

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
KEWEENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
August 18, 2021

The regular meeting of the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners held on August 18, 2021, 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.

Commissioner's present: Bob DeMarois, Randy Eckloff, Don Piche, Del Rajala. Absent: Jim Vivian.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to accept the agenda with the addition under New Business: item h) Liquor Tax Funds Request on behalf of the County PA2 Funds.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to approve the July 21, 2021, regular monthly meeting minutes as written.

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

Public comment was offered, there was none.

Motion by Eckloff supported by DeMarois to pay the approved and audited bills in the following amounts; General Fund=\$161,998.90 Construction Codes Fund=\$4,374.30 911 Fund=\$10,555.83 Pistol Permit Fund = \$175.61 Child Care Fund=\$335.41 Kermit's Fund = \$266.85 Veterans Affairs=\$17,986.57 Board polled. Ayes: DeMarois, Eckloff, Rajala, Piche. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mark Hannula, county insurance agent, was present to speak about the liability insurance on the bike trails in Copper Harbor. Mr. Hannula said that the Copper Harbor Trails Club (CHTC) needs to have something in place prior to the big event that takes place over Labor Day weekend. Hannula said the risk control department is very concerned. Hannula asked CHTC, Nathan Miller to get the quotes that they receive to him as soon as possible so that he can review them. Motion by Rajala supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to require the CHTC to obtain a \$5 liability insurance policy by September 1st or close the trails that are on county property.

The Board did concur with the Planning Commission that Wilding, LLC is in compliance with the Zoning Ordinance regarding Article 20 Section 7 Findings of Fact required for the request for zoning as well as the Basis for Determination and general standards and article 10 section 12.4 Campgrounds and RV Parks. Motion by DeMarois supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to approve the zoning change from M-1 to RS-2.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to approve the application for a Special Use Permit from Wilding, LLC/Ahmeek Coppermine Camp, LLC for a campground and RV park with the following condition-the Site plan shall be made available after the approval through the health department and EGLE.

Motion by Rajala supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to adjust the Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Inspector rate from \$50 per permit to \$75 and to make this rate retroactive to the first permit of 2021.

Motion by Eckloff supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to amend the prosecutor budget in the amount of \$5,000 for part time assistance.

Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to approve the following budget amendments:

Revenue Amendments to the General Fund

From	To	Change	Account	Description
10,000	150	-9,850	101-448	Tax Collection Fee now part of DTRF
0	10,650	10,650	101-673	Sale of Old Patrol Boat
0	18,096	18,096	101-528	Final Payment of 2020 CARES Grant
3,000	1,300	-1,700	101-664	Interest Earned on Bank Accounts

From	To	Change	Account	Description
27,317	54,634	27,317	101-560	CJO Grant, 2020 & 2021 Combined
	TOTAL	44,513		

Expense Amendments to the General Fund

From	To	Change	Account	Description
12,550	27,000	14,450	101-708	Health Insurance Allowance
0	1,600	1,600	101-974	Gratiot River Improvements
0	10,650	10,650	101-976	Outfit Boat with Old Boat Proceeds
0	18,250	18,250	101-977	SeaDoo Watercraft
	TOTAL	44,950		

Motion by Eckloff supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to adjust the following positions to increase efficiency and productivity:

The 911/Building Codes Assistant/Zoning/Equalization Assistant will go to 3 days per week with the following positions to move out of the office-911 will go the Sheriff Department, Building Codes Assistant was posted internally with one person who was interested. Both components will move out of the Equalization office. The position will be 3 days per week with Zoning/Planning and assisting in the Equalization office to be the focus. 3/5 of the salary will be given with hospitalization/HRA, MERS, sick/vacation time to continue, extra 2 weeks of vacation to continue for Zoning with pro-rated hours. The Equalization office will be the backup for the Building Codes Assistant by accepting permits, money and answering questions if that person is unavailable. Since there will be two part time positions in the Equalization office, whomever works on Monday, if that Monday is a holiday, they will work another day during the week and other holidays will be observed as they fall. This will be effective on September 1, 2021.

Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to support the sheriff department as they begin to look at a countywide search and rescue team. This is in the exploratory phase for now.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to approve the increase in salary for the Juvenile Officer after the required certifications were obtained. The increase of \$2,000 will be added to the salary and will be prorated for the rest of 2021.

Motion by Eckloff supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to approve the request from 97th/98th District Court for Soberlinks to NorthCare Network for the Keweenaw County PA 2 Substance Abuse funds in the amount of \$4,140.

Time was allowed for public comment.

There being no further business, motion by Rajala to adjourn at 7:16 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Donald Piche, Chairman

Julie Carlson, Clerk