

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
KEWEENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
August 17, 2022

The regular meeting of the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners held on August 17, 2022, at 6:30 p.m., at the Courthouse in Eagle River, MI and on Zoom, opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting was posted on the door of the Courthouse and on the Website.

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

Motion by Eckloff supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to remove item "c", Discuss rent with Allouez Township, under New Business and add "g" Apply EGLE Grant and "h" Starlink Internet. The agenda was adopted with these changes.

Motion by Eckloff supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to approve the July 20, 2022, regular monthly meeting minutes as written.

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

There were no guests.

Time was allowed for public comment.

Motion by Eckloff supported by Rajala to pay the approved and audited bills in the following amounts: General Fund=\$174,317.73, Construction Codes Fund=\$6,408.77, 911 Fund=\$2,143.70, Child Care Fund=\$7,134.86, Kermit's Fund=\$1,443.43, Houghton County MCF Fund=\$1,000.80, Veterans Affairs=\$539.00, Board polled. Ayes: Eckloff, Rajala, and Piche. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion by Rajala supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to table the discussion on the Sheriff's Union Contract until they have more information.

Motion by Rajala supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to table the discussion on the Pasty.net upgrade until they hear back from the engineer.

Motion by Rajala supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to table the discussion on the Rescue Garage until next month so they can get more information to decide if they will buy or rent. This property will be in Allouez Township. Mark Aho, Supervisor of Allouez Township says he would like fair market value and if the County ever decided to sell it, they would want First Right of Refusal.

Motion by Rajala supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to accept the resignation of Elizabeth Anderson as the Equalization Director and appoint and train Mark Niemela as the new Director.

Motion by Rajala supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to table the decision on hiring someone to train the new Equalization Director until September's meeting or have a Special Meeting if a decision is made prior to that.

Motion by Rajala supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to purchase a 2023 Bravo 8.5 x 24 Silver Star Car Hauler Rescue Trailer for the Sheriff's Office. This trailer must be all aluminum. The trailer will need to be picked up from Twin Cities Featherlite Trailer Sales in Elko, Minnesota. This will be purchased with ARPA funds.

Motion by Eckloff supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to fix the Kermit's Bus with ARPA funds.

Motion by Eckloff supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to hire a cleaner or a cleaning company for the Courthouse and the Sheriff's Office and to hire A1-Toilets to clean the Gratiot River Park.

Motion by Rajala supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to apply for an EGLE grant for the lagoons at the former Calumet Air Force Station, now owned by Open Skies, LLC.

Motion by Eckloff supported by Piche to give Rajala the authority to look into Starlink internet services.

Time was allowed for public comment.

There being no further business, motion by Rajala to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. Meeting adjourned.