

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
KEWEENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
October 15, 2014

The regular monthly meeting of the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners held October 15, 2014, 6:30 p.m. at the Courthouse, Eagle River, MI, opened with the pledge of allegiance.

Commissioners present: Randy Eckloff, Bob DeMarois, Ray Chase, Don Piche, Del Rajala. Absent: None.

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 Chase supported Eckloff and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion by Chase supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to accept the minutes as presented from the September 17, 2014 regular monthly board meeting, the two special meetings regarding the General Manager's contract dated September 24 and October 2, 2014 and the budget meeting dated October 8, 2014.

The Treasurer, Sheriff and Mine Inspector reports were received.

Tim McGuire, Executive Director of Michigan Association of Counties, was a guest at the meeting. He brought the Board up to speed on some of the things MAC has done in the past year and gave out packets of information.

Time was allowed for public comment.

Motion by Eckloff supported by Chase to pay the approved and audited bills in the following amounts: General Fund=\$135,765.92, Construction Codes-\$3,809.53, 911 Fund-\$737.48, Child Care Fund=490.87, Veterans Affairs=\$1,698.04, Law Library=\$710.83, Register of Deeds Automation Fund=\$1,928.00. Board polled. Ayes: Eckloff, DeMarois, Chase, Piche. Nays: None. Abstain: Rajala. Motion carried.

Motion by Chase supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to levy the following County millages for December: Police 0.5000 mills, County Veterans Fund 0.0997, Courthouse and Grounds 0.5000.

Motion by Chase supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to approve the Keweenaw County Apportionment report for 2014 as presented.

Motion by Chase supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to name the Western Upper Peninsula Planning & Development Region (WUPPDR) as the Third Party Administrator for Keweenaw County's MSHDA Single Family Housing Rehabilitation Grant Program.

Motion by Eckloff supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to allow the Chairman to sign a letter requesting that Keweenaw County have a domain name of keweenawcounty.gov.

Motion by Chase supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to adopt the following resolution regarding WUPPDR as grant applicant for 2015 for continued funding of the Western Upper Peninsula Regional Prosperity Collaborative: WHEREAS, Governor Snyder and the Michigan Legislature have created the Regional Prosperity Initiative with the goal of improving organizational collaboration to further economic prosperity; and WHEREAS, in 2014 WUPPDR was awarded funds to form a Regional Prosperity Collaborative to foster greater communication and collaboration among organizations involved in economic development, education workforce development, transportation, and other agencies and organizations, and private business; and WHEREAS, the Western Upper Peninsula Regional Prosperity Collaborative (WUPRPC) was created and is composed of Baraga, Gogebic, Houghton, Iron, Keweenaw and Ontonagon Counties, known as Prosperity Region 1a; and WHEREAS, WUPRPC will submit to the state a five-year regional prosperity plan, including an economic development blueprint, by the end of 2014; and WHEREAS, the State of Michigan enacted legislation in 2014 authorizing and appropriating funds for continuation of the Regional Prosperity Initiative for Fiscal Year 2015; and WHEREAS, only WUPPDR is qualified in the Western Upper Peninsula to receive funding under the Regional Prosperity Initiative; and WHEREAS, WUPPDR has determined it is prudent to continue the Regional Prosperity Collaborative for Fiscal Year 2015 and is preparing to apply for funds to do so. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Keweenaw County hereby supports Western Upper Peninsula Planning and Development Region as the grant applicant for Fiscal Year 2015 funding to continue the Western Upper Peninsula Regional Prosperity Collaborative. (#14-8)

Motion by Chase supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to hold a public hearing to adopt the 2015 budgets for the general fund and all special funds at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 19, 2014 at the Courthouse.

Time was allowed for public comment.

There being no further business motion by Rajala to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. Meeting adjourned sine die.

Donald Piche, Chairman

Julie A. Carlson, Clerk

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