

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
KEWEENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
September 21, 2011

The Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing at 6:15 p.m. at the Courthouse in Eagle River to receive public input on applying for a \$100,000 Housing Rehabilitation Grant through the Michigan State Housing Development Authority. The grant would provide assistance to approximately four low or moderate income homeowners for rehabilitation and weatherization of their homes. WUPPDR was present to give some basic information regarding the grant and to answer any questions that the public had. The public hearing closed at 6:25 p.m.

The regular monthly meeting of the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners held September 21, 2011, 6:30 p.m. at the Courthouse in Eagle River, MI., opened with the pledge of allegiance.

Commissioners present: Ernie Mooney, Frank Stubenrauch, Don Piche, Del Rajala, Randy Eckloff.

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

The minutes from August 17, 2011 stood as written.

The Treasurer, Sheriff and Mine Inspector reports were received.

Mike Erdman from the MSU Extension presented a proposed Memorandum of Agreement between the County and MSU. It is for the same amount as the County agreed to in 2011. Motion by Mooney supported by Piche to enter into the agreement as presented. Board polled. Ayes: Mooney, Stubenrauch, Piche, Rajala, Eckloff. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Time was allowed for public comment.

Motion by Mooney supported by Piche and unanimously carried to adopt the following resolution.

WHEREAS, the County of Keweenaw is interested in the continuing effort to update housing conditions for its low and moderate income homeowners;

WHEREAS, said County Board of Commissioners has reviewed and approved the application for funding; WHEREAS, said County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Chief Elected Official to sign all forms as required;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Western U.P. Planning & Development Region to submit the application for funding in the amount of \$100,000 through the Michigan State Housing Development Authority.

Board polled. Ayes: Mooney, Stubenrauch, Piche, Rajala, Eckloff. Nays: None. Motion carried. (#11-9)

Motion by Mooney supported by Piche to adopt the following resolution:

It is our understanding that mining may be making a recurrence in Keweenaw County and whereas employment is of utmost importance in Keweenaw County as also the rest of the State of Michigan and needs industry other than tourism to provide good paying jobs, and whereas historically mining has been a major employer in Keweenaw County and furthermore the State of Michigan has the most stringent mining laws in the world and whereas responsible mining will provide these good paying jobs. Therefore, be it resolved, that, the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners is in favor of responsible mining.

Board polled. Ayes: Mooney, Stubenrauch, Piche, Rajala, Eckloff. Nays: None. Motion carried. (#11-10)

Motion by Mooney supported by Rajala to pay the approved and audited bills in the following amounts;

General Fund=\$133,342.34 Construction Codes Fund=\$3,769.18 911 Fund=\$1,945.17 EDC Fund=\$1,066.37 Law Library=\$290.46 Child Care Fund=\$5,027.05 County Veterans Affairs Fund=\$50.00 Medical Care Fund=\$334.90. Board polled. Ayes: Mooney, Stubenrauch, Piche, Rajala, Eckloff. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Piche supported by Mooney and unanimously carried to enter into a contract with Susan D. Sanford, CPA, PLLC for the 2011 County audit. There were two proposals, the State of Michigan at \$16,100 and Susan Sanford at \$14,200.

Budget worksheets have been passed out and the 2012 budget process has begun. More to come in October.

Motion by Mooney supported by Piche and unanimously carried to cover expenses for Stubenrauch to attend the U.P. Association of County Commissioners Fall Conference to be held on Sept 30-Oct 1, 2011.

Motion by Mooney supported by Stubenrauch and unanimously carried to make the following reappointments for people who were willing to continue to serve in their same capacity:

Department of Human Services-Debbie Talvensaari with term expiring 10/31/2014

Board of Canvassers-Carol Patrick (D) with term expiring 10/31/2015
Board of Canvassers-LaVerne Kytta (R) with term expiring 10/31/2015
Jury Commission-Judy Rota with term expiring 4/30/2015

Motion by Mooney supported by Piche and unanimously carried to allow Verizon Wireless Personal Communications a six month extension on its Special Land Use Permit granted in 2010 for a telecommunications tower located on Cedar Street near Bumbletown Road.

Motion by Mooney supported by Stubenrauch and unanimously carried to appoint Jill Protzel to the EDC to fill the unexpired term of Darleen Huovinen. Protzel's term will expire on 12/31/2012.

Time was allowed for public comment.

Motion by Mooney to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. Meeting adjourned sine die.

Randy Eckloff, Chairman

Julie A. Carlson, Clerk