

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
KEWEENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
October 16, 2019

The regular meeting of the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners held on October 16, 2019 beginning at 6:30 p.m., at the Courthouse, Eagle River, MI opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting was posted on the door of the Courthouse and on the County website.

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

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

There was no public comment.

Commissioners reported on their committee meetings.

Motion by Gayk supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to approve the September 18, 2019 regular monthly meeting minutes and the October 9, 2019 budget meeting minutes as written.

The following reports were available: Sheriff, Treasurer and Mine Inspector.

Motion by Rajala supported by Gayk to pay the approved and audited bills in the following amounts; General Fund=\$172,364.64 Construction Codes Fund=\$3,276.22 911 Fund=\$37,373.05 Child Care Fund=\$375.46 Medical Care Fund=\$1,701.36 Veterans Affairs=\$9,732.54 Register of Deeds Automation Fund=\$3,651.00 Board polled. Ayes: DeMarois, Gayk, Vivian, Rajala, Piche. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Rajala supported by Vivian and unanimously carried to accept the 2019 Apportionment Report as presented.

Motion by Gayk supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to advertise for a full-time custodian position with Vivian and Piche to meet to come up with qualifications and a job description prior to any advertising.

Motion by Rajala supported by Gayk and unanimously carried to accept Ricky Thomas' letter of retirement with deepest gratitude for his years of service to Keweenaw County. His retirement will be effective 2/1/2020.

Motion by Vivian supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to adhere to the original agreement with Pasty.net to have their own meter on the new power rack at the Sheriff Department. Anyone who seeks to go on any county owned tower will be required to have their own power meter. Pasty had a new power service put in last year at the Sheriff Department but after electrical upgrades took place this year, the power service is now obsolete and needs to be upgraded. Pasty had requested that they be allowed to pay the county \$50 per month to plug into our outlet and offered to put an in-line watt meter to monitor usage.

Motion by Rajala supported by Vivian and unanimously carried to approve the \$500 reward for the arrest and conviction of anyone defacing, removing, damaging or littering on County property and to allow the purchase of more signs with this information on along with the Sheriff Department phone # on the bottom. These signs would be put up at the Gratiot River Park and at Mount Horace Greeley.

Motion by Gayk supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to allow the treasurer to base the budget on the trend of the last couple of years therefore using historical numbers vs worst case scenarios that may have been used in the past. This form of the budget may require more budget amendments throughout the year, but it will allow the Board to know more accurately where they are at.

The township supervisors were invited to the meeting to speak for their township residents and the township boards concerning the proposed ORV ordinances. Four of the five townships were present. Ken Stigers from Grant Township spoke first and said that their meetings were not well attended but he had spoken to some business owners and his feeling was that Grant Township would be in favor of both ordinances. Rich Probst from Eagle Harbor Township spoke and said that they had their meeting last Monday and the meeting was very well attended. It is his feeling and the Eagle Harbor Township Board's feeling that they are not in favor of the ordinances as currently written. Mark Aho from Allouez

Township was present and said that they have not discussed this as a board, but he feels that there will be no strong opinions. Aho did have concerns about Allouez Township being the border township to Houghton County where ORV's are allowed on the roads. Mel Jones from Houghton Township spoke last and said that they had not discussed this as a Board, but it is his intention to have it on the agenda next Monday. He did say that he had heard some negative discussion regarding the ordinances.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Gayk and unanimously carried to approve the agreement with the Great Lakes Recovery Center for the Employee Assistance Program effective 10/1/19 to 9/30/20.

Motion by Gayk supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to redeem the \$250,000 General Fund CD allowing it to be put into the pooled account under the Revolving Tax Fund.

Time was allowed for public comment.

There being no further business, motion by Rajala to adjourn at 7:21 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Donald Piche, Chairman

Julie A. Carlson, Clerk