

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
SPECIAL MEETING via ZOOM
KEWEENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
June 2, 2020

A special meeting of the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners held via ZOOM due to COVID 19 on June 2, 2020 beginning at 11:00 a.m., at the Courthouse, Eagle River, MI.

The special meeting was posted on the door of the Courthouse and on the County website. Due to COVID 19, the Zoom information was posted on the website which allowed the public to attend.

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

The meeting was called to discuss the Juvenile Officer/Probate Register position. Due to the coronavirus, Kermit's Keweenaw Kids cannot operate at its full potential which led to the discussion of whether the Juvenile Officer could be put on furlough. The Juvenile Officer and the Probate Judge had discussion prior to the meeting with a committee of the commissioners to see if this was an option and everyone felt that it was.

There was discussion about the grant that funds the Kermit's Keweenaw Kids program. Some of the grant has been spent with the ski passes at Mont Ripley and there is also the component of Youth Employment that can still be used by the program. Prior to this meeting, the Probate Judge and the Juvenile Officer had decided that the program should not run as normal because of COVID 19.

Motion by Gayk supported by Vivian to put the Juvenile Officer/Probate Register on furlough as of Monday, June 8, 2020 with the following bullet points as a part of this motion:

- The Juvenile Officer/Probate Register would work up to two days a week (not to exceed 2 days per week or 56 hours/month)
- The Juvenile Officer/Probate Register would apply for unemployment. This situation will be revisited with a special meeting of the Board of Commissioners on Thursday, July 23, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.
- A furlough is time off from work with benefits. That means that The Juvenile Officer/Probate Register health insurance and dental would continue to be funded in part by the county during this time.
- The Juvenile Officer/Probate Register has earned vacation time and has approximately 4 weeks left that would need to be used by November. This time would be frozen until further notice. Sick time would also be frozen.
- MERS retirement- The Juvenile Officer/Probate Register would continue to receive service credit for the time of the furlough (MERS said this can be done because of COVID)
- The Juvenile Officer/Probate Register will continue to pay the 10% of her current premium for health insurance

Board polled. Ayes: Gayk, Vivian, Rajala, Piche. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Gayk supported by Vivian to allow the Sheriff to purchase a tonneau cover for the new patrol truck which will be reimbursed by the ORV grant in the amount of \$615. Board polled. Ayes: Gayk, Vivian, Rajala, Piche. Nays: None. Motion carried.

County committees should not be meeting yet due to the virus.

The regular monthly Board meeting for June will be held via Zoom again.

The Board wanted to thank the Juvenile Officer Kathy McEvers for her willingness to work with the county during these strange times.

There being no further business, motion by Gayk to adjourn at 11:55 a.m. Meeting adjourned.

Donald Piche, Chairman

Julie Carlson, Clerk