

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
KEWEENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
November 21, 2011

The regular monthly meeting of the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners held November 21, 2011, 6:30 p.m. at the Courthouse in Eagle River, MI., opened with the pledge of allegiance. The meeting scheduled for November 16, 2011 could not be held because a quorum was not present.

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

Motion by Rajala supported by Piche and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as presented noting that Gina Nicholas gave her update on the Hills Creek project on November 16th so she was not present at this meeting.

Motion by Piche supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to approve the minutes from October 19, 2011 and the Budget Workshop meetings dated October 26 and November 1, 2011. There were no minutes from November 16, 2011. Notes stated that a meeting could not be held due to lack of a quorum and would be rescheduled to November 21, 2011.

The Treasurer and Mine Inspector reports were received.

Time was allowed for public comment.

Motion by Piche supported by Rajala to adopt a resolution for the Homeland Security Grant Program authorizing Randy Eckloff, Chairperson of the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners to sign an agreement on behalf of Keweenaw County with Houghton County acting as fiduciary for the 2009 Homeland Security Grant Program. Keweenaw County accepts and is bound by the terms and conditions of the agreement. Board polled. Ayes: Piche, Rajala, Eckloff. Nays: None. Motion carried. (#11-12)

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Motion by Rajala supported by Piche and unanimously carried to adopt the following resolution:
WHEREAS, the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners actively supports and currently participates in the economic development district activities of the Western Upper Peninsula Planning and Development Regional Commission,
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners concurs with the update of the 2011 Community Economic Development Strategy Report and accepts it as its guide for economic development, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners supports the Western Upper Peninsula Planning and Development Regional Commission's application to the Economic Development Administration for planning funds. (#11-14)

Motion by Piche supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to enter into the Memo of Understanding with Honeywell International regarding a feasibility study of the Courthouse and the Jail. Honeywell will evaluate the mechanical, electrical and water systems to see if there could be a savings by updating the systems. This feasibility study is at no cost to Keweenaw County. Honeywell will present the findings to the County Board next spring.

Piche asked to put the Road Commission under Unfinished Business for the December meeting. He would like to see a resolution passed to support the way the Road Commission is operated right now.

Motion by Piche supported by Rajala to pay the approved and audited bills in the following amounts; General Fund=\$114,203.72 Construction Codes Fund=\$897.55 911 Fund=\$535.10 EDC Fund=\$9,792.72 Law Library=\$111.46 Child Care Fund=\$0 County Veterans Affairs Fund=\$430.00 Register of Deeds Automation Fund=\$0. Board polled. Ayes: Piche, Rajala, Eckloff. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Rajala supported by Piche and unanimously carried to accept the Apportionment Report as presented by R. John Partanen.

Motion by Rajala supported by Piche and unanimously carried to allow use of the cross country ski trail on the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge property as long as the Copper Harbor Trails Club provides an insurance policy covering the trail use and Donna Jaaskelainen approves such policy.

Motion by Rajala supported by Piche and unanimously carried to set a public hearing on December 21, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the Courthouse in Eagle River to hear public comment on the proposed Keweenaw County General Fund and Special Fund budgets for 2012.

Motion by Piche supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to cancel any deferred comp policies for County employees that will incur any cost to Keweenaw County. There are deferred comp options available to employees that do not cost the County any money.

Time was allowed for public comment.

Motion by Rajala to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Meeting adjourned sine die.

Randy Eckloff, Chairman

Julie A. Carlson, Clerk