

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
KEWEENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
June 16, 2010

The regular monthly meeting of the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners held June 16, 2010, 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 accept the agenda with the following additions: Under New Business i) Disposal of deteriorated house at Mt. Horace Greeley and under Unfinished Business e) Mt. Horace Greeley.

The minutes from May 19, 2010 stood as presented.

The Treasurer, Sheriff and Mine Inspector reports were received.

Time was allowed for public comment.

Motion by Stubenrauch supported by Eckloff to pay the approved and audited bills in the following amounts; General Fund=\$101,264.13 Construction Codes Fund=\$132.00 911 Fund=\$1,436.11 EDC=\$3,607.57 Law Library=\$516.03 Child Care Fund=\$1,383.76 County Veterans Trust Fund=\$25.00. Board polled. Ayes: Eckloff, Stubenrauch, Keith, Fouts, Langdon. Nays: None. Motion carried.

County Committee meeting minutes are already available on the county website.

Pay scales and job descriptions will be placed under unfinished business for the July meeting.

Eckloff reported that he spoke to Rich Harrer about the water supply at the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge. The water system is supposed to be automated but production of one well is too low for this to happen. A backup system is being looked into and thus far, this has not been an issue and things will proceed as planned.

The following committee appointments were made to replace Fouts: UP RC&D-Keith, Planning Commission-Langdon, Tri County Corrections-Keith, Recreation Board-Langdon. These appointments will be for the remainder of the year.

Motion by Stubenrauch supported by Keith and unanimously carried to sell the deteriorated house at Mt. Horace Greeley to Bob Kauppi for \$1 with a deposit of \$200 which would be refunded. The deposit will be refunded once the house is removed and the sight is cleaned up satisfactorily. The removal and clean up need to be completed by August 31, 2010.

Motion by Stubenrauch supported by Keith and unanimously carried to give Stubenrauch, partnering with Ray Chase from the EDC, the authority to act on behalf of the County in accepting bids/and or the selling of scrap metal at Mt. Horace Greeley.

Motion by Keith supported by Eckloff to approve the millage rates as presented and to allow Langdon to sign the L-4029. Board polled. Ayes: Eckloff, Stubenrauch, Keith, Fouts, Langdon. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Keith supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried not to collect taxes for 2010 for the Medical Care Facility millage. This millage will not be placed on the November ballot for renewal as there is over \$600,000 in the fund.

A question arose as to whether the Medical Care Fund can collect interest. There is a CD for \$600,000. The Clerk will talk to the Treasurer and will bring the information back to the Board in July.

Motion by Keith supported by Fouts to pay 1/3 of the \$500 KEDA dues for the Department of Human Services so that they can be a voting member. The other 2/3 will come from Baraga and Houghton Counties. Our share would be \$117 coming from the EDC fund. Keith withdrew this motion and Fouts withdrew her support. This will be put under unfinished business for July.

Keith spoke to the Hannula Agency about replacing signs that are either damaged or stolen. Keith states that signs would be covered under the insurance policy. At issue is the Smoky Bear sign that was stolen. There was discussion about who actually owns the sign. Langdon will talk to the Patrick at the Road Commission. This item will be placed under unfinished business for July.

Motion by Keith supported by Stubenrauch to allow the Register of Deeds to spend up to \$30,000 for software and hardware to get the office automated. This money will come from the Automation Fund. Board polled. Ayes: Eckloff, Stubenrauch, Keith, Fouts, Langdon. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Stubenrauch supported by Eckloff to support the request from the Courthouse to work with Computer Mechanix for computer support and to spend up to \$10,500 for new computers for the Courts and for a 911 computer along with a server. Computer Mechanix will setup and install the system. Board polled. Ayes: Eckloff, Stubenrauch, Keith, Fouts, Langdon. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Clerk will check with Computer Mechanix about storage of computer information off site. Place under unfinished business for July.

Motion by Eckloff supported by Fouts and unanimously carried to accept the resignation of James Heikkila as Administrator/Representative and Lori Reilly as Secretary of the Keweenaw County Survey and Remonumentation program.

Motion by Stubenrauch supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to appoint Mr. Robert Crampton as the Keweenaw County Administrator/Representative for the Remonumentation program.

Langdon gave a short update on the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge financials. Motion by Langdon supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to allow Langdon to approach Kim Stoker from WUPPDR to see if they can work with Rural Development to get relief from interest and principal payments for an additional two years.

Eckloff gave an update on the personnel at the Mountain Lodge. Cormac Ronan resigned as manager but has agreed to stay as a consultant until a new manager can be hired. Advertising has already begun and this will also be placed on the County website.

Time was allowed for public comment.

There being no further business motion by Stubenrauch to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Meeting adjourned sine die.

Joseph Langdon, Chairman

Julie A. Carlson, Clerk