

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
KEWEENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
April 16, 2014

The regular monthly meeting of the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners held April 16, 2014, 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 March 19, 2014 regular monthly board meeting.

The Treasurer, Sheriff and Mine Inspector reports were received.

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=\$135,914.71 Construction Codes Fund=\$1,305.72 911 Fund=\$1,730.92 Law Library=\$77.43 Child Care Fund=\$0 County Veterans Trust Fund=\$2,574.00 Register of Deeds Automation Fund=\$0. Board polled. Ayes: Eckloff, Stubenrauch, Chase, Piche, Rajala. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Elizabeth Anderson, Equalization Assistant for Keweenaw County presented the report for County Equalization. Overall, the county's equalized value went down by 3%. The CEV (County Equalized Value) went from \$218,534,846 to \$211,236,051. The following rates were adopted:

Motion by Chase supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to set the agricultural CEV at \$31,418.

Motion by Chase supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to set the commercial CEV at \$10,348,173.

Motion by Chase supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to set the residential CEV at \$194,556,954.

Motion by Chase supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to set the timber cut over at \$1,370,002.

Motion by Chase supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to set the personal CEV at \$4,929,504.

Motion by Rajala supported by Chase to accept the proposal from OHM in the amount of \$4,000 for the Courthouse entrance project. OHM's Scope of Services includes design and construction documents, bidding, and construction administration. Board polled. Ayes: Eckloff, Stubenrauch, Chase, Rajala, Piche. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Chase supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to approve and sign the grant agreement between the State of Michigan and Keweenaw County for the Qualified Voter File (QVF) Oracle/Equipment Upgrade Project funded by Help America Vote Act (HAVA), Title II, Section 251 which will provide a QVF server using Windows 7 operating system and Oracle database software.

Motion by Rajala supported by Chase and unanimously carried to allow Stubenrauch to attend the Upper Peninsula Association of County Commissioner's Spring Conference in Harris, MI on May 8-9<sup>th</sup> and to pay any expenses that are incurred.

Motion by Chase supported by Stubenrauch to adopt the following resolution approving ballot language for a millage proposal to provide funds for road maintenance and repair within the County and to submit the proposal to the electorate at the August 5, 2014 Primary Election:

**Recitals.** Section 20b of the general highway law, being MCL 224.20b, expressly authorizes the Board of Commissioners for the County of Keweenaw to submit to the electorate of the county the question of a tax levy for highway, road and street purposes.

1. Whereas, the new additional 2 mills requested by the Keweenaw County Board of Road Commissioners will increase the Keweenaw County's millage to 17 mills and surpass the fifteen (15) mill limitation contained within Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963.
2. Whereas, Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963, provides that the fifteen (15) mill limitation on property taxes thereon may be altered up to 18 mills by a vote of the majority of the qualified electorate of the County.
3. Whereas, the County of Keweenaw desires to submit to the electorate of the County the question of a tax levy for highway, road and street purposes within the County.
4. Whereas, the County of Keweenaw Board of Commissioners, therefore, desire to obtain voter approval for the new 2 mills to provide funds for road maintenance and repairs within the County.
5. Whereas, because a county-wide primary election is scheduled on August 5, 2014, the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners finds it appropriate to submit this millage proposition to the electorate at this primary election.

**RESOLUTION**

NOW, THEREFORE THE KEWEENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HEREBY RESOLVES THAT:

1. The following proposal, the language of which is hereby approved by the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners and certified to the Keweenaw County Clerk, shall be submitted to the electorate of Keweenaw County for a vote at the August 5, 2014 primary election.

**KEWEENAW COUNTY  
Countywide Road Millage Proposal**

*This proposal will permit the County to levy 2 mills for the purpose of providing funds for the maintenance and repair of roads within the County in the years 2015-2019, inclusive.*

Shall tax limitation upon the total amount of general ad valorem taxes imposed upon real and tangible personal property for all purposes in any one year under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 be increased in the County of Keweenaw Michigan by a new 2.00 mills (which is equal to \$2.00 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value of all such property) for a period of 5 years, 2015 through 2019, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds exclusively for highway, road and street purposes and the maintenance and repair of roads in accord with MCL 224.20b within the townships and village of the County of Keweenaw, and shall the County of Keweenaw be authorized to levy such millage for these purposes? The proposed millage is a new additional County millage. The amount of revenue the County of Keweenaw will collect if the millage is approved and levied by the County is estimated to be \$266,000.00 in the first calendar year. Board polled. Ayes: Eckloff, Stubenrauch, Chase, Rajala, Piche. Nays: None. Motion carried. (#14-3)

The at&t tower at Mt. Horace Greeley was tabled until May as the Board was looking for updated information.

Motion by Rajala supported by Chase to create a restricted special revenue fund #266-Drug Law Enforcement Fund. This fund is used by the Sheriff’s Department as they seize property involved in the violation of controlled substances statutes, Act 135, PA 1985 (MCL 333.7523). Authorized expenditures include expenses of seizure, forfeiture and sale of property. The balance remaining must be used to enhance law enforcement efforts. The cash and investments of the Drug Law Enforcement Fund are subject to the requirements of Act 20 PA 1943, as amended, (MCL 129.91) and may be included in a pooled cash and investment. Board polled. Ayes: Eckloff, Stubenrauch, Chase, Rajala, Piche. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Rajala supported by Chase to adopt a budget for the new #266-Drug Law Enforcement Fund.

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REVENUES		
266-655	Fines & Forfeits	3,000
	<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>3,000</b>

EXPENDITURES		
266-705	Temp Hire	3,000
	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>3,000</b>

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

Motion by Chase supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to set a fee schedule for the Equalization Department for databases and copies. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests are to be charged as the law requires.

The Chamber of Commerce membership of \$400 is tabled until May when further information will be available.

Motion by Rajala supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to approve the union contract agreement between Keweenaw County and the Keweenaw County Courthouse Employees’ Chapter of Local 226, Michigan AFSCME Council 25, AFL-CIO effective December 1, 2013 for a one year period.

Time was allowed for public comment.

There being no further business motion by Chase to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Meeting adjourned sine die.

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Donald Piche, Chairman

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Julie A. Carlson, Clerk