

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
KEWEENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
November 9, 2022

The regular meeting of the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners was held on November 9, 2022, beginning at 6:30 p.m., at the Courthouse, Eagle River, MI opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting was posted on the bulletin board of the Courthouse and on the County website.

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

Motion by Rajala supported by Vivian and unanimously carried to accept the agenda with the following additions: Under Unfinished Business f) Update on Possible Sale of Sewer Ponds and under New Business, h) Approval of Colligo GIS Scope of Services and Work Order.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Vivian and unanimously carried to approve the October 19, 2022, regular monthly meeting minutes as written.

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

Time was allowed for public comment.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Eckloff to pay the approved and audited bills in the following amounts; General Fund=\$166,578.82 Construction Codes Fund=\$4,103.43 911 Fund=\$687.47 Veterans Affairs=\$937.62 ARPA Fund=\$4,133.19 Kermits Fund=\$452.35 Houghton County MCF Fund=\$1,000.80 Board polled. Ayes: DeMarois, Eckloff, Vivian, Rajala, Piche. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Rajala supported by Vivian and unanimously carried to table the Pasty.net upgrade until December.

Motion by Rajala supported by Vivian and unanimously carried to table the purchase of the garage owned by Allouez Township until December.

Piche had Allouez Township Fire Dept come down to backflush the dry hydrant and then to mark it so that it could be cleaned of debris. During cleaning, a piece of the pipe snapped and that will have to be fixed in the spring.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to approve the committee's recommendation of hiring Cindy Crabtree as the Equalization Assistant as Misty Meneguzzo retained her other job.

Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to table the appointment to the Dept of Human Services Board as Jerry Vairus is retiring. Jerry's term ended on 10/31/22.

Rajala updated the Board on the discussion from October regarding the sale of the sewer ponds. We will continue on the path that was set forth earlier this year where the ponds are considered county infrastructure.

Motion by Eckloff supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to reappoint Joe Langdon to the Escanaba State Fair Board.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to hold a public hearing for county budgets on Wednesday, December 21, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

Motion by Vivian supported by DeMarois to reappoint Mark Ahlborn and Marty Faassen to the Zoning Board of Appeals with terms ending 12/31/2024.

Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to appoint AJ Kern to the Planning Commission term ending 12/31/2024.

Motion by Vivian supported by DeMarois with motion carrying (Rajala as a naye) for approval of a special land use permit for Lake Fanny Hooe Campground to expand by 10 RV sites and 12 tent sites. This permit was unanimously approved by the Planning Commission after they held a public hearing.

The Planning Commission is working on revisions of the zoning ordinance, trying to make it easier to understand. They are asking for help with what the people would want regarding short-term rentals. The Board suggested that they reach out to the supervisors of each township for assistance in reaching out to their residents. Board members are going to talk to the supervisors first to let them know that a letter will be coming from the Planning Commission.

Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to approve the job description for the groundskeeper/maintenance position.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to approve the Colligo scope of services and work order for 2023 for parcel maintenance and 911 maintenance for the lump sum of \$4,300.

Time was allowed for public comment.

There being no further business, motion by Rajala to adjourn at 6:57 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

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Don Piche, Chairman

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Julie Carlson, Clerk