

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
KEWEENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
August 21, 2013

The regular monthly meeting of the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners held August 21, 2013, 6:30 p.m. at the Courthouse, Eagle River, MI, opened with the pledge of allegiance.

Commissioners present: Randy Eckloff, Frank Stubenrauch, Ray Chase, 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.

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

Motion by Chase supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to accept the minutes as presented from the July 17, 2013 board meeting.

The Treasurer, Sheriff and Mine Inspector reports were received.

Time was allowed for public comment.

There was no public comment on the Hazard Mitigation Plan Draft.

Motion by Rajala supported by Eckloff to pay the approved and audited bills in the following amounts; General Fund=\$134,136.80 Construction Codes Fund=\$3,730.35 911 Fund=\$14,201.93 Law Library=\$320.00 Child Care Fund=\$4,116.89 County Veterans Trust Fund=\$58.80 Register of Deeds Automation Fund=\$2,005.70 Courthouse Improvement Fund=\$1,391.71. Board polled. Ayes: Eckloff, Stubenrauch, Chase, Piche, Rajala. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Chase supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to amend the agreement between Aircell, LLC, now Gogo LLC and Keweenaw County at Mt. Horace Greeley pending a final approval from Rajala after he talks to Gogo regarding tower specs and standards. The amendment allows existing antennas to be replaced and with six new antennas, the monthly amount paid by Gogo to the County will increase by \$600. Currently, the rate is \$1,340 monthly which will increase to \$1,940 per month.

Motion by Chase supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to approve the increase in Blue Cross/Blue Shield rates at 16.38% for 2014 and to request a copy in writing. There will also be approximately 4 or 5% tax on insurance premiums with the new health care reforms. If the Board didn't do anything, the rates could go up 19 to 21% with less coverage with the same amount of taxes on the premium.

Motion by Rajala supported by Stubenrauch and unanimously carried to have Chase list the following projects for inclusion into the CEDS (Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy) for WUPPDR: the Courthouse renovations, the Jail renovations and cleanup at Mt. Horace Greeley and any other project which is logically attainable. The Economic Development Administration (EDA) requires WUPPDR to submit an annual project survey which is used to help plan for upcoming projects and those projects are incorporated into the CEDS which is used by the EDA to help determine funding eligibility.

Motion by Chase supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried with Stubenrauch abstaining to nominate Frank Stubenrauch for the Oreste Chiantello Award through WUPPDR. Stubenrauch has been on the County board since 1993 and has spent many years leading Keweenaw County.

Time was allowed for public comment.

There being no further business, motion by Eckloff to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Meeting adjourned sine die.

Donald Piche, Chairman

Julie A. Carlson, Clerk