

PUBLIC HEARING
KEWEENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
December 21, 2011

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

The Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing on December 21, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. to hear public comment on the 2012 County budgets including the General Fund and all Special Funds. Commissioner Mooney explained some of the issues on the budget and there was no other public comment. The hearing closed at 6:30 p.m.

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

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

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

The minutes from the regular meeting on November 21, 2011 stood as presented.

The Sheriff, Treasurer and Mine Inspector reports were received.

John Rosemurgy, Historical Architect from the Keweenaw Historical Park, was present and talked about a possible grant from the Americana Foundation. The Foundation is interested in a full application from Keweenaw County regarding the Courthouse siding and roofing repairs. The grant is due by January 10, 2012 and John is prepared to assist Jennifer from OHM in the grant application. Motion by Piche supported by Mooney to move forward with the application and to enter into the agreement that OHM presented to compile the information for the grant application. Roll call. Ayes: Mooney, Piche, Rajala, Eckloff. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Time was allowed for public comment.

Motion by Mooney supported by Piche to adopt a resolution for Keweenaw County to opt out of P.A. 152 of 2011 that reads:

WHEREAS, on September 27, 2011, P.A. 152 of 2011, an act to limit a public employer's expenditures for employee medical benefits plans, became immediately effective; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners have reviewed the requirements of that Act; and

WHEREAS, in keeping with the County's established, long-range budgeting practices that actively balance the interests of taxpayers and County employees, and in keeping with the long established practice of Keweenaw County employees working with the County to defray escalating costs associated with employees' medical benefit plans and having made wage and salary concessions; and

WHEREAS, Section 8 of Act 152 authorizes a local unit of government, defined to include a county government, upon a 2/3 vote of the governing body, to exempt itself from the requirements of the Act for the next succeeding year; and

WHEREAS, by exempting itself under Section 8 of Act 152 for calendar year 2012, Keweenaw County is allowed prudent time to continue making changes over time that yield significant reductions in health care costs in a manner that is fair to both taxpayers and employees; and

WHEREAS, exempting Keweenaw County from Act 152 for calendar year 2012 is equitable considering that Keweenaw County's employees have already demonstrated by their actions a continuing willingness to fairly share in the burden of meeting the significant economic challenges associated with Michigan's long recession; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that acting pursuant to the authority granted a county under Section 8 of Act 152, the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby exempts Keweenaw County government from the requirements of P.A. 152 of 2011 for calendar year 2012. Board polled. Ayes: Mooney, Piche, Rajala, Eckloff. Nays: None. Motion carried. (#11-15)

Motion by Mooney supported by Rajala to adopt a resolution for Keweenaw County employees and The Hartford regarding the deferred compensation plan bringing the Plan up to speed with the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. Board polled. Ayes: Mooney, Piche, Rajala, Eckloff. Nays: None. Motion carried. (#11-16)

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

WHEREAS, the Michigan Legislature is considering new legislation that would abolish county road commissions, and

WHEREAS, the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners does not want responsibilities and liabilities of the public road system, and

WHEREAS, the Keweenaw County Road Commission has provided a valuable service to the citizens of Keweenaw County for nearly 100 years under the guidance of a separate board of elected road commissioners; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners wholeheartedly supports that the public road system responsibilities and liabilities remain under the control of the Board of Keweenaw County Road Commission. Board polled. Ayes: Mooney, Piche, Rajala, Eckloff. Nays: None. Motion carried. (#11-17)

Motion by Rajala supported by Mooney to pay the approved and audited bills in the following amounts; General Fund=\$116,814.46 Construction Codes Fund=\$5,150.41 911 Fund=\$3,134.24 EDC Fund=\$1,490.92 Law Library=\$405.96 Medical Care Fund=\$419.70 County Veterans Affairs Fund=\$999.77. Board polled. Ayes: Mooney, Piche, Rajala, Eckloff. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mooney supported by Piche to adopt the following budgets for 2012: General Fund, Keweenaw Mountain Lodge, 911, Economic Development, Friend of the Court, Register of Deeds Automation, Budget Stabilization, Sheriff Training, Jail Commissary, Law Library, Revenue Sharing, Medical Care Facility, Probate Child Care, Veterans Trust, Veteran Affairs, and Building Codes. Board polled. Ayes: Mooney, Piche, Rajala, Eckloff. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mooney supported by Piche to adopt the following salary schedule presented by Mooney:

POSITION	WAGE FOR 2011	WAGE FOR 2012	INCREASE
COUNTY CLERK	\$40,365.00	\$41,172.00	\$807.00
COUNTY TREASURER	\$38,295.00	\$39,095.00	\$800.00
DEPUTY TREASURER	\$26,085.00	\$26,885.00	\$800.00
DISTRICT COURT CLERK	\$30,120.00	\$30,920.00	\$800.00
EQUALIZATION DIRECTOR	\$52,000.00	\$52,000.00	\$0.00
EQUALIZATION ASSIST	\$17,858.00	\$18,258.00	\$400.00
911 COORDINATOR	\$5,092.00	\$5,492.00	\$400.00
BUILDING CODES CLERK	\$5,050.00	\$5,050.00	\$0.00
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR			\$0.00
JUVENILE OFFICER	\$31,050.00	\$31,850.00	\$800.00
SHERIFF	\$48,852.00	\$49,829.00	\$977.00
UNDER SHERIFF	\$44,609.00	\$45,501.00	\$892.00
JAIL MATRON	\$9,130.00	\$9,530.00	\$400.00
JAIL COOK	\$12,110.00	\$12,510.00	\$400.00
PROS ATTORNEY	\$42,954.00	\$43,813.00	\$859.00
PROBATE JUDGE	\$42,435.00	\$43,284.00	\$849.00
MINE INSPECTOR	\$5,700.00	\$5,850.00	\$150.00
EMERGENCY SERVICE COORDINATOR	\$7,245.00	\$7,445.00	\$200.00

Board polled. Ayes: Mooney, Piche, Rajala, Eckloff. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mooney supported by Piche and unanimously carried to enter into the "Memorandum of Agreement" between Keweenaw County and the Western U.P. Substance Abuse Services Coordinating Agency for continued participation in the Employee Assistance Program.

Motion by Mooney supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to appoint the following:

Planning Commission	Jon Soper	3 year term expiring 12/31/2014
Zoning Bd of Appeals	Jim Vivian	4 year term expiring 12/31/2015
Zoning Bd of Appeals	Frank Kastelic	4 year term expiring 12/31/2015
EDC	David Sundberg	3 year term expiring 12/31/2014
EDC	Shari Chase	3 year term expiring 12/31/2014
Brownfield	David Sundberg	3 year term expiring 12/31/2014
Brownfield	Marlin Wingard	3 year term expiring 12/31/2014
Veteran Affairs	Jim Huovinen	3 year term expiring 12/31/2014
Board of Canvassers-Republican	Joan Heikkila	2 year term expiring 10/31/2013

Motion by Mooney supported by Rajala to approve the Sheriff Union Contract with a 2% raise and the Custodian Union Contract with a 2.6% raise which equals \$800. Both union contracts are for one year. Board polled. Ayes: Mooney, Piche, Rajala, Eckloff. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mooney supported by Piche and unanimously carried to concur and approve the names presented by WUPPDR with no conflicts of interest for possible grants for the Keweenaw County Housing Rehabilitation Program, 2009-2011.

Motion by Mooney supported by Piche to follow the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the three Special Use Permits applied for by SBA Towers III, LLC for towers at the following locations: 14107 Brockway Mountain Drive, 12396 US 41 near Lake Medora and at 9779 US 41 near Delaware. Board polled. Ayes: Mooney, Piche, Rajala, Eckloff. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mooney supported by Piche and unanimously carried to allow Commissioner Del Rajala to do some maintenance on the jail video recording system and on the snowmobile. Rajala had provided these types of services long before becoming a commissioner.

Motion by Piche supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to pay KEDA Membership \$500.

Motion by Mooney supported by Piche to adopt the following budget amendments as presented by Mooney:

Fund	Line Item	Budgeted	Change to
County Audit		\$18,000	\$20,000
Equalization	Director	\$39,330	\$50,000
MSU Extension	Contract Service	\$4,150	\$4,230
	Phone		\$500
Secondary Road	Officer Salary	\$18,000	\$21,000
Medical Examiner	Autopsy	\$4,000	\$6,000
	Ambulance	\$2,000	\$3,000
Law Library	Law Books	\$3,500	\$4,000
Revenue Sharing		\$43,000	\$43,500
Economic Devop	Trans to KML	0	\$180,000
Op Trans Out	Trans to KML	0	\$437,853
Jail	MERS	\$7,600	\$18,100
Op Trans Out	Law Library	0	\$2,000
	Cig Tax	0	\$1,000
	Bldg Codes	0	\$2,000
Med Care Fac	Contract Serv	0	\$500
GF FOC	Prorat Expense	\$6,500	\$7,000
Sheriff	Deputies Salary	\$133,000	\$143,000
	Unemp Tx	\$2,000	\$2,250
	Office Sup	\$1,100	\$1,500
	Gas and Oil	\$12,000	\$15,000
	Vehic Repairs	\$5,000	\$7,000

Board polled. Ayes: Mooney, Piche, Rajala, Eckloff. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mooney supported by Piche to appoint the following Deputy Medical Examiners in the order as presented: Jerry Luoma, MD, Janice Heikenen, MD and Melody Snyder, Paramedic and Medical Examiner Scene Investigator. The Board was all in favor but Eckloff abstained.

Motion by Mooney supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to accept names and letters of application for the Road Commissioner opening until January 10, 2012. Eckloff and Piche will interview applicants and will make a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners.

Motion by Mooney supported by Piche and unanimously carried to allow Mooney and Piche to interview applicants for the Equalization Director and to then make a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners.

Mooney spoke about the audit deficiencies that have not been addressed for years. He is currently working to take care of many of the issues that have come up.

Time was allowed for public comment.

The Zoning Administrator gave an annual report of zoning, building, plumbing, mechanical and electrical permits given out for the year of 2011.

Motion by Rajala to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Meeting adjourned sine die.

Randy Eckloff, Chairman

Julie A. Carlson, Clerk

2012 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT

GENERAL FUND	REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES	EXPENDITURES AND OTHER SOURCES
Taxes and Penalties	1,243,188	
License and Permits	1,800	
Federal Grants	1,500	
State Grants	203,507	
Charges for Services	34,815	
Fines and Forfeits	300	
Interests and Rents	13,000	
Other Revenue	85,700	
Operating Transfer In	45,000	
Legislative		30,200
Judicial		255,817
General Government		440,872
Public Safety		679,246
Health and Welfare		15,118
Other		104,124
Capital Outlay		0
Operating Transfer Out		60,200
Appropriation from Fund Balance		
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	1,628,810	1,585,577
	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND 283		
Rental Income	47,340	
Reimbursement, Surplus	0	
Sewage	2,000	
Brownfield	100,000	
Appropriation from Fund Balance	0	
Recreation and Cultural		118,100
TOTAL	149,340	118,100
MEDICAL CARE FACILITY FUND 291		
Delinquent Taxes	0	
Interest	10,000	
Medical Care Facility		20,500
Appropriation from Fund Balance	10,500	
TOTAL	20,500	20,500
REVENUE SHARING FUND 285		
Interest	7,000	
Transfer Out		45,000
Appropriation from Fund Balance	38,000	
TOTAL	45,000	45,000
REGISTER OF DEEDS AUTO FUND 256		
Register of Deeds Services	3,200	
Interest	550	
General Government		3,200
TOTAL	3,750	3,200
LAW LIBRARY FUND 269		
Penal Fines	1,300	
Operating Transfer In	2,200	
Judicial		3,500
TOTAL	3,500	3,500
VETERANS TRUST FUND 294		
State Grants	3,000	
Health and Welfare		2,000
TOTAL	3,000	2,000
911 FUND 261		
State Grants	111,436	
Public Safety		72,947
TOTAL	111,436	72,947
SHERIFFS TRAINING FUND 264		
Charges for Services	200	
Training		300
Appropriation from Fund Balance	100	
TOTAL	300	300

	REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES	EXPENDITURES AND OTHER SOURCES
CONSTRUCTION CODES FUND 249		
Permits	30,046	
Public Safety		29,495
Appropriation from Fund Balance	0	
TOTAL	30,046	29,495
BUDGET STABILIZATION FUND 257		
Transfer In	2,000	
Transfer Out		0
TOTAL	2,000	0
FRIEND OF COURT FUND 215		
Charges for Services	400	
Judicial		0
TOTAL	400	0
KEWEENAW PARK FUND 208		
Charges for Services	798,634	
Interests and Rents		
Recreation and Cultural		670,144
Capital Outlay		12,000
Debt Services		
TOTAL	798,634	682,144
PROBATE CHILD CARE AND JUVENILE FUND 292		
Grants	65,000	
Operating Transfer In	50,000	
Health and Welfare		115,000
TOTAL	115,000	115,000
JAIL COMMISSARY 265		
Charges for Services	2,500	
Expenditures		2,500
TOTAL	2,500	2,500
VETERANS AFFAIRS 295		
Taxes	11,805	
Commercial Forest	940	
Interest	50	
Expenditures		19,068
Appropriation for Fund Balance	6,273	
TOTAL	19,068	19,068