

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
KEWEENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
August 21, 2024

The regular meeting of the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners was held on August 21, 2024, 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, Jim Vivian, Del Rajala and Don Piche

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

Motion by Vivian supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to approve the July 17, 2024, Regular Monthly Meeting minutes and the July 24, 2024, July 26, 2024, and July 30, 2024, Special Meeting minutes as written.

The following reports were available: Sheriff, Treasurer.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Eckloff to pay the approved and audited bills in the following amounts: General Fund=\$179,424.89, Construction Codes Fund=\$1,323.61, 911 Fund=\$5,882.67, Child Care Fund=\$13,164.80, Kermit's Fund=\$2,024.66, Houghton County MCF Fund=\$2,960.70, Veteran's Affairs=\$484.96, FRF Fund=\$16,964.09, Courthouse Imp Fund=\$16,981.94. Board polled. Ayes: DeMarois, Vivian, Rajala, Eckloff, Piche. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to purchase a new copier for the Courthouse. The copier is a Kyocera model ECOSY MA4500ifx and will be purchased from The Office Planning Group for \$1,528.05.

Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to approve the Tri-County Indigent Defense Contract.

Motion by Rajala supported by Vivian and unanimously carried to table the Courthouse Security Upgrade Proposal from OHM. Since the bid is over \$20k, it needs to go out for bids.

ABC Supply Co Inc. sent a letter to the Board regarding shingle pricing for the Carriage House roofing project. They pulled the old pricing from their system and requested that the County cover the lost revenue. There was not a motion on this, but the Board stated that the Bid was already accepted. The County will not be covering the difference.

Motion by Eckloff supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to have DeMarois represent on the MMPC. (Materials Management Planning Commission)

Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to approve the replacement switches for the Sheriff's Office and the Courthouse, so that Integris can continue their work.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to approve WUPPDR to apply for Housing Readiness Incentive Grant for assistance with Zoning Ordinance updates.

Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to have Piche contact Eagle Harbor Township to find out who their Zoning person is and see if they would be willing to come in part-time to do Zoning Permits. They would get the same rate of pay that Eagle Harbor Township pays them.

Motion by Eckloff supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to put the minerals back in the cases and keep them on display at the Courthouse.

Motions by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to use the FRF Fund to complete the fencing project around the Lagoons. Get a Survey to find out where the markers are and get bids with exact measurements and requirements. This project should be done next Summer.

Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to adopt the Resolution:

WHEREAS, Keweenaw Wastewater Services, LLC ("KWS") is managing the Keweenaw County wastewater lagoons pursuant to a contract between Keweenaw County and KWS made and entered into in May 2003; And  
WHEREAS, the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) is requesting that the County set a firm date for completing the installation of fencing around the entirety of the wastewater lagoons and removal of dead vegetation from the lagoons; and  
WHEREAS, Keweenaw County is willing to commit to setting a firm date for completion of those activities.  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that KWS is authorized to represent to EGLE that the County commits to installing fencing around the entirety of the wastewater lagoons and removing dead vegetation from the lagoons by December 31, 2025. (24-4)

Four bids were received for the Sheriff's 2017 Ford Explorer: Emergency Remarketing \$1,079.18, Jeremy Lassila \$645, Ringwood Motors Inc. \$1,080 and Ron Rea \$1,776.

Motion by Rajala supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to award the bid for the Sheriff's 2017 Ford Explorer to Ron Rea in the amount of \$1,776.

Time was allowed for public comment.

There being no further business, motion by DeMarois to adjourn at 7:02 P.M. Meeting adjourned.

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Donald Piche, Chairman

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Roxanne Billing, Deputy Clerk