

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
KEWEENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
July 15, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners was held on July 15, 2015, 7:00 p.m. at the Courthouse, Eagle River, MI. The pledge was said at the 6:30 p.m. KML meeting prior.

Commissioners present: Bob DeMarois, Don Piche, Ray Chase, Del Rajala. Absent: Randy Eckloff.

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 DeMarois and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion by Chase supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to accept the minutes from the June 17, 2015 regular monthly board meeting as presented.

The Treasurer, Sheriff and Mine Inspector reports were received.

Time was allowed for public comment.

Paul Putnam from the MSU Extension was present to introduce the Extension's new Coordinator in our area, Christina Mayworm. Christina is interested in reestablishing 4-H in Keweenaw County.

Motion by Rajala supported by Chase to pay the approved and audited bills in the following amounts; General Fund=\$125,513.86 Construction Codes Fund=\$3,889.70 911 Fund=\$1,011.37 Law Library=\$282.91 Child Care Fund/Basic Grant=\$409.54 County Veterans Trust Fund=\$0 Medical Care Fund=\$1,551.24 Courthouse Improvement Fund=\$0. Board polled. Ayes: DeMarois, Chase, Rajala, Piche. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Chase supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to allow Rajala to continue negotiating with at&t regarding the tower lease. The Board was not happy with the proposal so Rajala will contact at&t to tell them what the Board did not like about the proposed lease and to tell them to try again. Rajala will report back to the Board next month.

Steven Fitzgerald, a partner in ShoreWaves, was present to talk to the Board about providing the residents of Keweenaw County with a different internet/phone provider. ShoreWaves has been approached by residents and businesses and ShoreWaves is interested in providing service but needs the assistance of the Board. ShoreWaves would like the Board to approve six tower attachments in total between Mount Horace Greeley and the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge towers gratis for six months. ShoreWaves will get a proposal to the Board and a special meeting will be held to discuss the proposal.

Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to approve spending up to \$750 for sidewalk repairs.

Motion by Chase supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to allow Rajala to get a price on tower inspections for the Mount Horace Greeley and the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge towers.

The health department meetings issue does not need to be discussed by this Board at this time.

The employee policy updates will be added to the August agenda as the Board will meet with employees to discuss updates before decisions are made.

Motion by Chase supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to approve Brownfield members getting paid a per diem of \$25 for each meeting attended. When Brownfield was created, per diems were not paid because it was a federal grant and it was not allowed. Brownfield is not federally funded anymore so per diems are allowed.

Time was allowed for public comment.

There being no further business motion by Chase to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Meeting adjourned sine die.

Donald Piche, Chairman

Julie A. Carlson, Clerk