

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
KEWEENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
March 15, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners was held on March 15, 2017 beginning at 7:00 p.m. following the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge meeting, at the Courthouse, Eagle River, MI.

Commissioners present: Bob DeMarois, Sandy Gayk, Don Piche, Jim Vivian, 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 Rajala and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion by Gayk supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to accept the minutes from the February 15, 2017 regular monthly meeting as presented.

The Treasurer, Sheriff and Mine Inspector reports were received.

Time was allowed for public comment.

Motion by Gayk supported by Rajala to pay the approved and audited bills in the following amounts; General Fund=\$132,148.04 Construction Codes Fund=\$1,520.79 911 Fund=\$7,652.80 Law Library=\$0 Child Care Fund/Basic Grant=\$0 County Veterans Trust Fund=\$0 Medical Care Fund=\$1,292.70 Courthouse Improvement Fund=\$0 Transfer to Keweenaw Mountain Lodge= \$16,000.00 Board polled. Ayes: DeMarois, Gayk, Vivian, Rajala, Piche. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Rajala supported by Gayk and unanimously carried to approve the Professional Services Proposal from OHM in the amount of \$15,900 for the architectural and engineering required for the renovation of the first floor of the Sheriff Office and public area.

Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to adopt the resolution between Keweenaw County and the Michigan Department of Transportation to obtain permits to construct, operate, use and/or maintain utilities or other facilities, or conduct other activities, on, over, and under State Highway Right of Way at various locations within County limits. Ann Gasperich and Chris VanArsdale are authorized to apply for permits if necessary. (#17-3)

Motion by DeMarois supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to approve the 2017 Keweenaw County Remonumentation Program and the listing for individual contracts from Hein Surveying and Crampton Surveying Inc.

Motion by Rajala supported by Vivian and unanimously carried to table a decision on County Veterans Services until a written agreement is received from Houghton County.

A written response was received from Rural Development recently. The letter was given out at the meeting and was also read. RD would like the County to put the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge up for sale as is for six months for \$1.5 million and if it is not sold in that period, the two entities would reconvene. Surveys will also need to be obtained. Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to allow Attorney Miller to draft a letter to RD, and to the offices of Congressman Bergman, and Senator's Peters and Stabenow to let them know the County's plan moving forward and to get some things clarified so that there is a paper trail for the future.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to put an ad out for bids for a survey to be completed at the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge and surrounding property and trails. Attorney Miller and the Clerk will work on this.

Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to put an ad out for a realtor to list the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge for sale. This will also be worked on by Attorney Miller and the Clerk.

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

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Donald Piche, Chairman

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Julie A. Carlson, Clerk