

PUBLIC HEARING
December 16, 2009

The Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing on December 16, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. to hear public comment on the proposed 2010 General Fund and Special Fund budgets.

Commissioners present: Full Board.

At 6:28 p.m. motion by Stubenrauch supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to close the hearing.

Joseph Langdon, Chairman

Julie Carlson, Clerk

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
KEWEENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
December 16, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners held December 16, 2009, 6:30 p.m. at the Courthouse, Eagle River, MI, opened with the pledge of allegiance.

Commissioners present: Randy Eckloff, Frank Stubenrauch, Don Keith, Carol Rose Fouts, Joe Langdon.

Motion by Eckloff supported by Stubenrauch and unanimously carried to approve the agenda with the following addition under New Business. a) Lobby renovations at Keweenaw Mountain Lodge.

The minutes from November 18, 2009 stood as presented.

The Treasurer and Sheriff Department reports were received.

Ray Chase, chair of the EDC brought the Board up to speed on the tower at the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge that UPPCO was interested in leasing space on. Currently, Maritel has been using the tower but there are questions as to who actually owns the tower. The building is owned by Maritel. Maritel is willing to relinquish their rights to the County for the tower and the base building in lieu of any back payments owed. Motion by Keith supported by Stubenrauch and unanimously carried to allow Ray Chase to negotiate a proposed agreement with Maritel that will be brought back to the Board of Commissioners for final approval. The County attorney must also approve the wording of the agreement.

Motion by Keith supported by Stubenrauch and unanimously carried to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners actively supports and currently participates in the economic development district activities of the Western Upper Peninsula Planning and Development Regional Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners concurs with the update of the Community Economic Development Strategy Report dated December 31, 2009 and accepts it as its guide for economic development, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners supports the Western Upper Peninsula Planning and Development Regional Commission's application to the Economic Development Administration for planning funds. (#09-12)

Motion by Eckloff supported by Stubenrauch to pay the approved and audited bills in the following amounts: General Fund=\$105,792.01 Construction Codes=\$352.36 911 Fund=\$2,887.62 EDC Fund=\$1,728.30 Law Library=\$929.13 Child Care Fund=\$0 Medical Care Fund=\$0 Board polled. Ayes: Eckloff, Stubenrauch, Keith, Fouts, Langdon. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The sheriff presented the Board with copies of a proposed snowmobile ordinance at the November meeting. The ordinance is to regulate and control the operation of snowmobiles that was compiled by the sheriff, the county attorney and the Road Commission Engineer. Motion by Eckloff supported by Stubenrauch and unanimously carried to accept the ordinance as written and to hold a public hearing on February 17, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. on this snowmobile ordinance.

Motion by Keith to table Keweenaw County Road Commission compensation plan until January 2010. Keith withdrew motion.

Motion by Keith supported by Fouts to add Road Commission organization and compensation to the January agenda. Board polled. Ayes: Keith, Fouts. Nays: Eckloff, Stubenrauch, Langdon.

A question arose about whether and or when a motion can be withdrawn or amended. Langdon and Clerk to sit and look at Robert's Rules of Order and to come up with information for February 2010 meeting to present to the Board. This will be added to February agenda.

Motion by Stubenrauch supported by Eckloff to adopt the 2010 General Fund Budget and the 2010 Special Fund Budget. See following page. Board polled. Ayes: Eckloff, Stubenrauch, Fouts, Langdon. Nays: Keith. Motion carried.

Motion by Eckloff supported by Keith and unanimously carried to add the lobby renovation at the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge to the list as a line item for the Rural Development line of credit. Board polled. Ayes: Eckloff, Stubenrauch, Keith, Fouts, Langdon. Motion carried.

Time was allowed for public comment.

There being no further business motion by Eckloff supported by Stubenrauch to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Meeting adjourned sine die.

Joseph Langdon, Chairman

Julie A. Carlson, Clerk