

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
KEWEENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
July 21, 2010

The regular monthly meeting of the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners held July 21, 2010, 6:30 p.m. at the Courthouse, Eagle River, MI, opened with the pledge of allegiance.

Commissioners present: Randy Eckloff, Frank Stubenrauch, Don Keith, Carol Rose Fouts, Joe Langdon.

Motion by Stubenrauch supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to accept the agenda with the following additions: Under Unfinished Business e) Medical Care contract Under New Business c) State Fair Board request d) Request from DNRE for meeting at Keweenaw Mountain Lodge

The minutes from June 16, 2010 stood as presented.

The Treasurer, Sheriff and Mine Inspector reports were received.

Time was allowed for public comment.

A group of concerned citizens from Bumbletown presented a written statement signed by 21 residents complaining about the horses, the electric fence and the trucking/excavating business being run from a residence in Bumbletown. The group of neighbors has gone to a variety of places on many levels asking for help with the situation but to no avail. They asked if there were violations and they asked for help, answers, peace, solitude and fresh air. Langdon will meet with the Zoning Administrator tomorrow, they will visit the area and this will be put on the agenda for the Planning Commission meeting next Tuesday. Keith requested that a written report be brought back to this board for the August meeting.

Motion by Keith supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to allow the chairman to sign the contract with Robert Crampton as the Survey and Remonumentation Administrator as soon as it is available from Donna Jaaskelainen.

Bob Black was present to discuss the proposed resolution for the snowmobile/ORV trail sticker program. This program is for reciprocity for Wisconsin and Michigan counties that border each other. The goal is to get all of the U.P. counties to pass the resolution.

Ray Chase was not present as a guest but Langdon reported that Mt. Horace Greeley was moving along better than anticipated and that there is now a secured ORV trail from Calumet to Copper Harbor which allows Keweenaw County to be able to advertise such trail.

Mike Schira from MSU Extension said that the FRESH program is available to seniors, 60+ who meet the guidelines. Vouchers are available for fresh fruit and veggies at participating farm markets.

Carol Rose Fouts had an open invitation to the community to meet on Thursday, August 5th at Horizons School in Mohawk. The purpose for the meeting is for community input on how to keep Keweenaw Krayon's doors open after Carol's retirement.

Bob Black introduced himself as a candidate for State Representative, 110th District. He gave some background information and some endorsements he received.

The resolution for the Snowmobile/ORV Trail Sticker program will be put under Unfinished Business for August as the board requested that Ray Chase have a chance to review it.

Motion by Stubenrauch supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to adopt the following resolution:
WHEREAS, UPCAP, which serves as the U.P. Area Agency on Aging, has developed and is operating under a Multi-Year (FY 2010-2012) Area Plan that provides funding for programs for services to older adults in the Upper Peninsula; and
WHEREAS, the Multi-year Area Plan has been approved by all 15 counties of the Upper Peninsula; and
WHEREAS, the U.P. Area Agency on Aging is required to submit an Annual Implementation Plan which updates the Multi-Year Plan; and
WHEREAS, the UPCAP Board of Directors unanimously approved the proposed, updated Annual Implementation Plan; and
WHEREAS, each U.P. county is represented by a county official on the UPCAP Board of Directors; and
WHEREAS, the Annual Implementation Plan also requires review by individual county boards.
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners has received and hereby supports the U.P. Area Agency on Aging FY 2011 Annual Implementation Plan.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be submitted to UPCAP and placed on file. (#10-4)

Motion by Stubenrauch supported by Fouts to pay the approved and audited bills in the following amounts; General Fund=\$149,960.01 Construction Codes Fund=\$212.69 911 Fund=\$19,578.05 EDC=\$2,753.66 Law Library=\$106.46 Child Care Fund=\$691.88 County Veterans Trust Fund=\$50.00 Register of Deeds Automation Fund=\$20,500.00. Board polled. Ayes: Eckloff, Stubenrauch, Keith, Fouts, Langdon. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Pay scales and job descriptions will be requested and worked on. The budget process will also begin.

Motion by Keith supported by Stubenrauch and unanimously carried to pay \$117 for the KEDA dues for the Department of Human Services. Baraga and Houghton County have agreed to each pay one third also.

Langdon stated that the Road Commission is in the process of making a new Smokey the Bear sign that was stolen last year. They have ordered the decals. As far as the Road Commission knows, the sign belongs to the DNR.

Clerk will check with Computer Mechanix about storage of computer information off site. Computers are being installed right now. This will be placed under Unfinished Business for August.

The Medical Care Facility contract was looked at by Donna Jaaskelainen and Langdon and a better understanding of the contract is all that was needed to clear up questions.

The EDC passed a unanimous resolution that County offices have email addresses on the website and voice mail. Email addresses will be put on the website if they are not already on there. As for voice mail, with the Courthouse phone system, it would be cost prohibitive at this time.

Superior Watershed Partnership and Land Trust will be put under unfinished business for August. Keith will make phone calls regarding questions.

Motion by Eckloff supported by Stubenrauch and unanimously carried to pay \$100 for the motel for the overnight stay for Langdon as the UP State Fair County representative.

The DNRE would like to hold a fall meeting at the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge. Keith will talk to Ms. Bjorn regarding this matter.

Time was allowed for public comment.

There being no further business motion by Stubenrauch to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned sine die.

Joseph Langdon, Chairman

Julie A. Carlson, Clerk