

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
KEWEENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
October 18, 2023

The regular meeting of the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners was held on October 18, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

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

Motion by DeMarois supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to approve the September 27, 2023 regular monthly meeting minutes as written.

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

Time was allowed for public comment.

Time was allowed for committee meeting reports.

Motion by Rajala supported by Eckloff to pay the approved and audited bills in the following amounts; General Fund=\$151,015.04 Construction Codes Fund=\$942.20 911 Fund=\$1,307.09 Child Care Fund=\$2,603.69 Veterans Affairs Fund=\$634.98 Courthouse Improvement Fund=\$215.00 Kermits Fund = \$167.20 FRF Fund = \$23,040.00 Board polled. Ayes: DeMarois, Eckloff, Vivian, Rajala, Piche. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to proceed with WUPPDR to update our Recreation Plan in the amount of \$4,000.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to have a contractor do a structural analysis on the tower at Mount Horace Greeley before anything else can be added. The county will pay for this analysis and will ask what percentage of space is left on the tower. Once this is complete, the county will reach out to the party that is requesting space for NOAA.

Julia Petersen and Robin Meneguzzo were present at the meeting to seek approval to move forward with the MDARD (Michigan Department of Agriculture Rural Development) Rural Readiness Grant Project. A two phased project is being proposed, applying this Rural Readiness Grant funding to Phase I. Phase I focuses on the development of plans for a brick-and-mortar Keweenaw County Emergency Operations Center. This grant is for \$50,000 with a \$10,000 match being divided by The Nature Conservancy, the Keweenaw Community Foundation, and the Sheriff Office. Motion by DeMarois supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to approve moving forward with the MDARD grant application which is due on November 2nd.

Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to approve the bid from Darren Jurmu in the amount of \$253 for the 2001 Chevrolet Tahoe.

Motion by Rajala supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to approve the proposal for protective floor coverings in the amount of \$1,434 plus shipping. These coverings are necessary after the floors were redone in the Courthouse.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to approve the 2023 Apportionment Report as presented by the Equalization Director.

Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to table the Pasty.net contract until November.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to reappoint James Heikkila and Cheryl King to the County Board of Canvassers.

Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to rebid the heating project for the new garage. Mark Aho will seek sealed bids for a Weil Mclain boiler, watermaker/heater and air handler.

Public comment was allowed.

There being no further business, motion by Rajala to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Donald Piche, Chairman

Julie Carlson, Clerk