

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
KEWEENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
August 17, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners was held on August 17, 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, 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 Eckloff supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to accept the minutes from the July 20, 2016 regular monthly board meeting as presented.

The Treasurer, Sheriff and Mine Inspector reports were received.

Jennifer Tucker and Chuck Bennetts did a presentation on Brownfield Redevelopment. The committee is active in Keweenaw County and began back in 2009 with a \$200,000 grant. This grant helped to identify contaminated sites throughout the county. Some sites have been cleaned up and redeveloped, some are still being monitored, and Mount Horace Greeley is the site that is currently being focused on for restoration and development. Keweenaw County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority is eligible to apply for grants, loans and tax increment financing.

Ellen Brody, Regional Coordinator-Great Lakes and Northeast Region of NOAA and Sandra Clark, Director of the Michigan Historical Center were present to share information about National Marine Sanctuaries and the possibility of nominating this area. There are currently fourteen marine sanctuaries that are in the NOAA system. Alpena was not in favor of a marine sanctuary originally but now the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary is loved by the community. They explained what sanctuaries are and what they aren't. There aren't restrictions on fishing or diving and there are no user fees. The process is community driven and the community decides what is to be protected. There is an advisory council that would be key to guiding the direction of the sanctuary. The presentation was very informative.

Time was allowed for public comment.

Motion by Eckloff supported by Chase to pay the approved and audited bills in the following amounts; General Fund=\$121,685.59 Construction Codes Fund=\$3,050.98 911 Fund=\$1,546.96 Law Library=\$987.69 Child Care Fund/Basic Grant=\$611.86 County Veterans Trust Fund=\$0 Medical Care Fund=\$0 Courthouse Improvement Fund=\$23,713.24. Board polled. Ayes: Eckloff, DeMarois, Chase, Rajala, Piche. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Chase and unanimously carried to set the Western U.P. Health Department appropriation at \$29,460 for 2017. This is an increase over this year because the appropriation was decreased in 2016 due to other funds being received.

Motion by Eckloff supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to replace some of the doors at the Sheriff's Department for security purposes.

Motion by Rajala supported by Chase and unanimously carried to move forward on updating the lighting in the offices and in the hallway of the Courthouse.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to amend the 911 budget in the amount of \$170,000 for the radios that will be purchased.

Motion by Chase supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation of approving the Land Use Plan (Blueprint for Tomorrow 2016) Draft. This plan will go out to all townships etc and everyone will have 63 days to submit any changes. It will come back to the Board of Commissioners for final approval.

Motion by Rajala supported by Eckloff to allow the Construction Codes Department to accept the BS&A Software and Services proposal in the amount of \$16,450. Board polled. Ayes: Eckloff, DeMarois, Chase, Rajala, Piche. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Chase supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to allow the Clerk to look into getting the Register of Deeds records scanned.

Time was allowed for public comment.

There being no further business motion by Eckloff to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Meeting adjourned sine die.

Donald Piche, Chairman

Julie A. Carlson, Clerk