

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
KEWEENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
August 19, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners held August 19, 2009, 6:30 p.m. at the Courthouse, Eagle River, MI, opened with the pledge of allegiance.

Commissioners present: Randy Eckloff, Frank Stubenrauch, Don Keith, Carol Rose Fouts, Joe Langdon.

Motion by Stubenrauch supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to approve the agenda with the following additions: Under New Business 13. i) Raising the per diem of the secretary and chairman of the Planning Commission and under 13 j) Plaque of recognition for Jim Saari of Manpower for his retirement.

Motion by Fouts supported by Stubenrauch and unanimously carried to accept the minutes of July 15, 2009 with one correction. In paragraph #8 that begins with Ray Chase, the last sentence should read, "The EDC is in favor of expanding the ski trails near the Mountain Lodge and is proposing that UP TO \$5,000 be allocated from the EDC fund for this project".

The Treasurer and Sheriff Department reports were received.

Diana Langdon was a guest at the meeting with her client, Roy Erlandson regarding a zoning issue in Grant Township. The Board referred them to the Planning Commission to try to resolve the issue.

Charlie Hopper appeared before the Board asking for support for a grant that Pasty is applying for to increase speed and reliability. He received a letter of support from the County and will let the County know if the grant application was successful.

Motion by Stubenrauch supported by Eckloff to pay the approved and audited bills in the following amounts: General Fund=\$131,697.51 Construction Codes=\$0 911 Fund=\$11,432.41 EDC Fund=\$5,420.64 Law Library=\$153.80 Child Care Fund=\$4,030.09 Medical Care Fund=\$942.52 Board polled. Ayes: Eckloff, Stubenrauch, Keith, Fouts, Langdon. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Keith supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to table the final project agreement concerning the Gratiot River Park Addition. It will be placed under unfinished business for the next agenda.

Motion by Keith supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to establish a Keweenaw County committee for the administration of a County Department of Veterans Affairs with a minimum of 3 members and a maximum of 5 members.

Motion by Keith supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to adopt the following County policies: 1: County Credit Card Policy, 2: County Prepay Policy, 3: Travel Policy with the following rates; Room=\$80, Breakfast=\$7, Lunch=\$7.25 and Dinner=\$16.50 and all receipts must accompany voucher, 4: County Fixed Asset Capitalization Policy. Employees must sign and date each policy which applies to them and return to Clerk.

The County will continue to work on job descriptions for the offices. All members of any board serving the County will become employees beginning January 1, 2010 and will have taxes taken out of per diems. The Board of Commissioners will pay taxes on travel to and from the board meeting here at the Courthouse beginning January 1, 2010. These items are in response to the 2007 audit from the State of Michigan.

Motion by Keith supported by Fouts to donate up to \$2,600 from the EDC fund to the ATV Club for trail development. Board polled. Ayes: Eckloff, Stubenrauch, Keith, Fouts, Langdon. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Keith supported by Stubenrauch to go along with the EDC who recommended that Charlie Eshbach be allowed to update and enhance our County website on the tourism part at no charge to the County. Keith withdrew the motion and this item will be placed on the agenda under Unfinished Business for the September meeting. Langdon will talk to the necessary website people to see if there is any objection or problems first.

Motion by Keith to allocate up to \$1,000 to the Road Commission for the maintenance and upgrade of the snow thermometer. Motion died for lack of support.

Motion by Eckloff supported by Stubenrauch and unanimously carried to support the Baraga-Houghton-Keweenaw Counties Community Corrections Advisory Board's efforts to apply for continuing funds for fiscal years 2010 through 2012.

Motion by Keith to enter into the Employment Agreement with the County Prosecuting Attorney. Motion withdrawn by Keith and this will be placed on September agenda under Unfinished Business.

Motion by Stubenrauch supported by Fouts and unanimously carried to allow Langdon and Eckloff to meet with the Unions to begin negotiations and to bring back information to the Board for final decisions.

Motion by Fouts supported by Keith to double the per diem retroactive to July for the secretary and chairman of the Planning Commission. Board polled. Ayes: Eckloff, Stubenrauch, Keith, Fouts, Langdon. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Keith supported by Stubenrauch to double the per diem retroactive to July for the secretary and chairman of the EDC Commission. Board polled. Ayes: Eckloff, Stubenrauch, Keith, Fouts, Langdon. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Stubenrauch supported by Keith to spend up to \$100 for a plaque in honor of Jim Saari's retirement from Manpower for all he has done for Keweenaw County. Board polled. Ayes: Eckloff, Stubenrauch, Keith, Fouts, Langdon. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Keith supported by Stubenrauch to allow Ray Chase-Chair of the EDC- to attend the UP Regional Economic Development Forum in Marquette with reasonable accommodations. Board polled. Ayes: Eckloff, Stubenrauch, Keith, Fouts, Langdon. Nays: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business motion by Stubenrauch to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. Meeting adjourned sine die.

Joseph Langdon, Chairman

Julie A. Carlson, Clerk