

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
KEWEENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
February 21, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners was held February 21, 2018, 7:00 p.m. at the Courthouse, Eagle River, MI, immediately following the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge meeting.

Commissioners present: Bob DeMarois, Sandy Gayk, Don Piche, Jim Vivian. Absent: Del Rajala.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Vivian and unanimously carried to accept the agenda with the following additions: Under Reports, add item d) Medical Examiner Update and under Bills, add Appropriation to KML=\$9,000.

Motion by Gayk supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to approve the minutes from the January 17, 2018 organizational meeting and the regular meeting as written.

The Treasurer, Sheriff and Mine Inspector reports were received. Jan Heikenen M.D. gave a quick update about the newly formed Medical Examiner Office.

Charlie Hopper from Pasty was present as a guest at the meeting. He wanted to talk about two things. First, he had emailed a proposal back in September of 2017 about the power at the Sheriff's tower. He had suggested that the county charge \$50 per month for service providers instead of having the providers put in their own power which causes clutter with additional entry pipes, meters and panels. Right now, he estimates that Pasty uses about \$7.50 per month in power at this site. At the KML tower, Pasty and UPPCO have an arrangement and at the Mount Horace Greeley tower, Pasty provides its own power and power for the Repeater Association. The second matter that Charlie spoke about was that the contract between the county and Pasty will expire in May and he wanted the Board to think about a new system. In the past, Pasty and the county traded presence on the tower for internet services. Charlie is now suggesting that Pasty will pay for presence on the tower and that the county would pay for internet services. Charlie will put this into writing for the Board to consider.

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=\$214,934.73 Construction Codes Fund=\$861.46 911 Fund=\$5,589.81 Law Library=\$280.81, Appropriation to KML=\$9,000.00. Board polled. Ayes: DeMarois, Gayk, Vivian, Piche. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Vivian supported by Gayk and unanimously carried to table the MasTec and Black & Veatch at&t mobility upgrade until March.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Gayk and unanimously carried to reappoint the following people to the EDC Committee: Ned Huwatschek, Peg Kauppi, Sam Raymond and John Sturos with terms expiring on 12/31/2022.

Motion by Gayk supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to approve the Professional Services Proposal from OHM for the Sheriff's Office Exterior Improvements in the amount of \$7,200.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Gayk and unanimously carried to approve the Business Associate Agreement between Keweenaw County on behalf of the Group Health and Welfare Plans of Keweenaw County and Gallagher Benefit Services, Inc with respect for Protected Health Information.

Motion by Gayk supported by Vivian and unanimously carried to table Charlie Hopper's/Pasty's proposal for electrical service for the Sheriff's tower until March.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Vivian and unanimously carried to table the contract renewal for Pasty until March. Charlie Hopper will put the contract in writing.

Motion by Gayk supported by Vivian and unanimously carried to approve the Capital Improvement Plan 2018-2022 for the County.

Motion by Vivian supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to approve the resolution of support for the for the grant application to the DNR Passport Recreation Program for improvements to the Gratiot River

County Park. The proposed improvements include a cast concrete double outhouse, benches, picnic tables and fire rings. **(#18-1)**

Motion by Vivian supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to approve the following resolution allowing the Tax Advisory Limitation Committee to meet:

WHEREAS, the separate tax limitation millage rates established for the County of Keweenaw and the Townships and Intermediate School District within the County, approved by the elector of said County, expire in the year 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners would like to alter or extend within an existing 15 mill limitation existing separate tax limitations of the County, the Townships and Intermediate School District within the County;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the members of the County Tax Advisory Tax Limitation Committee meet to prepare separate tax limitations for the County and the Townships and Intermediate School District within the County. **(#18-2)**

Motion by DeMarois supported by Gayk and unanimously carried to send a letter of support to the National Science Foundation-Smart and Connected Communities Program for a proposal from Michigan Tech to study "Incentive based consumer engagement of human-energy flows in a socially diverse, isolated, geographically scattered community".

Motion by DeMarois supported by Gayk and unanimously carried to approve the agreement with Edge Consulting Engineers, Inc to evaluate the condition and structural adequacy of two towers owned by Keweenaw County. These two towers are identified in the agreement as the Calumet Air Force Station Tower with a subtotal of \$5,458 and the Sheriff Department Tower with a subtotal of \$3,634 for a total of \$9,092. The KML tower may be considered later.

Time was allowed for public comment.

There being no further business motion by DeMarois to adjourn at 7:46 p.m. Meeting adjourned sine die.

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Donald Piche, Chairman

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Julie A. Carlson, Clerk