

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
KEWEENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
May 18, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners was held on May 18, 2016 beginning at 7:00 p.m. following the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge meeting, at the Courthouse, Eagle River, MI.

Commissioners present: Randy Eckloff, Bob DeMarois, Don Piche, Ray Chase, 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.

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

Motion by Chase supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to accept the minutes from the April 20, 2016 regular monthly board meeting as presented.

The Treasurer, Sheriff and Mine Inspector reports were received.

Steve Karpiak, member of the Brownfield Committee was present to address the vacancy on the committee and to ask why the Board of Commissioners did not support the name that was brought before them last month. Mr. Karpiak asked for reconsideration as there are only six members and there could be nine and sometimes there isn't a quorum.

Time was allowed for public comment.

Motion by Chase supported by Eckloff to pay the approved and audited bills in the following amounts; General Fund=\$130,983.09 Construction Codes Fund=\$1,578.47 911 Fund=\$1,231.48 Law Library=\$1,586.07 Child Care Fund/Basic Grant=\$175.50 County Veterans Trust Fund=\$0 Medical Care Fund=\$1,134.24 Courthouse Improvement Fund=\$0. Board polled. Ayes: Eckloff, DeMarois, Chase, Piche. Nays: None. Abstain: Rajala. Motion carried.

Motion by Chase supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to table the at&t contract until June.

Motion by Chase supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to appoint Erica Vye to the Brownfield Committee.

Motion by Eckloff supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to sell a tin enclosure at Mt Horace Greeley for \$100 to Mike McMahan.

Motion by Chase supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to appropriate \$10,000 annually to the UPSET West team for the next five years with the option to bow out if the county cannot afford it.

Motion by Eckloff supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to hold a Truth in Taxation hearing prior to the June Board meeting on Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Piche updated the Board on the carriage house/fire escape project that is being looked at. There will be a walk through that is tentatively set for June 8<sup>th</sup>. The project will be bid separately for the fire escape on the Courthouse and the roof, siding and doors of the carriage house.

Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to set the mileage rate to comply with the IRS at \$.54 a mile effective immediately. This rate will be revisited annually.

After a fire destroyed the Oscoda County Courthouse, the County will be looking at what needs to be done to secure historic county records that are permanent. MTU Archives will be contacted as well as finding out what can be done with the safes in the Courthouse.

There was talk about putting in a drop box for payments or envelopes outside of the Courthouse now that the Sheriff Department is not always staffed.

After much discussion, motion by Rajala supported by Chase and unanimously carried to hire Elizabeth Anderson as the Equalization Director. Step raises will take place with an additional \$3,000 for the first three months and an additional \$3,000 for the next three months.

Time was allowed for public comment.

There being no further business motion by Rajala to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. Meeting adjourned sine die.