

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
KEWEENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
November 20, 2013

The regular monthly meeting of the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners held November 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, Randy Eckloff. Absent: 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 Eckloff supported by Chase and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion by Chase supported by Stubenrauch and unanimously carried to accept the minutes as presented from the October 16, 2013 regular meeting, the October 22, 2013 budget meeting and the November 5, 2013 special/budget meeting.

The Treasurer, Sheriff and Mine Inspector reports were received.

Doug Brahee and Mike Schira attended the meeting to present the MSU Extension's Annual Report.

Elizabeth Anderson, Equalization Assistant, thanked the Board for their support of her education thus far.

Time was allowed for public comment.

Motion by Eckloff supported by Stubenrauch to pay the approved and audited bills in the following amounts; General Fund=\$152,840.09, Construction Codes Fund=\$8,929.41, 911 Fund=\$12,939.84, Law Library=\$119.03, Child Care Fund=\$0, County Veterans Trust Fund=\$1,743.72, Register of Deeds Automation Fund=\$0, Courthouse Improvement Fund=\$2,795.18, Board polled. Ayes: Eckloff, Stubenrauch, Chase, Piche. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Chase supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to hold a budget meeting on December 3rd at 6:30 p.m.

Motion by Chase supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to set a public hearing on December 18, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. to hear public comment on the proposed 2014 general fund and special funds budgets.

Motion by Chase supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to allow the Chairman to sign the engagement letter with Susan D. Sanford, CPA PLLC for the County audits of 2013, 2014, and 2015 for the amount of \$14,300 for each of the three years.

Motion by Eckloff supported by Chase and unanimously carried to raise the amount of opting out of health care insurance for employees from \$250 per month to \$500 per month or the cost of the premium, whichever is lower.

A motion by Chase, supported by Eckloff to purchase the 2012 Chevy Impala from Kissel for \$16,000 (will be put in storage until 2015), and to amend the 2013 budget under Capital Outlay for the Sheriff Department for the same. Board polled. Ayes: Eckloff, Stubenrauch, Chase, Piche. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Chase supported by Stubenrauch and unanimously carried to appropriate \$400 from EDC to the Keweenaw Adventure Co to assist with expenses in attending Canoecopia 2014 which promotes tourism in Keweenaw County.

The Building Inspector resigned as of November 30, 2013. An ad was run in the Daily Mining Gazette and letters of interest are due by December 4, 2013.

Motion by Eckloff supported by Stubenrauch and unanimously carried to renew the Memo of Agreement between the Western U.P. Substance Abuse Services Coordinating Agency Inc and Keweenaw County for continued participation in the Employee Assistance Program for December 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014.

Motion by Chase supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to allow the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge to make a loan payment to Rural Development in the amount of \$17,957.

Time was allowed for public comment.

There being no further business, motion by Eckloff to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Meeting adjourned sine die.

Donald Piche, Chairman

Julie A. Carlson, Clerk