

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
KEWEENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
September 8, 2017

A special meeting of the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners was held on September 8, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. at the Courthouse, Eagle River, MI and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. This special meeting was called to discuss a nonbinding letter of intent that the County received for the purchase of the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge.

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

The meeting was posted in the Courthouse on the bulletin board and on the door of the Courthouse on Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at 2:30 p.m.

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

The County received a nonbinding letter of intent from James R. Henderson, CEO/President of UPER Hospitality Management LLC and adoba Hotels for the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge for the full asking price of \$1,500,000.

Mr. Henderson was given the opportunity to tell the Board about himself and what he has done prior to being interested in the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge. His experience is extensive. Mr. Henderson purchased a 22-unit hotel in Naubinway, MI and remodeled it and reopened as adoba. He has also purchased a hotel in Gladstone and will be closing on another in Sault Ste Marie shortly. Mr. Henderson loves the historical aspect of the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge and would like to create a brand across the Upper Peninsula of adoba. adoba has a robust platform of technology that will be used with a great reservation system. His long-term goal is to keep the shell of the buildings and renovate the inside. He also spoke about keeping his brand sustainable for decades to come and to be green wherever he can.

Another nonbinding letter of intent was received prior to the meeting with a couple more expected soon.

Time was allowed for public comment.

There being no further business motion by Rajala to adjourn at 3:40 p.m. Meeting adjourned sine die.

Donald Piche, Chairman

Julie A. Carlson, Clerk