

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
KEWEENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
March 21, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners was held March 21, 2018, 7:00 p.m. at the Courthouse, Eagle River, MI, immediately following the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge meeting.

Commissioners present: Bob DeMarois, Don Piche, Jim Vivian, Del Rajala. Absent: Sandy Gayk.

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

Motion by Vivian supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to approve the minutes from the February 21, 2018 regular monthly meeting as written.

The Treasurer, Sheriff and Mine Inspector reports were received. Vivian would like to see reports from all committees that meet.

Sam Raymond was a guest at the meeting and presented about the Copper Harbor Trails Club. Sam requested a letter of support regarding Grant Township's application to the Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund Grant to assist the Copper Harbor Trails Club (CHTC) to complete the 30 mile Keweenaw Point Trail. The application will help to construct the final 15.6 miles of purpose-built, sustainable, non-motorized single-track trail if awarded. Sam also wanted to give the Board some updates about the CHTC. The CHTC finished Phase 2 of the trail and did maintenance on trails. Bike magazine was in Marquette to do some bike testing and they also came to Copper Harbor for a few days and there was an article about it. The CHTC is currently seeking an Executive Director. The CHTC is also looking to construct an intermediate trail connector on Brockway Mountain. Sam was also looking for support from the County and stated that about 1/3 of the guests in Copper Harbor are bikers.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Rajala to appropriate \$1,000 to the CHTC which is the Ridgeline Level. The Keweenaw Mountain Lodge can be advertised on the map on behalf of this appropriation. Board polled. Ayes: DeMarois, Vivian, Rajala, Piche. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to allow the CHTC to construct the connector trail on Brockway Mountain once the County Attorney is satisfied with the insurance policy that will be provided by the CHTC.

Time was allowed for public comment.

Motion by Rajala supported by Vivian to pay the approved and audited bills in the following amounts; General Fund=\$149,154.12 Construction Codes Fund=\$921.12 911 Fund=\$3,536.30 Law Library=\$170.00, Appropriation to KML=\$10,000.00. Board polled. Ayes: DeMarois, Vivian, Rajala, Piche. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to table the MasTec and Black & Veatch at&t mobility upgrade until April.

Motion by Vivian supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to table the Pasty.net contract until April. A new contract will be written.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to include the electric service for Pasty.net in the coming contract.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Vivian and unanimously carried to appoint Tess Ahlborn to the EDC with a term expiration of 12/31/2020.

Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to correct the term expirations of those people that were reappointed to the EDC in February of 2018. Ned Huwatschek 12/31/2020, Peg Kauppi 12/31/2020, Sam Raymond 12/31/2019 and John Sturos 12/31/2019.

Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to send a letter of support to the Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund on behalf of Grant Township's application for a grant to assist the Copper Harbor Trails Club in construction of the final 15.6 miles from High Rock Bay to the Montreal River Loop.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Vivian and unanimously carried to approve the amended resolution of support for the for the grant application to the DNR Passport Recreation Program for improvements to the Gratiot River County Park. The proposed improvements include a cast concrete double toilet, benches, picnic tables and fire rings. This amendment was due to the budget changes that were made. **(#18-1a)**

Motion by DeMarois supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to have a special meeting on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. to open bids on the Sheriff's Building Exterior project.

Motion by Rajala supported by Vivian and unanimously carried to approve the 2018 Keweenaw County Remonumentation Program list and the listing for individual contracts from Crampton Surveying Inc. and CHN Surveying.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to allow Vivian to make calls to get the wells and/or pumps inspected on the Lizzadro property at Gratiot Lake that serves as the water supply to Mount Horace Greeley.

Motion by Rajala supported by Vivian and unanimously carried to allow J.M. Longyear to cross Keweenaw County's property in T57N R30W Sec 6 to access and remove timber products from Lake Superior Timberlands property in T57N R30W Sec 5 and 6 and T58N R30W Sec 32 once the County Attorney is satisfied with the terms and the Road License. The County Attorney did want to make some small changes. The Road License states that Longyear would use the road and leave it in as good or better condition than they found it.

The County is looking for a person to appoint to the Tax Committee that will be required to meet soon.

Motion by Rajala supported by Vivian and unanimously carried to send a letter of support on behalf of the Board to Grant Township supporting their endeavor to apply for a DNR Passport Recreation Grant for a barrier free kayak launch site at the Michigan DNR Copper Harbor Marina.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to approve the 2017 budget transfer for the General Fund as listed below:

<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Revenues Increase (Decrease)</u>	<u>Expenditures and Fund Balance Increase (Decrease)</u>
GENERAL FUND-Expenditures			
Emergency Services	101-426-703		\$ 100
Homeland Security-Equipment	101-435-977		8,300
Capital Outlay	101-970-977		(8,400)
GENERAL FUND-Totals		\$ 0	\$ 0

Motion by Rajala supported by Vivian and unanimously carried to approve a \$1,000 supplemental appropriation to the Law Library Fund to cover a \$180 cash deficit that resulted at the end of 2017.

Time was allowed for public comment.

There being no further business motion by Rajala to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Meeting adjourned sine die.

Donald Piche, Chairman

Julie A. Carlson, Clerk