

PUBLIC HEARING
KEWEENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
November 16, 2016

The Public Hearing was held for the 2017 budgets at 6:00 p.m. at the Courthouse in Eagle River, MI and began with the pledge of allegiance.

Commissioners present: Randy Eckloff, Bob DeMarois, Don Piche, Ray Chase, Del Rajala.

The Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners heard public comment on the 2017 County budgets including the General Fund and all Special Funds.

Motion by Chase supported by DeMarois to close the public hearing at 6:15 p.m.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
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The regular monthly meeting of the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners was held on November 16, 2016 beginning at 7:07 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 Rajala supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to accept the minutes from the October 19, 2016 regular monthly meeting and the November 1, 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=\$148,720.26 Construction Codes Fund=\$11,840.02 911 Fund=\$1,445.99 Law Library=\$0 Child Care Fund/Basic Grant=\$0 County Veterans Trust Fund=\$0 Medical Care Fund=\$1,251.00 Courthouse Improvement Fund=\$45,518.00 There was discussion about how to deal with General Fund money going to pay the bills for the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge. General Fund money transferred to pay KML bills and payroll=\$36,962.49 Board polled. Ayes: Eckloff, DeMarois, Chase, Rajala, Piche. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Eckloff supported by Chase and unanimously carried to adopt the following 2017 budgets as presented: General Fund, Friend of the Court, Courthouse Improvement Fund, Building Codes, Register of Deeds Automation, 911, Concealed Pistol Licensing, Sheriffs Training, Jail Commissary, Drug Law Enforcement Fund, Law Library, Revenue Sharing, Medical Care Facility, Probate Child Care/Juvenile Fund, Veterans Trust, Veterans Affairs.

Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to approve the amended Apportionment report for 2017 as two millages were approved by voters in the November General Election.

Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to send a letter to support and to adopt the following resolution regarding WUPPDR as grant applicant for 2017 for continued funding of the Western Upper Peninsula Regional Prosperity Initiative:

WHEREAS, Governor Snyder and the Michigan Legislature have created the Regional Prosperity Initiative with the goal of improving organizational collaboration to further economic prosperity; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, 2015 AND 2016 WUPPDR was awarded funds to form and continue a Regional Prosperity Collaborative to foster greater communication and collaboration among organizations involved in economic, workforce, community development; adult and higher education; transportation; and other areas; and

WHEREAS, the Western Upper Peninsula Regional Prosperity Collaborative (WUPRPC) is composed of Baraga, Gogebic, Houghton, Iron, Keweenaw, and Ontonagon Counties, known as Prosperity Region 1a; and

WHEREAS, WUPRPC completed a five-year Regional Prosperity Plan in 2014 and has been implementing its eight priority projects in 2016, in the areas of economic development, career and technical education, broadband connectivity, regional marketing, energy, placemaking, nonprofit organization needs assessment, and support for statewide advocacy of the program; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan enacted legislation in 2016 authorizing and appropriating funds for continuation of the Regional Prosperity Initiative for the Fiscal Year 2017; and
WHEREAS, only WUPPDR is eligible in the Western Upper Peninsula to receive funding under the Regional Prosperity Initiative; and
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Keweenaw County hereby supports continuation of the Western Upper Peninsula Regional Prosperity Initiative and authorizes submission of an application to the Michigan Department of Technology, Management and Budget. **(#16-9)**

Motion by DeMarois supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to renew the Memorandum of Agreement between Keweenaw County and the Great Lakes Recovery Center for continued participation in the Employee Assistance Program for a period of October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017.

Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to approve the 2017 Survey and Remonumentation grant application.

Motion by Rajala supported by Chase and unanimously carried to approve the bid from U.S. Imaging Inc for the Register of Deeds scanning project. All bound and mechanical books and indexes will be scanned on site and will be available on computer once the project is complete.

Motion by Chase supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to have a special meeting on November 30, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Horizons School in Mohawk to hear public opinion and to make a decision on whether or not to loan general fund money to the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge to open in 2017.

Time was allowed for public comment.

There being no further business, motion by Rajala to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned sine die.

Donald Piche, Chairman

Julie A. Carlson, Clerk