

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
KEWEENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
April 18, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners was held on April 18, 2018, 7:00 p.m. at the Courthouse, Eagle River, MI, immediately following the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge meeting.

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

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

Motion by Vivian supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to approve the minutes from the March 21, 2018 regular monthly meeting and the April 9, 2018 and April 17, 2018 special meetings as written.

The Treasurer, Sheriff, and Mine Inspector reports were received.

Time was allowed for public comment.

Motion by Gayk supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried (Rajala abstained) to pay the approved and audited bills in the following amounts; General Fund = \$194,846.83 Construction Codes = \$1,257.32 911 Fund = \$7,276.92 Child Care Fund = \$1,896.00 Courthouse Improvement Fund = \$150.00 Appropriation to Keweenaw Mountain Lodge = \$10,000.00 Board polled. Ayes: DeMarois, Gayk, Vivian, Piche. Abstain: Rajala. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to table the MasTec and Black & Veatch at&t mobility upgrade until June.

Motion by Rajala supported by Vivian and unanimously carried to approve the agreement with Pasty.net which says that there will be an exchange for service with Pasty.net providing internet service and the County providing tower space with no money exchanging hands. Pasty.net would be required to supply their own power to each tower site. The contract will be presented to Pasty.net for approval.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Gayk and unanimously carried to table the water pumps at Gratiot Lake until May.

Motion by Gayk supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to appoint Jon Soper to the Tax Advisory Committee as the County member at large.

Bids for the Sheriff Office Exterior Project were received and opened on April 17, 2018. At that meeting, only the base bids were read. Here is a complete list of the bidders, the base bid, the Alternate 1 bid and a total bid. The alternate bid was for tuck pointing the chimney.

Contractor	Base Bid	Alternate 1	Total Bid
John Coponen Construction	\$58,000	\$2,800	\$60,800
Paul Hyrkas Construction	\$78,745	\$1,700	\$80,445
Ronald Hyrkas Construction	\$84,480	\$600	\$85,080
LR Contracting, Inc	\$88,740	\$2,500	\$91,240
Robert E Johnson Contracting Inc	\$88,800	\$950	\$89,750
MJO Contracting, Inc	\$97,000	\$5,600	\$102,600

OHM Advisors took the bids and reviewed them and recommended that the County enter into a contract with John Coponen Construction including the alternate 1 for a total contract price of \$60,800. Motion by Vivian supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to follow OHM's recommendation and enter into the contract with John Coponen Construction for the price of \$60,800.

Elizabeth Anderson, Equalization Director for Keweenaw County presented the report for County Equalization. Overall, the county's equalized value went up 1.02%. The CEV (County Equalized Value) went from \$220,572,719 to \$222,846,437. The following rates were adopted as presented:

Motion by Vivian supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to set the commercial CEV at \$11,035,882.

Motion by Gayk supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to set the industrial CEV at \$75,044.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Gayk and unanimously carried to set the residential CEV at \$203,919,716.

Motion by Gayk supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to set the timber cut over at \$2,439,277.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to set the personal CEV at \$5,376,518.

Motion by Rajala supported by Gayk and unanimously carried to approve the following wording for veteran's millage proposal to appear on the August Primary ballot. This will be a new proposal because the scope of how the money can be spent is broadened compared to the expiring veteran's millage. The wording is as follows: "For the purposes of providing support and assistance services to veterans directly and through a multi-county Department of Veteran's Affairs, sponsoring veterans activities, and honoring veterans through memorials, shall the Constitutional limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution upon the total amount of general ad valorem taxes which may be levied by Keweenaw County be increased, and shall the County be authorized to levy and additional .1 mill (10 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value) for each of the years 2019 through 2028 (10 years inclusive)? If approved, this new millage will raise an estimated \$14,595 in the first year the millage is levied."

Motion by Rajala supported by Gayk and unanimously carried to allow Vivian and DeMarois to attend the UPACC Spring Conference at the Island Resort & Casino in Harris, MI on May 10th-11th.

Time was allowed for public comment.

There being no further business, motion by Rajala to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Donald Piche, Chairman

Julie A. Carlson, Clerk