

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
KEWEENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
July 15, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners held July 15, 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 Eckloff supported by Stubenrauch and unanimously carried to approve the agenda with the following additions: Under 8.) Resolutions—Resolution from UPCAP regarding multi-year plan for services to the elderly and Resolution regarding the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge liquor license: Under 6.) Guests—add Donna Jaaskelainen

The minutes of June 17, 2009 were accepted as presented.

The Treasurer and Sheriff Department reports were received.

Donna Jaaskelainen came to the meeting with information regarding the property at Mt. Horace Greeley that was from the Federal Government. This property could revert back to the Federal Government and eventually may go to public auction. Stubenrauch will meet with the government representative when available.

Cormac Ronan, manager of the KML was present to update the board on current happenings at the Lodge. The Lodge has a new logo, new billboards, new lounge area in place of the salad bar and buffet, some queen beds and direct TV. The weather this spring and summer has not been the best and does affect our area businesses. Revenue is a bit down but hopefully, things will turn around. Advertising is being geared to our local area.

Ray Chase, chairman of the EDC was present to talk about what the EDC has been up to and to bring forth the EDC's proposals. The EDC is in support of selling existing buildings at Mt. Horace Greeley and depositing the funds from the sale into the EDC fund. Also, the EDC supports the sale of scrap metal at Mt. Horace Greeley by a bid process where the funds would also be deposited in the EDC Fund. The EDC is in favor of expanding the ski trails near the Mountain Lodge and is proposing that \$5,000 be allocated from the EDC fund for this project.

Motion by Fouts supported by Keith to pay up to \$5,000 from the EDC fund for the expansion of cross county ski trails near the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge. The users of the trails will be charged a fee and those fees will be used to pay back the EDC fund. Board polled. Ayes: Stubenrauch, Keith, Fouts. Nays: Eckloff, Langdon. Motion carried.

Motion by Keith supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to adopt an authorization resolution that enables Chairman Joe Langdon to sign any and all documents required by MI Liquor Control Commission for the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge liquor license. These documents are in regard to the liquor license going from a 10 month license to a year round license. (#09-8)

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

WHEREAS, UPCAP, which serves as the U.P. Area Agency on Aging, is required to develop a Multi-Year (FY 2010-2012) Area Plan that provides development and funding for programs to serve older adults in the Upper Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, during the Multi-Year Area Plan development process, UPCAP conducted needs surveys, two input sessions, two public hearings, and received input from service providers, older adults, county officials, human services organizations, and other interested parties; and

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

WHEREAS, the UPCAP Board of Directors has unanimously approved the proposed Multi-Year Area Plan; and

WHEREAS, the AAA Multi-Year 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 Multi-Year (FY2010-2012) Area Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be submitted to UPCAP and placed on file.

Board polled. Ayes: Eckloff, Stubenrauch, Keith, Fouts, Langdon. Nays: None. Motion carried. (#09-9)

Motion by Stubenrauch supported by Eckloff to pay the approved and audited bills in the following amounts: General Fund=\$122,501.90 Construction Codes=\$505.38 911 Fund=\$1,534.93 EDC Fund=\$794.09 Law Library=\$97.50 Child Care Fund=\$ Board polled. Ayes: Eckloff, Stubenrauch, Keith, Fouts, Langdon. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

Joe Langdon was appointed to the U.P. Fair Authority.

Motion by Keith supported by Eckloff to follow the recommendations of the Planning Commission and to adopt the following corrections of zoning designations on the zoning map: Four businesses in Allouez, Allouez Township were erroneously zoned residential. The affected parcels include: Lots 29, 30, 32 and 33 of the Plat of Old Allouez. These businesses include Allouez Automotive, Amoco Gas Station, Allouez Township Community Building and the building which formerly housed Social Services and is currently owned by Maple Hills LLC. The zoning designation of these parcels is changed to business (B-1) to accommodate both existing and proposed business use in this area. ALSO—Thirteen residences in Ahmeek Location, Allouez Township, were erroneously zoned as Extraction District (ED). The affected parcels include: Lots 1 through 13, Assessors Plat of Ahmeek Mine Location. These residences are located on the southeasterly side of 1st Street. The zoning designation of these parcels is changed to Single Family Residential District-R1 B to accommodate both existing and proposed residential use in this area. Board polled: Ayes: Eckloff, Stubenrauch, Keith, Fouts, Langdon. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Keith supported by Fouts to adopt the BY-LAWS OF THE KEWEENAW COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION. The by-laws were originally adopted on April 17, 1962 and were amended in April 2009. Board polled. Ayes: Eckloff, Stubenrauch, Keith, Fouts, Langdon. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Stubenrauch supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to allow the Keweenaw County Historical Society to remove the flagpole from Mt. Horace Greeley for the museum in Gay. The County shall be held harmless for any incident which may occur during removal.

The Employee Policy is going to be looked at rewritten in the near future.

Motion by Langdon supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to delay selling of salvage and scrap metal at Mt. Horace Greeley until prices come up. Frank will keep an eye on the prices.

Motion by Stubenrauch supported by Eckloff to advertise for bids for the upper housing at Mt. Horace Greeley with the minimum bids to start at \$500. Board polled. Ayes: Eckloff, Stubenrauch, Keith, Fouts, Langdon. Nays: None. Motion carried. Stubenrauch will write the ad.

Fouts is appointed to the Planning Commission to replace Keith.

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