

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
KEWEENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
October 19, 2011

The regular monthly meeting of the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners held October 19, 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 Mooney supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion by Piche supported by Mooney and unanimously carried to approve the minutes from September 21, 2011.

The Sheriff and Mine Inspector reports were received.

Sam Raymond came to the Board as owner of the Keweenaw Adventure Company and supporter of silent sports. Sam was looking for financial support to attend a three day event in Madison, WI called Canoe a kopia that thousands of people attend. Financial support would be used for expenses such as lodging, gas, food and booth space. Someone has attended this affair in every even year since 2002 promoting the Keweenaw. Motion by Mooney supported by Stubenrauch and unanimously carried to pay up to \$400 from the EDC to support this event promoting the Keweenaw.

Time was allowed for public comment.

Motion by Mooney supported by Stubenrauch to adopt the following resolution.

**Whereas**, the Keweenaw County supports industry and workforce development efforts that significantly impact local employers and the economic growth of our region; and,

**Acknowledging that**, The Collaborative Development Council (CDC) is a partnership between local and regional economic development agencies and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC); and,

**Whereas**, the Council's purpose is to provide strategic direction and programmatic input to the MEDC senior leadership team; and,

**Whereas**, this working group is intended to help advance the state of Michigan's economic development through strengthening the relationships, leveraging the assets and improving the flow of communication and project management between the MEDC and local partners; and,

**Whereas**, MEDC has established Economic Development Regions, of which the Upper Peninsula of Michigan is one, and seeks to recognize a Collaborative Development Council (CDC) Lead Entity for facilitating the communication and project management between the MEDC and the Upper Peninsula Region; and,

**Acknowledging that**, the Upper Peninsula Economic Development Alliance (UPEDA) is a non-profit 501(c) 3 economic development organization, incorporated in 1999, the membership consists of private companies, utilities and local and regional economic development agencies throughout the Upper Peninsula; and,

**Acknowledging that** the mission of the Upper Peninsula Economic Development Alliance (UPEDA) is to enhance, link and promote the unique aspects of Michigan's Upper Peninsula as the superior location in which to invest and conduct business, and is the one, true UP-wide collaborative entity,

**Therefore, be it resolved**, that the Keweenaw County supports the Upper Peninsula Economic Development Alliance (UPEDA) as the Collaborative Development Council (CDC) Lead Entity for the Upper Peninsula of the State of Michigan.

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

Motion by Mooney supported by Piche to move the Homeland Security Grant Program Agreement to Unfinished Business for November.

The County Board set two budget meetings to be held at the Courthouse in Eagle River on October 26, 2011 and November 1, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

Motion by Mooney supported by Piche to pay the approved and audited bills in the following amounts; General Fund=\$147,434.01 Construction Codes Fund=\$2,375.75 911 Fund=\$575.25 EDC Fund=\$23,501.02 Law Library=\$572.50 Child Care Fund=\$3,110.54 County Veterans Affairs Fund=\$4,229.62 Register of Deeds Automation Fund=\$2,700.00. Board polled. Ayes: Mooney, Stubenrauch, Piche, Rajala, Eckloff. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Rajala supported by Mooney to purchase three years service time for MERS for the jail matron, Jennifer Lahti for \$14,467. The sheriff and matron go over and above the line of duty and once in awhile the County needs to step up to say thank you. The sheriff saved money in his budget. Its compensation for mileage and time not put in for and having to live there. People are blessed to have the sheriff and his wife and they should be able to retire together. Board polled. Ayes: Mooney, Stubenrauch, Piche, Rajala, Eckloff. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Stubenrauch supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to allow Mooney to take care of the issues with Equalization personnel.

Time was allowed for public comment.

Motion by Mooney to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Meeting adjourned sine die.

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Randy Eckloff, Chairman

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Julie A. Carlson, Clerk