

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
KEWEENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
September 27, 2023

The regular meeting of the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners was held on September 27, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., at the Courthouse in Eagle River, MI and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting was posted on the door of the Courthouse and on the Website.

Commissioner's present: Bob DeMarois, Randy Eckloff and Don Piche, absent: Jim Vivian and Del Rajala

Motion by Eckloff supported DeMarois and unanimously carried to adopt the agenda as presented.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to approve the August 16, 2023, Regular Monthly Meeting and the September 5, 2023, Special Meeting minutes as written.

The following reports were available: Sheriff, Treasurer and Mine Inspector.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Eckloff to pay the approved and audited bills in the following amounts: General Fund=\$195,699.21, Construction Codes Fund=\$1,563.70, 911 Fund=\$10,095.28, Child Care Fund=\$10,315.26, Kermit's Fund=\$444.70, Houghton County MCF Fund=\$3,486.12, Veteran's Affairs=\$4,427.20, FRF Fund=\$16,520.00, ARPA Fund=\$0, Courthouse Imp Fund=\$137,792.70. Board polled. Ayes: DeMarois, Eckloff, Piche. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to approve Pasty.net to move forward with the upgrade. They will remove 3 existing antennas and add 5 new antennas. The highest antenna body will not protrude higher than 72 feet (22 Meters) DO NOT install any appurtenances (antennas, cables, or mounts) on the ladder-leg. Pasty.net to pay a standard \$150.00 per month per antenna for 3 of the new antennas. Todd Jutila was at the meeting to represent Pasty.net and answer any questions.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to table the Recreation Plan until the October meeting.

Julia Peterson and Kaitlin Lapka from The Nature Conservancy were at the meeting to discuss Keweenaw Heartland Governance and to provide a draft of the Recommended Governance Structure Blueprint.

Doug McKenzie was at the meeting to discuss Recycling Education and Recycling Event Grant Opportunities. The Board said that they didn't have enough notice to apply for the Grant before the deadline but would look into it for next year. Doug would like to get a list of addresses to send County residents magnets that would list the places and times for recycling.

Lisa McKenzie was scheduled to be at the meeting to give an update on Materials Management Legislation. She was unable to attend.

Motion by Eckloff supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to give a Letter of Support for the Recompete Pilot Program Strategic Development Grant Application.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to approve the NorthCare Network FY 24 Liquor Tax Fund Request.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to table the Request for Space on Tower at MHG for NOAA.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to have Eckloff attend the UPACC Fall Conference on October 19, 2023, and October 20, 2023. County will register, but he will have to get his own Hotel room.

Motion by Eckloff supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to approve the Subordination Agreement to allow a homeowner to refinance.

Motion by Eckloff supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to approve the \$400.00 Lagoon Discharge Permit.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to approve the Indigent Criminal Defense Contract.

Motion by Eckloff supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to pay Sara Heikkila/Zoning/Planning/Building Codes Part-Time employee for all of the Holidays that the rest of the Courthouse employees get paid.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to pay Mark Aho/Maintenance for using his personal truck for Gratiot Park Cleaning. He will be paid \$30.00 for each time that he uses it.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to put the old Maintenance Vehicle up for Bid.

Motion by Eckloff supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to approve Maintenance to purchase a load of topsoil for improving the grounds and to get a trailer to haul junk from the buildings and grounds to the Houghton County Transfer Station. Estimates from Taivalkoski Excavating were provided for these services.

Motion by Eckloff supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to move the Electrical Box and get heat for the new Sheriff's Garage.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to replace the glass in the Treasurer's Office and Courtroom windows.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to approve the Bid for the 2006 Can-Am ATV. There was only one bid. The Bid went to Tom Johnson for \$5,227.00.

Time was allowed for public comment.

There being no further business, motion by DeMarois to adjourn at 7:09 P.M. Meeting adjourned.

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Donald Piche, Chairman

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Roxanne Billing, Deputy Clerk