

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
KEWEENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
December 20, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners was held on December 20, 2017 beginning at 7:25 p.m. following the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge meeting, at the Courthouse, Eagle River, MI.

Commissioners present: Bob DeMarois, Sandy Gayk, Don Piche, Jim Vivian, Del Rajala.

Motion by Rajala supported by Gayk and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to accept the minutes from the November 14, 2017 regular monthly meeting and the December 13, 2017 special meeting as presented.

The Treasurer, Sheriff and Mine Inspector reports were received.

Joe Foster was a guest at the meeting and addressed the Board with a Survey and Remonumentation update that was very informative. The survey and remonumentation program began in the 1990's and was required by statute. Each county received money from the state based on a formula. The goal is to resurvey every corner in the state. The original corners in Keweenaw County were done in 1845-1846 so many of them have been lost over time. Keweenaw County has 2,637 corners with 1,237 on Isle Royale. 699 corners are now done in the county. Each year the county representative, Joe Foster is tasked with the paperwork for preparing grant applications for the county to submit to the state and for preparing the progress and completion reports to the state showing what work has been completed. In 2018, Keweenaw County is slated to get \$39,814.

Time was allowed for public comment.

Motion by Rajala supported by Vivian to pay the approved and audited bills in the following amounts; General Fund=\$168,865.73 Construction Codes Fund=\$3,417.27 911 Fund=\$1,455.87 Law Library=\$181.10 CCW Fund=\$122.96 Board polled. Ayes: DeMarois, Gayk, Vivian, Rajala, Piche. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Gayk supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to follow the recommendation of OHM on the Courthouse lighting project and enter into a contract with Keweenaw Power & Lite for the price of \$36,850.

The Board received a letter of resignation from Dr. David Gilbert as the County Medical Examiner. Dr. Gilbert voluntarily served the county in this capacity for 42 years and the county is very grateful for his service and dedication. Dr. Gilbert endorsed Dr. Janice Heikenen for the position and Dr. Heikenen was present at the meeting to discuss options moving forward. There were many options brought up and the Board felt like it would be in the best interest of the county if we had a medical examiner that resides in the county. It was decided that they should take some time to nail down some of the costs of setting up an office for the medical examiner. Motion by Rajala supported by Gayk and unanimously carried to table the medical examiner issue until January.

Motion by Rajala supported by Vivian and unanimously carried to allow the treasurer to transfer \$151,125 from the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge Fund to the County General Fund for appropriations made for the Lodge to open for the 2017 season.

Motion by Rajala supported by Gayk and unanimously carried to approve the recommendations from the Planning Commission regarding the Zoning Ordinance as follows:

**18.5.4 Inspections:** The Zoning Administrator may make as many inspections of buildings or premises as necessary in order to properly carry out the enforcement of this Ordinance or any permit, approval, or condition of a permit or approval, or order under this Ordinance. **M/S to accept the changes to 18.5.4 Richard Schaefer/Dan Steck, James Vivian Abstain, Motion passed.**

**Section 2.3 DEFINITIONS**

**Campground:** A parcel or tract of land under the control of a person, which has established campsites for ~~five (5) or more~~ recreational units such as tents, camper trailers, travel trailers, recreational vehicles, motor homes, or temporary sleeping quarters of any kind. Campsites may be advertised to the public as available either free of charge or for a fee. A campground does not include a seasonal mobile home park, mobile home park, or manufactured housing community licensed under the Mobile Home Commission Act, P.A. 96 of 1987.

**M/S to remove the "five (5) or more." Dan Steck / Barry Koljonen, James Vivian Abstain, Motion passed.**

**10.12.4 Campgrounds and RV Parks:** Campgrounds and RV Parks are allowed by Special Use in AG, RR, RS1, RS-2, and TR Districts when in conformance with the following requirements:

A. In RS-1 and RS-2, campgrounds shall be a minimum of 2 acres. In AG, RR, and TR campgrounds shall be a minimum of 10 acres. Developments shall comply with the provisions of Act 368 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended, and with the following:

1. Management headquarters, recreational facilities, toilets, showers, laundry facilities and other uses and structures customarily incidental to the operation of a campground are permitted as accessory uses in the districts in which campgrounds are allowed, provided that:

- a) Such establishments and the parking area primarily related to their operations shall not occupy more than ten percent (10%) of the area of the park.
- b) Such establishments shall present no visible evidence of their commercial character which would attract customers other than occupants of the park.

12/14/17 Strike b, totally, move c to b. **M/S Jon Soper /Steve Siira, Vivian abstain, Motion passed.**

2. No space shall be so located that any part intended for occupancy is within one hundred (100) feet for a 10 acres campground, twenty (20) feet for a 2 acres campground of neighboring structures and is buffered for sound as provided in Section 15.4.

3. In addition to meeting the above requirements the site plan shall be subject to the review and approval of the Health Department.

4. Storage areas for unoccupied travel trailers, motor homes and similar units may be allowed as an accessory use in designated areas.

5. Lighting shall meet the requirements of Section 15.2 and signage shall meet the requirements of Article XVI. **M/S to accept the changes as presented, including a 2 acre minimum for RS1 and RS2, removing the word primarily in 1b, and changing right with conditions to special use. Jon Soper / Steve Siira, James Vivian Abstain, Motion passed.**

Motion by Gayk supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to reappoint Bill Griffin to the Brownfield Committee term ending 12/31/2020 and Wesley Aho to the County Veterans Affairs Board term ending 12/31/2020.

Motion by Rajala supported by Vivian and unanimously carried (DeMarois abstained) to approve the Union Agreement with the Keweenaw County Deputy Sheriff's Association represented by POAM. Changes made to the contract were that longevity was defined as \$41.60 per year and there was also a 3% raise beginning December 1, 2017.

Motion by Rajala supported by Gayk and unanimously carried to adopt the resolution for the MERS Defined Contribution Plan on behalf of the County Prosecutor. This plan is being created in place of the Defined Benefit Plan that the Prosecutor currently has with the county. (#17-11)

Motion by Gayk supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to approve the MERS Defined Contribution Plan Adoption Agreement as presented on behalf of the County Prosecutor.

Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to approve the following budget amendments:

	Board of Commissioners	Date	Amount	Fund	Class
BLD & GDS	SD Renovation REJohnson	10/18/2017	\$ 4,500		
BLD & GDS	OHM Arch & Eng for Sheriff Office Renovat	3/15/2017	\$ 15,900		
BLD & GDS	MTG Window Covering REJohnson	10/18/2017	\$ 1,900		
General Fund	increase budget for wages	5/17/2017	\$ 29,200	101	301
General Fund	Increase Sheriff and Undersheriff Salary	5/17/2017	\$ 4,500	101	301
General Fund	increase road patrol	5/17/2017	\$ 62,000	101	301
General Fund	ORV Budget	4/19/2017	\$ 9,500	101	334
General Fund	Renovation to Sheriff Office Renovation	8/16/2017	\$ 7,000	101	351
General Fund	Bid for Survey Clearwater	4/19/2017	\$ 12,400	101	685
General Fund	WUPPDR Rec Plan	5/17/2017	\$ 3,000	101	724
	Previous 2017 amendments		\$ 149,900		
General Fund	Audit	12/20/2017	\$ 5,000	101	223
General Fund	Other GG Misc	12/20/2017	\$ 18,000	101	290
General Fund	Compudyne (977)	12/20/2017	\$ 40,000	101	290
General Fund	Sheriff Dept (977)	12/20/2017	\$ 8,000	101	301
General Fund	Marine Patrol	12/20/2017	\$ 2,200	101	331
General Fund	K-9	12/20/2017	\$ 15,600	101	338
General Fund	Jail (977)	12/20/2017	\$ 15,000	101	351
General Fund	Workers Comp	12/20/2017	\$ 5,500	101	871
	December Amendments for 2017		\$ 109,300		
	total amendments for 2017		\$ 259,200		

Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to authorize the County Clerk (as the County's Chief Financial Officer) to make budget transfers between accounts and between activities without increasing the total board authorized fund expenditures. The allowed transfers must be subsequently submitted to the County Board for approval. This is in accordance with the State's Uniform Budgeting Act.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to adopt the following resolution opting out of PA 152:

WHEREAS, on September 27, 2011, P.A. 152 of 2011, an act to limit a public employer's expenditures for employee medical benefits plans, became immediately effective; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners have reviewed the requirements of that Act; and

WHEREAS, in keeping with the County's established, long-range budgeting practices that actively balance the interests of taxpayers and County employees, and in keeping with the long-established practice of Keweenaw County employees working with the County to defray escalating costs associated with employees' medical benefit plans and having made wage and salary concessions; and

WHEREAS, Section 8 of Act 152 authorizes a local unit of government, defined to include a county government, upon a 2/3 vote of the governing body, to exempt itself from the requirements of the Act for the next succeeding year; and

WHEREAS, by exempting itself under Section 8 of Act 152 for calendar year 2018, Keweenaw County is allowed prudent time to continue making changes over time that yield significant reductions in health care costs in a manner that is fair to both taxpayers and employees; and

WHEREAS, exempting Keweenaw County from Act 152 for calendar year 2018 is equitable considering that Keweenaw County's employees have already demonstrated by their actions a continuing willingness to fairly share in the burden of meeting the significant economic challenges associated with Michigan's long recession; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that acting pursuant to the authority granted a county under Section 8 of Act 152, the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby exempts Keweenaw County government from the requirements of P.A. 152 of 2011 for calendar year 2018. (#17-10)

Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to approve the 2018 Survey and Remonumentation Grant Application as prepared by Joe Foster of Crampton Surveying.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Gayk and unanimously carried to set the county mileage rate at \$.54 per mile for 2018.

Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to amend the sheriff budget as follows: In August, a \$1,500 donation was received for a taser of which \$1,400 was spent and in November, a donation of \$2,500 was received. So, \$2,600 is unspoken for and will go into the K-9 Fund which will bring the department a step closer to purchasing a vehicle for the K-9 squad. This amendment brings the department a step closer in securing the correct type of vehicle for the K-9. The fund is approximately \$9,000 away from having enough donations to purchase a vehicle.

Motion by Gayk supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to approve the two contracts with Robert Mikesch. The contracts are for preparing the 2017 financial statements and also for assisting the new treasurer with necessary yearend adjustments and closing accounting entries for 2017.

Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to allow the sheriff department to solicit bids for a K-9 vehicle.

Time was allowed for public comment.

There being no further business, motion by Gayk to adjourn at 9:05 p.m. Meeting adjourned sine die.

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Donald Piche, Chairman

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Julie A. Carlson, Clerk