

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
SPECIAL MEETING
KEWEENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
March 20, 2020

A special meeting of the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners held on March 20, 2020 beginning at 10:00 a.m., at the Courthouse, Eagle River, MI opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting was posted on the door of the Courthouse and on the County website.

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

The meeting was called to discuss the financial status of the county and to discuss budget amendments. This meeting was a follow up to the March 13, 2020 special meeting.

Motion by Gayk supported by Vivian and unanimously carried to adopt the agenda with the following addition: e) Should the Courthouse be closed to the public due to the coronavirus?.

Time was allowed for public comment.

Motion by Gayk supported by Vivian and unanimously carried to approve the Operating Agreement with the Houghton County Department of Veterans Affairs effective October 1, 2019.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Gayk and unanimously carried to table the Memo of Understanding with MSU for the MSU Extension.

Census information was available to all commissioners. Marti Wegner was going to appear at the meeting but because of COVID 19, decided to provide the information only.

The financial status of the county had been discussed on March 13, 2020. Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to give the sheriff department 30 days to come up with cuts to their budget in the amount of \$85,000 and the Equalization Director will go to three days per week from the current five which will save approximately \$20,000. After 30 days, the sheriff will come back to the Board to identify where the cuts can be made, and the Board may approve the budget amendments.

All departments are to look at their budgets to see what they can do to cut/trim expenses.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Gayk and unanimously carried to require Board approval for ANY expenditures over \$250 from ANY department. The clerk will compile a list a couple times a week or as necessary for the Board to approve. This is not to approve bills; this is before an actual expense occurs.

Motion by Gayk supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to close the Courthouse to foot traffic effective Monday morning, March 23rd. The door will be locked, and the only people allowed in would be those that have scheduled an appointment.

There being no further business, motion by Gayk to adjourn at 10:50 a.m. Meeting adjourned.

Donald Piche, Chairman

Julie Carlson, Clerk