

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
KEWEENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
March 19, 2025

The regular meeting of the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners was held on March 19, 2025, 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, Mike LaMotte, Del Rajala and Don Piche

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

Motion by DeMarois supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to approve the February 19, 2025, Regular Monthly Meeting minutes, February 24, 2025 Special Meeting, February 27, 2025 Joint Special Meeting, and 2 March 10, 2025, Special Meetings, minutes as written.

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

There were no guests.

Time was allowed for public comment.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Eckloff to pay the approved and audited bills in the following amounts: General Fund=\$175,514.59, Construction Codes Fund=\$554.32, 911 Fund=\$1,637.27, Child Care Fund=\$2,066.10, Houghton County MCF Fund=\$1,1167.60, Veteran's Affairs=\$997.62, FRF Fund=\$5,580.40, ARPA Fund=\$1,896.12 Board polled. Ayes: DeMarois, LaMotte, Rajala, Eckloff, Piche.  
Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion by Eckloff supported by LaMotte and unanimously carried to award the Lagoon Fencing Bid to Delta Fence. Total bid Price of \$81,235.00, which includes Concrete Footings and a 5 Year Warranty.

Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to use the Lagoon Funds for the Fencing Project.

Delta Fence: \$81,235, Century Fence: \$92,878, Marquette Fence: \$147,000.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to approve the MSU Extension Agreement.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to approve the Karpel Software for the Prosecutor. This system will benefit Law Enforcement as well as the Prosecutor's Office. PAAM previously indicated that it will be paying all one-time costs to Karpel for counties who sign a contract before the end of this year, and that they will also pay for three years of the annual fees in 2025, 2026, and 2027 in the amount of \$5,675 per year.

Motions by Eckloff supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to amend the MERS Health Care Savings Program Participation Agreement for the Clerk. The only change is the Employee Contribution Amount. (The County does not contribute)

Motion by Rajala supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to adjust the Equalization Director (Jaikob Djerf) Salary. He had a written agreement in 2022. He was not paid the correct amount since 2023.

Motion by Rajala supported by LaMotte and unanimously carried to approve the purchase of 4 Long Guns in the amount of \$5,180.00 for the Sheriff's Office.

Motion by Rajala supported by Eckloff to adopt a policy to charge for FOIA Requests. A Standard Fee Schedule Rate Form will be used. A decision needs to be made to see who will go for FOIA Fee Training.

Motion by Eckloff supported by LaMotte and unanimously carried to have Katie Kauppinen join the Medical Examiner's Team.

Time was allowed for public comment.

There being no further business, motion by DeMarois to adjourn at 7:01 P.M. Meeting adjourned.