

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
KEWEENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
July 18, 2012

The regular monthly meeting of the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners held July 18, 2012, 6:30 p.m. at the Courthouse, Eagle River, MI, opened with the pledge of allegiance.

Commissioners present: Randy Eckloff, Frank Stubenrauch, Ernie Mooney, Don Piche, Del Rajala.

The meeting was posted in the Courthouse on the bulletin board and the agenda for the meeting was posted on the door of the Courthouse prior to the meeting.

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

Motion by Rajala supported by Piche and unanimously carried to accept the minutes as presented from the June 20, 2012 regular meeting.

The Treasurer, Sheriff and Mine Inspector reports were available.

Time was allowed for public comment and there was none.

Motion by Piche supported by Eckloff to pay the approved and audited bills in the following amounts: General Fund=\$142,036.25 Construction Codes Fund=\$7,223.10 911 Fund=\$559.92 EDC Fund=\$862.28 Law Library=\$440.58 Child Care Fund=\$843.30 County Veterans Fund=\$0 Register of Deeds Automation Fund=\$0 Medical Care Fund=\$0 Board polled. Ayes: Eckloff, Stubenrauch, Rajala, Piche, Mooney. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Stubenrauch supported by Eckloff to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, UPCAP, which serves as the U.P. Area Agency on Aging, has developed and is operating under a Multi-Year (FY 2010-2013) Area Plan that provides funding for programs for services to older adults in the Upper Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, the Multi-year Area Plan has been approved by all 15 counties of the Upper Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, the U.P. Area Agency on Aging is required to submit an Annual Implementation Plan which updates the Multi-Year Plan; and

WHEREAS, the UPCAP Board of Directors unanimously approved the proposed, updated Annual Implementation Plan; and

WHEREAS, each U.P. county is represented by a county official on the UPCAP Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Implementation Plan also requires review by individual county boards.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners has received and hereby supports the U.P. Area Agency on Aging FY 2013 Annual Implementation Plan. Board polled. Ayes: Eckloff, Stubenrauch, Piche, Rajala, Mooney. Nays: None. Motion carried. (#12-2)

Motion by Rajala supported by Stubenrauch and with the majority of ayes (Eckloff voted naye) carried to table the EDC request for \$5,000 for a waterpark in Copper Harbor. There were many opinions voiced.

Bid opening for the replacement of the Courthouse roof took place with the following results:

| <u>Bidder</u> | <u>Base Bid</u> | <u>Carriage House</u> |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Robert E. Johnson Contracting | 39,747 | 19,724 |
| Martineau & Morris Contracting | 40,080 | 18,375 |
| McGrath Inc. | 49,500 | 20,400 |
| Paul Hyrkas Construction | 46,865 | 22,945 |
| B&B Contracting Calumet Inc. | 92,000 | 32,000 |
| Wuebben Construction Inc. | 53,480 | 28,215 |

Motion by Rajala supported by Piche to award Robert E. Johnson Contracting the job pending review of the bid by OHM. Board polled. Ayes: Eckloff, Stubenrauch, Piche, Rajala, Mooney. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Piche supported by Rajala to place the following millage proposal on the November 6, 2012 ballot;

“Shall the previous voted increase in the 15 mill tax limitation on general ad valorem taxes within Keweenaw County be renewed at .5 mill (\$.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for the years 2013 through 2016 inclusive for the purpose of police protection, which renewal will raise an estimated \$66,378 in the first year?” Board polled. Ayes: Eckloff, Stubenrauch, Piche, Rajala, Mooney. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Piche supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to hire bond counsel (Donald Keim from Miller Canfield) to work on restructuring the Rural Development bonds with the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge. Mr. Keim has worked with the bonds from the beginning and is familiar with the situation. Rural Development has requested that a large amount of money be paid on the delinquent bonds and that rescheduling is an option with bond counsel required. Donna Jaaskelainen, county attorney, was in favor of this decision.

Motion by Stubenrauch supported by Piche and unanimously carried to amend the general fund budget for the Planning Commission by \$2,500 in order for WUPPDR to update the Masterplan.

Time was allowed for public comment. During public comment, Ray Chase resigned from the EDC as well as Shari Chase and Peg Kauppi.

Don Keith requested to be on the agenda as a guest for August on behalf of the VFW.

There being no further business, motion by Eckloff to adjourn at 7:28 p.m. Meeting adjourned sine die.

Ernest Mooney, Chairman

Julie A. Carlson, Clerk