

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
KEWEENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
August 15, 2012

The regular monthly meeting of the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners held August 15, 2012, 6:30 p.m. at the Courthouse, Eagle River, MI, opened with the pledge of allegiance.

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

The meeting was posted in the Courthouse on the bulletin board and the agenda for the meeting was posted on the door of the Courthouse prior to the meeting.

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

Motion by Piche supported by Stubenrauch and unanimously carried to accept the minutes as presented from the July 18, 2012 regular meeting.

The Treasurer, Sheriff and Mine Inspector reports were available.

Don Keith spoke on behalf of the VFW looking for support for a National Veteran's Cemetery in Michigan's Upper Peninsula and that Mt. Horace Greeley is given consideration as a site for such cemetery. The closest National Cemeteries are four hundred miles away, Milwaukee being full and Fort Snelling is located in Minneapolis, MN and then there are two downstate cemeteries. The distance is unreasonable for families to have to travel for burials. This could have a great impact for the tax base, employment and an economic impact for restaurants and motels. Don stated that he has been before all five township boards, the EDC, Planning Commission, Veterans Affairs and the Brownfield Authority and has received support from all of them.

Motion by Piche supported by Eckloff that the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners endorses construction of a military burial site in the Upper Peninsula and encourages that the site would be at Mt. Horace Greeley. Board polled. Ayes: Eckloff, Stubenrauch, Piche, Rajala, Mooney. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Time was allowed for public comment and there was none.

Motion by Rajala supported by Piche to pay the approved and audited bills in the following amounts: General Fund=\$118,305.98 Construction Codes Fund=\$1,605.02 911 Fund=\$19,305.27 EDC Fund=\$14,601.24 Law Library=\$108.54 Child Care Fund=\$2,804.02 County Veterans Fund=\$0 Register of Deeds Automation Fund=\$0 Medical Care Fund=\$0 Board polled. Ayes: Eckloff, Stubenrauch, Rajala, Piche, Mooney. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

WHEREAS, under the Federal Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, it is illegal to deny housing to any person because of race, color, religion, gender, physical or mental disabilities or national origin ; and,

WHEREAS, under the Michigan Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act, PA 453 of 1976, as amended, it is illegal to deny the opportunity to obtain housing to any person because of religion, race, color, national origin, age, sex, height, weight, familial status, or marital status;

LET IT BE KNOWN TO ALL PERSONS that it is the policy of Keweenaw County to implement programs to ensure equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of religion, race, color, national origin, age, sex, height, weight, familial status, or marital status. Therefore, Keweenaw County does hereby pass the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that Keweenaw County shall not discriminate in the sale, rental, leasing, or financing of housing because of religion, race, color, gender, physical or mental disabilities, national origin, age, height, weight, familial status or marital status;

Keweenaw County will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against because of religion, race, color, gender, physical or mental disabilities, national origin, age, height, weight, familial status, or marital status to seek equity under federal and state laws by providing information to said persons on how to file a complaint with the Michigan Department of Civil Rights.

Keweenaw County will at a minimum post this policy or the Fair Housing poster or other posters, flyers or other information which will bring to the attention of owners of real estate, developers and builders their respective responsibilities and rights under the Federal Fair Housing Law and Michigan Elliott Larsen Act.

Board polled. Ayes: Eckloff, Stubenrauch, Piche, Rajala, Mooney. Nays: None. Motion carried. (#12-3)

The Honeywell proposal is put on hold for now.

Motion by Piche supported by Rajala and unanimously carried not to enter into the EDC request for \$5,000 for a site visit for an indoor waterpark in the Copper Harbor area.

Motion by Piche supported by Stubenrauch to pay the Contractor's Invoice #1 in the amount of \$26,525 to Robert E. Johnson Contracting, Inc. for the Courthouse roof project. Board polled. Ayes: Eckloff, Stubenrauch, Piche, Rajala, Mooney. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Stubenrauch supported by Rajala that the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby supports the Baraga-Houghton-Keweenaw Counties Community Corrections Advisory Board's efforts to apply for continuing funds for Fiscal Year 2013-2015. Board polled. Ayes: Eckloff, Stubenrauch, Piche, Rajala, Mooney. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The MSHDA Third Party Administrator Management Plan is tabled until the September meeting so that Mooney can talk to WUPPDR regarding the housing grants.

Motion by Piche supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to approve Stubenrauch to attend the U.P. Assoc. of County Commissioners 2012 Fall Conference in Brimley, MI.

Time was allowed for public comment. A question was raised concerning where the County money is deposited and whether it's diversified or not. Mooney will talk to the attorney regarding the diversification of the money.

There being no further business, motion by Eckloff to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. Meeting adjourned sine die.

Ernest Mooney, Chairman

Julie A. Carlson, Clerk