

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
KEWEENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
September 20, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners was held on September 20, 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 Rajala supported by Gayk and unanimously carried to approve the agenda with the addition of item j) Broken windows at Mount Horace Greeley storage building.

Motion by Vivian supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to accept the minutes from the August 16, 2017 regular monthly board meeting and the September 8, 2017 special meeting as presented.

The Treasurer, Sheriff and Mine Inspector reports were received.

Time was allowed for public comment.

Motion by Gayk supported by DeMarois to pay the approved and audited bills in the following amounts; General Fund=\$135,190.30 Construction Codes Fund=\$6,404.45 911 Fund=\$2,053.22 Law Library=\$894.31 Child Care Fund/Basic Grant=\$3,989.86 County Veterans Trust Fund=\$0 Medical Care Fund=\$1,809.78 Courthouse Improvement Fund=\$1,707.14 General Fund Transfer to Keweenaw Mountain Lodge=\$0. Board polled. Ayes: DeMarois, Gayk, Vivian, Rajala, Piche. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Anthony Lane Partners (ALP) participated in the meeting via Skype. ALP is one of four that submitted a letter of intent to purchase the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge. ALP is a holding company that is operating ten companies with three more being purchased by year end. ALP has visions for KML including creating a microgrid. ALP has portfolio businesses supporting one another. They are stewards of the land, committed to conservation, preservation and enhancing historic aspects of KML assets. They plan to pursue community collaboration with grassroots initiatives, gathering leaders and innovators to influence others and to inspire and enable change makers. They operate with partnerships and search for local talent and remain focused on a legacy of good works. ALP feels that there is tremendous potential and that they can create new life for KML.

Motion by Vivian supported by Gayk and unanimously carried to proceed negotiations with Anthony Lane Partners with Attorney Miller leading the way by revising the letter of intent and then to proceed with negotiating a purchase agreement. ALP is offering to pay cash and has the most aggressive schedule to close. This decision is not to accept or to reject an offer, it is only to decide who will be negotiated with. Four letters of intent were received by the county with one couple withdrawing their letter of intent earlier today.

Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to enter into an agreement with Shorewaves to allow them to use county tower infrastructure at Mt Horace Greeley, the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge and the tower at the Sheriff Department for free for one year. After one year if it is feasible, the county would negotiate a lease price with Shorewaves for the antennas.

Motion by Gayk supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to reappoint Joan Heikkila as a Republican member to the Board of Canvassers with term ending 10/31/21.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to reappoint Debbie Talvensaari to the Department of Health and Human Services Board with term ending 10/31/2020.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Gayk and unanimously carried to set the 2018 Health Department appropriation at \$30,143.

Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to approve the Memo of Agreement with Great Lakes Recovery Centers and Keweenaw County employees for Employee Assistance with personal problems such as substance abuse, mental health, counseling etc.

Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to create a budget committee of Gayk and Piche to begin the budget process.

Motion by Gayk supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to allow purchases to be made for the Sheriff Department renovation to finish the project in a professional manner. Items such as shades, conference table and chairs, runners for the door area will need to be purchased in a fiscally responsible nature.

The indigent defense information was not reviewed with the Board at this meeting.

There are broken windows at Mount Horace Greeley in the storage building. Sheriff Luokkanen will contact Johnson Construction to see if they can replace the broken windows with some other material.

Time was allowed for public comment.

There being no further business motion by Rajala to adjourn at 8:23 p.m. Meeting adjourned sine die.

Donald Piche, Chairman

Julie A. Carlson, Clerk