

PUBLIC HEARING
KEWEENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
June 17, 2009

The Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing on June 17, 2009, 6:00 p.m. at the Courthouse, Eagle River for a proposed increase of .2045 mills in operating tax millage rate to be levied in 2009. Proposed additional millage will increase operating revenues from ad valorem property taxes by \$25,276, the Convention Facility and Liquor taxes will increase revenues by \$11,080 and the Cigarette tax will increase revenues by \$419 for a total increase of \$36,775 over such revenues generated by levies permitted without holding a hearing.

Commissioners present: Randy Eckloff, Frank Stubenrauch, Don Keith, Carol Fouts, Joe Langdon.

Members in the audience had questions and concerns about taxes going up and after discussion and explanations, motion by Stubenrauch supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to close the hearing at 6:28 p.m.

Joseph Langdon, Chairman

Julie A. Carlson, County Clerk

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
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The regular monthly meeting of the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners held June 17, 2009, 6:30 p.m. at the Courthouse, Eagle River, MI, opened with the pledge of allegiance.

Commissioners present: Randy Eckloff, Frank Stubenrauch, Don Keith, Carol Rose Fouts, Joe Langdon.

Motion by Stubenrauch supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to approve the agenda with the following addition: Under New Business, 12 d) Disposal of assets at Mt. Horace Greeley.

The minutes of May 20, 2009 were accepted as presented.

The Treasurer, Sheriff Department and Mine Inspector reports were received.

Marlin Wingard, Chairman of the Brownfield Authority was present and gave the following information. Brownfield meets at least once per month and they are required to submit a quarterly report to the EPA which Marlin provided copies to the Board. Brownfield will be holding an Open House and will also be doing some public outreach for ideas for clean up sites. The board meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Courthouse.

Richard Harrer could not be at the meeting but this information was brought forth. The lagoons at Mt. Horace Greeley were inspected and were all in good shape.

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

WHEREAS, The Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners has the authority to establish the number of mills to be levied from within its authorized millage rate,

WHEREAS, the additional millage rate will increase revenue from Ad Valorem Property Taxes by \$25,276, the Convention Facility and Liquor Taxes will increase revenues by \$11,080 and the Cigarette Tax will increase revenues by \$419 for a total increase of \$36,775 over such revenues generated by levies permitted without holding a public hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the operating rate for the County of Keweenaw will increase by .2045 mill, yielding a total operating millage rate of 5.6976 in 2009 in accordance with Act 5, P.A., 1982, Act 2, P.A., 1986 and Act 264, P.A., 1987.

Board polled. Ayes: Eckloff, Stubenrauch, Keith, Fouts, Langdon. Nays: None. Motion carried. (#09-7)

Motion by Keith supported by Eckloff to enter into the Interlocal Agreement to Establish an Upper Peninsula State Fair Authority. The State of Michigan is not funding the UP State Fair at this time. All of the UP Counties who are participating would have a representative on the Authority. This would be at no cost to the county and the county would be held harmless of any liability. Board polled. Ayes: Eckloff, Stubenrauch, Keith, Fouts, Langdon. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Trails and Recreation Committee will have a meeting on July 2nd at 6:00 at the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge.

The Community Action Information Booth on Rinne's Corner in Ahmeek has been remodeled and is now open.

Motion by Stubenrauch supported by Eckloff to pay the approved and audited bills in the following amounts: General Fund=\$102,725.72 Construction Codes=\$866.11 911 Fund=\$915.44 EDC Fund=\$2,546.20 Law Library=\$1,326.31 Child Care Fund=\$1,383.76 Board polled. Ayes: Eckloff, Stubenrauch, Keith, Fouts, Langdon. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Keith supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to table the final project agreement concerning the Gratiot River Park Addition. It will be placed under unfinished business for the July agenda.

A-1 Toylets was contacted and has put a potty at the Gratiot that will be pumped weekly until October 8.

Motion by Keith supported by Stubenrauch and unanimously carried to appoint Darlene Huovinen to the EDC for a 3 year term ending December 31, 2011.

Motion by Keith supported by Stubenrauch and unanimously carried to not collect the Medical Care Facility millage for 2009.

Motion by Keith supported by Stubenrauch and unanimously carried to allow the Equalization Director to work from home one day a week on a trial basis through October.

Motion by Langdon supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried for Joe to contact Donna Jaaskelainen to draw up a contract for the Veterans millage to be paid out to Houghton County.

Motion by Langdon supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to pay for our representative's mileage on the Veterans board.

Motion by Stubenrauch supported by Langdon to offer the electrical control panel from the pumphouse at Mt. Horace Greeley to the Calumet Coliseum. Board polled. Ayes: Eckloff, Stubenrauch, Keith, Fouts, Langdon. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Stubenrauch supported by Keith to allow the St. Annes Heritage Center to have the baseboard heaters from Mt. Horace Greeley at a price that Frank will negotiate. Board polled. Ayes: Eckloff, Stubenrauch, Keith, Fouts, Langdon. Nays: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business motion by Eckloff to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Meeting adjourned sine die.

Joseph Langdon, Chairman

Julie A. Carlson, Clerk