

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
KEWEENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
January 20, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners held January 20, 2016, 7:18 p.m. at the Courthouse, Eagle River, MI, immediately following the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge meeting.

Commissioners present: Randy Eckloff, Bob DeMarois, Don Piche, Ray Chase, Del Rajala.

The organizational meeting was called to order by the Clerk. Clerk opened the floor for nominations for a chairman. Rajala nominated Piche for chairman. Clerk asked for further nominations and there being none, motion by Rajala supported by Chase to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Piche as Chair for 2016. Chair Piche took over leading the meeting.

Chairman Piche opened the floor for nominations for vice chairman. DeMarois nominated Eckloff for vice chair. Piche asked for further nominations and there being no further nominations, motion by DeMarois supported by Rajala to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Eckloff as Vice Chairman for 2016.

Motion by Rajala seconded by Chase and unanimously carried to hold Keweenaw Mountain Lodge meetings at 6:15 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month followed by the official County board meetings at 7:00 p.m. at the Courthouse in Eagle River.

Motion by Chase supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to have Chairman Piche appoint commissioners to the following committees (same as 2015):

Economic Development	Piche	Historic Hiway/Byway	DeMarois
Building & Grounds	Piche	911 Committee	Rajala
Human Services	Piche	MSU Extension	Piche
Manpower Consortium	Eckloff/DeMarois	KEDA	Piche
Health Department	Rajala/DeMarois	Head Start	Rajala
UP Resource Conservation	Rajala	Finance/Budget	Piche
US Port Authority	None-Ron Lahti	Road Commission	Piche
UPCAP	Chase	TriCounty Corrections	Rajala
Planning Commission	Chase	WUPPDR	Chase/DeMarois
Substance Abuse	Eckloff	Mental Health	Eckloff
Community Action	Piche	Resolutions	Full Board
Keweenaw Mountain Lodge	Full Board	UP Fair Authority	Langdon
Freedom of Information	Eckloff	Ground/Grounds Care	Piche
Veterans Affairs	Rajala	Brownfield	Chase
Building Codes	Eckloff	Liaison to Sheriff Dept	Rajala

Motion by Chase supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to designate the following as depositories for County funds: River Valley, Range, Superior National and First Merit Banks.

Motion by Rajala supported by Chase and unanimously carried to accept the agenda as printed.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to accept the minutes as presented from the December 16, 2015 regular monthly board meeting.

The Treasurer, Sheriff and Mine Inspector reports were received.

Time was allowed for public comment.

Donna Moilanen, Houghton County Community Corrections Coordinator came to the Board asking for a portion of her salary to be funded by Keweenaw County as the grants that used to fund the community corrections program are no longer. The portion is based on a percentage of her wages and once figured out would equate to approximately four hours per month which would be about \$2,000 per year. Motion by Chase supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to fund this amount to allow the community corrections program to continue.

Motion by Eckloff supported by DeMarois to pay the approved and audited bills in the following amounts; General Fund=\$166,003.01 Construction Codes Fund=\$3,189.19 911 Fund=\$3,544.53 Law Library=\$945.31, Child Care Fund=\$0 County Veterans Trust Fund=\$47.00 Medical Care Fund=\$1,251.00. Board polled. Ayes: Eckloff, DeMarois, Chase, Rajala, Piche. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Chase supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to table at&t until February.

Motion by Rajala supported by Chase and unanimously carried to table the Western U.P. Consortium Pension bill until further information is available.

Motion by Chase supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to table the decision on the next project for the Courthouse/Grounds until February.

Motion by Rajala supported by Chase and unanimously carried to approve the contract with TopComp for providing digital mapping services to the County for \$1,250. The contract is the same as last year.

Motion by Eckloff supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to amend the 911 budget as requested for the following amounts: 2015 budget increase by \$456 in payroll, 2016 increase in payroll by \$510, increase in Capital Outlay from \$25,000 to \$250,000.

Motion by Chase supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to accept the Michigan Township Participating Plan regarding Par-Plan Property & Liability Package with option # 2 to be added which would include increasing non-monetary suit defense cost endorsement up to \$2 million for an additional \$340.

Time was allowed for public comment.

There being no further business motion by Rajala to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Meeting adjourned sine die.

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Donald Piche, Chairman

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Julie A. Carlson, Clerk