

PUBLIC HEARING
KEWEENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
June 15, 2016

The Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing on the proposed increase of .0188 mills in the operating tax millage rate to be levied in 2016. Proposed additional millage will increase operating revenues from ad valorem property taxes by \$2,592 over such revenues generated by levies permitted without holding a public hearing. Piche opened the public hearing at 6:00 p.m. beginning with the pledge of allegiance. Piche, Eckloff, DeMarois and Chase were present with Rajala absent. Motion by Chase supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to close the public hearing at 6:05 p.m.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
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The regular monthly meeting of the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners was held on June 15, 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 one addition under New Business, item f) Property Purchase Proposal.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to accept the minutes from the May 18, 2016 regular monthly board meeting as presented.

The Treasurer, Sheriff and Mine Inspector reports were received.

Time was allowed for public comment.

Motion by Chase supported by DeMarois to pay the approved and audited bills in the following amounts; General Fund=\$113,385.17 Construction Codes Fund=\$4,260.99 911 Fund=\$2,525.90 Law Library=\$0 Child Care Fund/Basic Grant=\$860.00 County Veterans Trust Fund=\$0 Medical Care Fund=\$1,000.80 Courthouse Improvement Fund=\$3,398.80. Board polled. Ayes: Eckloff, DeMarois, Chase, Piche. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

Bids for the Courthouse Fire Escape and Carriage House Renovation Project were opened. These were the bids that came in:

B&B Contracting	\$142,500.00
C.M. Morris Group Inc	\$141,800.00
John Coponen Construction	\$103,000.00
Paul Hyrkas Construction	\$108,292.00

Motion by Eckloff supported by Chase and unanimously carried to allow OHM to look over the bids to make sure everything is in order.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Chase and unanimously carried to place the following millage renewal for police protection on the November General Election ballot: "Shall the previous voted increase in the 15 mill tax limitation on general ad valorem taxes within Keweenaw County be renewed at .5 mill (\$.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for the years 2017 through 2020 inclusive for the purpose of police protection, which renewal will raise an estimated \$68,932 in the first year?".

Motion by DeMarois supported by Chase and unanimously carried to adopt the levies as presented in the public hearing, therefore increasing the tax millage rate by .0188 for 2016, providing additional operating revenue from ad valorem property taxes by \$2,592.

Motion by Chase supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to allow the Equalization Director to attend a three day BS&A class that will be held in Eagle River in the amount of \$750.

Motion by Chase supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to allow the Equalization Assistant to also attend the three day BS&A class being held in Eagle River.

Jeff Ratcliffe, Executive Director of KEDA was present to request that the Board appoint a member to the KEDA Board of Directors. KEDA is restructuring the organization to create a broader representation of public and private sector leadership from the region. KEDA Board meetings will be held quarterly.

Motion by supported by and unanimously carried to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS there has been presented to this meeting a desire of the Executives of this County to provide the Employees of this County with the new employee benefits, to wit: a(n) Keweenaw County Health Reimbursement Arrangement, subject to the following terms and conditions and:

WHEREAS, this Board has reviewed the terms of the Plan and finds it is in the best interest and to the benefit of the County to enter into such a Plan for the executive use of employees of this Corporation.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED, that the Board Chairman or other authorized Executive of this County, and each of them, be and hereby is authorized to execute such documents, in the name and on behalf of this County, as necessary to commence the Plan substantially as presented to this Board at this meeting.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that each and every officer of this County be and hereby is authorized in the name and on behalf of the County from time to time to take such actions required or as such officers may deem necessary to enter into agreements with legal, financial, administrative or professional services required and necessary to carry out the desires of this Board and provide the benefits of the Plan to Employees.

THIS RESOLUTION is effective this date, with all present Directors voting affirmatively. (#16-6)

Chase received a request from a resident about purchasing property in the abandoned right of way in Eagle River. He was not sure who owned it, either the county or the township or maybe MDOT.

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