

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
 KEWEENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
 March 16, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners was held on March 16, 2016 beginning at 7:00 p.m. following the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge meeting, at the Courthouse, Eagle River, MI.

Commissioners present: Randy Eckloff, Bob DeMarois, Don Piche, Ray Chase. 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 DeMarois supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to accept the minutes from the February 17, 2016 regular monthly board meeting and the March 3, 2016 special meeting as presented.

The Treasurer, Sheriff and Mine Inspector reports were received.

Time was allowed for public comment.

Motion by Chase supported by DeMarois to pay the approved and audited bills in the following amounts; General Fund=\$161,287.02 Construction Codes Fund=\$4,149.80 911 Fund=\$18,929.55 Law Library=\$138.00 Child Care Fund/Basic Grant=\$0 County Veterans Trust Fund=\$0 Medical Care Fund=\$1,292.70 Courthouse Improvement Fund=\$0. Board polled. Ayes: Eckloff, DeMarois, Chase, Piche. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Chase supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to table the at&t contract and the Western U.P. Consortium bill until April.

Motion by Chase supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to contact OHM regarding a fire escape for the Courthouse and to look at siding, roofing and doors for the carriage house.

Motion by Chase supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to convert the Keweenaw County Jail from a full time jail to a 72 hour lock up.

Motion by Eckloff supported by Chase and unanimously carried to adopt the following resolution.
 WHEREAS, Keweenaw County is the smallest county in the State of Michigan with a limited tax base and increasing expenses, and;
 WHEREAS, the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners looked at options for the Keweenaw County Jail as expenses continue to rise and inmate counts continue to drop, and;
 WHEREAS, after looking at the cost comparisons and considering all facts, the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners chooses to close the Keweenaw County Jail but to continue as a 72 hour lock up.
 THEREFORE, be it resolved effective after March 31, 2016, the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Keweenaw County Sheriff to transfer inmates incarcerated for a period longer than 72 hours, to be lodged in Houghton, Baraga, Ontonagon and/or Iron County Jails. Motion carried. (#16-4)

Motion by Chase supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to approve the agreement with special prosecutor Joseph O’Leary until December 31, 2016.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Chase and unanimously carried to approve the maintenance agreement with Sayens OPG for the copiers for another year. The agreement covers maintenance and black toners.

Motion by Chase supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to approve the following budget amendments for the General Fund for fiscal year ending 12/31/15:

	Revenues Increase (Decrease)	Expenditures & Fund Balance Increase (Decrease)
GENERAL FUND-EXPENDITURES		
Elections-Office Supplies	101-262-727	400
Homeland Security-Equipment	101-435-977	15,600
Substance Abuse Agency	101-631-965	(8,000)
Oper Transfer Out		
Substance Abuse (Liquor Tax)	101-999-965	<u>(8,000)</u>
GENERAL FUND-TOTALS	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Motion by Eckloff supported by DeMarois to appropriate \$2,500.25 to the Western U.P. Substance Abuse Agency. This agency is supposed to be receiving PA 2 funds from NorthCare Network that the County has paid to them. NorthCare has not been paying out the PA 2 funds to the local agencies, leaving these agencies in a financial bind. This appropriation will help our local agency as they had expected to receive this money from NorthCare. The county will then put pressure on NorthCare to release the PA 2 funds back to us, as we have made this appropriation to WUPAS. Board polled. Ayes: Eckloff, DeMarois, Chase, Piche. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Chase and unanimously carried to approve the 2016 Keweenaw County Remonumentation Program and the listing for individual contracts which include Hein Surveying and Crampton Surveying Inc.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to appropriate \$2,500 from the General Fund (EDC Class) to the Copper Harbor Trails Club to assist with trail development and repairs. This appropriation includes a Summit Level sponsorship for the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge which is great advertising. This was also approved unanimously by the EDC.

Motion by Chase supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to write a letter of support for Grant Township's application to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for the acquisition of 94 acres of land on the south side of Copper Harbor and maintain permanent access to the Copper Harbor Trail System.

Time was allowed for public comment.

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

Donald Piche, Chairman

Julie A. Carlson, Clerk