund cannot be made if it negatively affects the Unrestricted Net Position at year end; and THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Keweenaw County Board will not make any transfers between the funds until there is a positive fund balance in the Keweenaw Park Fund.

Board polled. Ayes: Eckloff, Stubenrauch, Chase, Rajala, Piche. Nays: None. Motion carried. (#13-6)

Time was allowed for public comment. There was a question as to whether or not Mt. Horace Greeley is for sale. As of right now, the County Board is trying to negotiate a lease for one of the buildings.

There being no further business, motion by Eckloff to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Meeting adjourned sine die.

Donald Piche, Chairman

Julie A. Carlson, Clerk