

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
KEWEENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
March 20, 2013

The regular monthly meeting of the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners held March 20, 2013, 6:30 p.m. at the Courthouse, Eagle River, MI, opened with the pledge of allegiance.

Commissioners present: Frank Stubenrauch, Ray Chase, Don Piche, Del Rajala. Absent: Randy Eckloff.

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.

Motion by Chase supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to approve the agenda with one addition by Stubenrauch, under New Business d.) support of UPCAP resolution regarding Medicaid expansion.

Motion by Rajala supported by Chase and unanimously carried to accept the minutes as presented from the February 20, 2013 regular monthly board meeting.

The Treasurer, Sheriff and Mine Inspector reports were received.

Nick Sigan from Solutions Telecommunications was a guest at the meeting bringing information on the telephone and recording system for the Sheriff Department and the Courthouse. He presented information and answered questions.

Time was allowed for public comment

Motion by Stubenrauch supported by Rajala to pay the approved and audited bills in the following amounts; General Fund=\$114,960.90 Construction Codes Fund=\$1,236.75 911 Fund=\$3,886.96 Law Library=\$113.00 Child Care Fund=\$0 County Veterans Trust Fund=\$0 Register of Deeds Automation Fund=\$0. Board polled. Ayes: Stubenrauch, Chase, Piche, Rajala. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Pasty.net agreement was tabled until April.

Motion by Chase supported by Stubenrauch to approve the purchase of the upgraded phone system for the Sheriff Department and the Courthouse and the recording device for the Sheriff Department from Solutions. The Sheriff Department upgrade will cost approximately \$8,400 and will come from the 911 Fund and the Courthouse upgrade will cost \$4,593 and will be charged to the General Fund. Ayes: Stubenrauch, Chase, Rajala, Piche. Nays: None.

Motion by Rajala supported by Stubenrauch to appoint the following people to the Houghton/Keweenaw Recreation Authority: Don Kauppi, Ray Chase, Marlene Dukart, Aaron Rogers. Ayes: Stubenrauch, Rajala, Piche. Nays: None. Abstain: Chase.

Motion by Chase supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to adopt the following resolution allowing the County to apply for a credit card:

WHEREAS, Keweenaw County has been an established County in the State of Michigan since 1861, and
WHEREAS, Keweenaw County conducts business through the internet, and
WHEREAS, currently any payment required must be made using employees personal credit cards, and
WHEREAS, Keweenaw County will allow for the payment of all documented charges on the credit card to be paid in full prior to the due date to avoid any financial charges including interest, and
WHEREAS, any department with a charge on the credit card that incurs a finance fee will also be responsible for payment of the finance fee, and
WHEREAS, this credit card shall only be used to conduct business of, for and by Keweenaw County.
THEREFORE, be it resolved, on this 20th day of March, 2013, the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners supports the application for and use of a Community Credit Card by the Clerk and Sheriff of Keweenaw County. (#13-3)

The EDC Charter was tabled until April to make sure all EDC members had a chance to review the charter.

Keweenaw County received a letter from the National Park Service stating that Isle Royale has no further interest in the communication tower and associated equipment located at the former Calumet Air Force Station, Gratiot Lake. So, the tower and associated equipment now belong to the County.

Motion by Rajala supported by Chase and unanimously carried to concur with the EDC and appropriate \$400 from the EDC Fund to the Keweenaw Adventure Company, LLC allowing them to have a booth that will promote silent sports in the Keweenaw at the Outdoor Adventure Expo in Minneapolis on April 26-28th.

Motion by Stubenrauch supported by Chase and unanimously carried to support UPCAP's resolution for Medicaid expansion which would provide health insurance for Michigan residents who need it most while saving money and improving health care for all citizens and at no additional cost to the State of Michigan.

Time was allowed for public comment.

There being no further business, motion by Rajala to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Meeting adjourned sine die.

Donald Piche, Chairman

Julie A. Carlson, Clerk