

PUBLIC HEARING
KEWEENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
November 19, 2014

Present: Randy Eckloff, Bob DeMarois, Ray Chase, Don Piche. Absent: Del Rajala.

The Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing on November 19, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. to hear public comment on the 2015 County budgets including the General Fund and all Special Funds. The public hearing was closed at 6:20 p.m.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
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The regular monthly meeting of the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners held November 19, 2014, 6:30 p.m. at the Courthouse, Eagle River, MI, opened with the pledge of allegiance.

Commissioners present: Randy Eckloff, Bob DeMarois, Ray Chase, Don Piche. 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 Chase supported by Eckloff 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 October 15, 2014 regular monthly board meeting.

The Treasurer, Sheriff and Mine Inspector reports were received.

Time was allowed for public comment.

Kim Stoker, Executive Director of WUPPDR, came to the Board to propose that the County move forward with a Keweenaw Mountain Lodge Feasibility Option Proposal. Kim would work to secure funding from other sources and Keweenaw County would have to pay approximately \$5,000. The study could include the looking at the past studies vs. looking at the last three years financials, a commercial appraisal and perhaps searching out some alternatives. No funds are needed at this time. If funding is secured, Kim will come back to the Board for its share of money. Motion by Chase supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to allow WUPPDR to look into securing funding for this study.

Motion by Chase supported by Eckloff to pay the approved and audited bills in the following amounts: General Fund=\$151,141.06, Construction Codes-\$3,406.99, 911 Fund-\$10,700.37, Child Care Fund=\$0, Veterans Affairs=\$0, Law Library=\$449.11, Register of Deeds Automation Fund=\$0. Board polled. Ayes: Eckloff, DeMarois, Chase, Piche. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Chase supported by Eckloff to adopt the following budgets for 2015: General Fund, 911, Friend of the Court, Register of Deeds Automation, Sheriff Training, Jail Commissary, Drug Law Enforcement, Law Library, Revenue Sharing, Medical Care Facility, Probate Child Care, Veterans Trust, Veteran Affairs, and Building Codes and Building Repair and Maintenance and the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge.

Motion by Eckloff supported by Chase and unanimously carried to increase the variance and special use permit fees for Planning and Zoning from \$250 to \$350 effective in 2015.

Motion by Chase supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to increase the Building, Electrical, Mechanical, Plumbing, and Soil Erosion Permit fees to the rates set by the State of Michigan effective April 15, 2015. (Last increase was in 2011)

Motion by Eckloff supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to adopt the following resolution regarding the County accepting credit cards;

WHEREAS, Michigan Public Act 280 of 1995 authorizes counties to accept payments by financial transaction devices such as credit cards, debit cards and electronic funds transfer cards; and

WHEREAS, PayGOV.US offers a service in which citizens can make payments by credit card for an additional fee that is assessed to the cardholder; and

WHEREAS, the Keweenaw County Offices have expressed an interest in entering into an agreement with PayGOV.US to offer this payment option at no cost to the county in their respective offices; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 3 of the Act, the Treasurer had determined that this type of financial transaction device payment is acceptable, subject to the internal policies and procedures that have been developed by the involved parties;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners authorizes the acceptance of credit card payments by all Keweenaw County Offices. (#14-9)

Motion by Eckloff supported by Chase and unanimously carried to pay the current liquor tax money that is due for the last quarter to Substance Abuse instead of NorthCare Network. After this, the money will be paid to NorthCare Network. Eckloff said the money comes in from the previous quarter; therefore, Substance Abuse was still operating as it always had.

Motion by Eckloff supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to appropriate \$411.67 from the EDC to Keweenaw Adventure Co. for the Outdoor Adventure Expo where the Keweenaw is promoted.

Motion by Chase supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to appropriate \$500 from the EDC to the Copper Harbor light exhibit.

Motion by Chase supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to pay the monthly fee to Midwest Security for the alarm system that normally would alert the Sheriff Dept of any problems in the offices of the Courthouse, if there is a fire in the Courthouse or if the temperature in the Courthouse gets too low. If an alarm sounds, Midwest Security will alert the Sheriff Department. This will be the process until next spring when the line between the Courthouse and the Sheriff Dept. can be dug up.

Time was allowed for public comment.

There being no further business motion by Eckloff to adjourn at 7:28 p.m. Meeting adjourned sine die.

Donald Piche, Chairman

Julie A. Carlson, Clerk