

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
KEWEENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
April 20, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners was held on April 20, 2016 beginning at 7:00 p.m. following the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge meeting, at the Courthouse, Eagle River, MI.

Commissioners present: Randy Eckloff, Bob DeMarois, Don Piche, Ray Chase. Absent: 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 Chase supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to approve the agenda with the following addition under New Business item g) Appoint Brownfield member.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to accept the minutes from the March 16, 2016 regular monthly board meeting and the March 25, 2016 special meeting as presented.

The Treasurer, Sheriff and Mine Inspector reports were received.

Time was allowed for public comment.

Motion by Chase supported by Eckloff to pay the approved and audited bills in the following amounts; General Fund=\$170,512.80 Construction Codes Fund=\$4,524.39 911 Fund=\$3,063.69 Law Library=\$0 Child Care Fund/Basic Grant=\$5,632.00 County Veterans Trust Fund=\$2,574.00 Medical Care Fund=\$1,209.30 Courthouse Improvement Fund=\$0. Board polled. Ayes: Eckloff, DeMarois, Chase, Piche. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Chase and unanimously carried to table the at&t contract until May.

Motion by Chase supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to opt out of paying the Western Upper Peninsula Consortium bill.

Elizabeth Anderson, Equalization Assistant for Keweenaw County presented the report for County Equalization. Overall, the county's equalized value went up 5%. The CEV (County Equalized Value) went from \$204,350,570 to \$215,041,898. The following rates were adopted as presented:

Motion by DeMarois supported by Chase and unanimously carried to set the commercial CEV at \$10,712,148.

Motion by Eckloff supported by Chase and unanimously carried to set the industrial CEV at \$75,578.

Motion by Chase supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to set the residential CEV at \$196,402,534.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to set the timber cut over at \$2,362,695.

Motion by Chase supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to set the personal CEV at \$5,488,943.

Motion by Chase supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to place the following millage proposal on the August ballot; "Shall the expired previous voted increase in the fifteen mill tax limitation on general ad valorem taxes within the County of Keweenaw, Michigan be renewed at .5 mill (\$.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for the years 2016 through 2019 inclusive for the Courthouse/Jail buildings and grounds improvements, which will raise an estimated \$68,932 in the first year?"

Motion by Chase supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to approve the OHM Professional Services Proposal for the fire escape and carriage house improvements after Piche speaks to OHM about the price.

Motion by Chase supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to appoint DeMarois to the BHK board in place of Rajala.

Motion by Chase supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to adopt the following resolution;

There is a proposal to create a National Marine Sanctuary (NMS) covering portions of Baraga, Houghton, and Keweenaw Counties and thousands of square miles of Lake Superior bottomland. The NMS would be authorized and administered by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). The justifications are to protect historic shipwrecks, historic assets, the fishery (old and current), underwater relics, shoreline features (lighthouses, coast guard stations, geologic formations, including the Lake Superior syncline), communities and docks related to maritime travel and trade, bring additional tourism and recreation, and bring monies for education and research. NOAA would appoint a superintendant to oversee the NMS.

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality currently protects the historic shipwrecks under the Keweenaw Underwater Preserve, which is one of thirteen they manage;

WHEREAS, the Keweenaw National Historic Park manages and protects the historic assets associated with the copper mining industry;

WHEREAS, the Lake Superior fishery is managed by the Great Lakes Fish Commission through the Lake Superior Committee, with an executive and technical committee. These committee's representatives come from the Province

of Ontario, the states of Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin, the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission, and the 1854 Treaty Authority;

WHEREAS, the state of Michigan owns the Lake Superior bottomland, with statutes governing its use;

WHEREAS, the geologic formations, including the Lake Superior syncline, are threatened only by the next volcano or glacier;

WHEREAS, tourism is limited by the infrastructure of Keweenaw County and not the scenic beauty, natural resources, or attractions;

WHEREAS, there are adequate local institutions of higher learning and who conduct research with state and federal lands;

WHEREAS, the taxpayers do not need another layer of government at their expense;

THEREFORE, be it resolved the undersigned members of the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners oppose any form of a National Marine Sanctuary. **(#16-5)**

Motion by Chase supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to allow all board members to sign the above resolution.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to approve the payment request form submitted by WUPPDR for the release of partial funds for the KML Planning Project.

Motion by Eckloff supported by Chase and unanimously carried to approve the memo of understanding between Keweenaw County and the Western UP Substance Abuse Services for substance use service management and service availability from October 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016.

Motion by Chase to appoint Erica Vye as a member of the Brownfield Committee. Motion died for lack of support.

Time was allowed for public comment.

There being no further business motion by DeMarois to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Meeting adjourned sine die.

Donald Piche, Chairman

Julie A. Carlson, Clerk