

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
SPECIAL MEETING
KEWEENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
July 12, 2023

A special meeting of the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners was held on July 12, 2023 beginning at 3:00 p.m., at the Courthouse, Eagle River, MI and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Commissioners present: Randy Eckloff, Bob DeMarois, Don Piche, Del Rajala. Absent: Jim Vivian

Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to accept the resignation of Cynthia Crabtree, Equalization Assistant and Building Codes Clerk.

Equalization Director Jaikob Djerf was present at the meeting and stated that he thought that the Board had two options. The first option would be to hire a full-time equalization director that would have the certifications needed already. Jaikob would help with the transition. The second option would be to combine equalization departments with Houghton County. This idea would need to be explored further but the thought would be that Houghton would hire a part-time fourth person in their department and that we would pay Houghton directly. A person would be here one day per week in person and would be available 2 to 3 days per week from Houghton. This fourth person would have the necessary qualifications as required by the State and therefore would be able to help Jaikob.

As for the Building Codes Clerk, Sara Heikkila will fill in for the interim. Sara will try to see if someone from Houghton might be willing to help here in Keweenaw County. Many of the permits are being done electronically so it wouldn't be crucial if someone wasn't onsite. The person would have to come in after hours to work on filing and permits that were submitted in person.

Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to get a resolution started to combine Equalization Departments with Houghton County. This is the first step in getting things moving.

Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to allow Sara Heikkila to reach out to the Houghton County Building Department to see if an employee would be willing to work with Keweenaw County after hours, starting at \$22 per hour for up to 21 hours per week. This person would already be fluent with the software from BS&A.

Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to allow the Clerk to advertise if the above Building Codes situation does not work out.

Time was allowed for public comment.

There being no further business, motion by DeMarois to adjourn at 3:53 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Donald Piche, Chairman

Julie Carlson, Clerk