

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
KEWEENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
April 20, 2011

The regular monthly meeting of the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners held April 20, 2011, 6:30 p.m. at the Courthouse, Eagle River, MI, opened with the pledge of allegiance.

Commissioners present: Ernie Mooney, Frank Stubenrauch, Don Piche, Del Rajala, Randy Eckloff.

Motion by Piche supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as presented.

The minutes from the March 16, 2011 regular board meeting stood as presented.

The Treasurer, Sheriff and Mine Inspector reports were received.

Donna Jaaskelainen will be entering into a contract with the Friend of Court for paternity orders which will allow some reimbursement from the State of Michigan for the prosecuting attorney's salary.

Ron Lahti explained to the Board that he applied for a Rural Development grant for a patrol car but at this time no money has been issued and the Sheriff Department needs to order a car. Ron budgeted for a car so the Board told him he could move forward. If the grant would come through later, there is a three year window to use the money so it could be spent at that time.

Time was allowed for public comment.

Motion by Mooney supported by Stubenrauch to adopt the following resolution:

A Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Keweenaw County, Michigan, regarding funds transferred prior to January 1, 2011, from the County General Fund to the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge Fund, and from the Economic Development Fund to the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge Fund.

Whereas, funds have been transferred from the Keweenaw county General Fund and the Keweenaw County Economic Development Fund to the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge Fund, and

Whereas, these fund transfers were made prior to January 1, 2011, and

Whereas, it is the desire of the current Board of Commissioners to properly document the amount of these transfers, and to determine the origin of these funds, and

Whereas, recent data has been submitted by the County Financial Advisor and the State of Michigan Auditors relative to the actual amount of these transfers, and

Whereas, it is in the best interest of Keweenaw County to have these funds repaid to the proper funds on a timely basis.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners of Keweenaw County, Michigan, as follows:

1. That two hundred and twenty-one thousand four hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$221,475.00) is the net amount of funds that were transferred from the General Funds to the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge Fund prior to January 1, 2011, and that said funds shall be repaid by a Promissory Note from the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge to the County of Keweenaw.
2. That one hundred and eighty thousand dollars (\$180,000.00) is the amount that was loaned to the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge Fund from the Economic Development Fund prior to January 1, 2011, for the operation and maintenance of the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge, and said funds were deposited in the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge Operation and Maintenance Fund and shall be repaid from said fund to the Keweenaw County Economic Development Fund, as such funds become available from the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge Operation and Maintenance Fund and as approved by the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners.
3. That the decision to repay the debt as stated in Paragraph 1 of this resolution from the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge Fund will be made by the Board of Commissioners in compliance with the terms of the Bond Agreement with Rural Development.

Board polled. Ayes: Mooney, Stubenrauch, Piche, Rajala, Eckloff. Nays: None. Motion carried. (#11-3)

Motion by Mooney supported by Rajala to adopt the following resolution:

A Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Keweenaw County, Michigan, relative to the transfer of funds from the General Fund to the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge Fund, the repayment of such transferred funds, and the accounting and reporting of financial operations of the Keweenaw Mountain lodge.

Whereas, Keweenaw County is the owner of the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge, and is responsible for the financial operations of the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge, and

Whereas, as directed by Michigan statute, the Keweenaw County Park Trustees have the responsibility for the operation of the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge, and for reporting to the Board of Commissioners regarding all financial aspects of operation, and

Whereas, the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners has the sole authority to transfer money between the different accounting funds of the County, and

Whereas, it is necessary to transfer funds to the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge Fund so that operations for the 2011 summer season can be initiated, and

Whereas, it is the desire of the Board of Commissioners to properly document all financial transfers to the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge fund and other County funds.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners of Keweenaw County, Michigan, as follows:

1. A total of two hundred and sixteen thousand three hundred and seventy-eight dollars and twenty-one cents (\$216,378.21) shall be loaned from the General Fund of Keweenaw County, Michigan to the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge Fund. This will consist of one hundred and forty-one thousand three hundred and seventy-eight dollars and twenty-one cents (\$141,378.21) which were loaned from the period of January 1, 2011 to April 16, 2011, and an additional seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000.00) loan authorized the date of this resolution. These funds are to be used solely for the operation and maintenance of the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge.
2. The transfer of funds as described in Paragraph 1 of this resolution, is the entire amount of funds the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners have budgeted for the year 2011 for the operation of the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge and further no additional funds from the Keweenaw County General Fund shall be transferred without prior Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners approval.
3. This transfer of funds shall be a loan to the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge Operation and Maintenance Fund from the General Fund. Repayment of these transferred funds shall be considered an operating expense to the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge, and shall be repaid to the General Fund as said funds become available from the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge Operation and Maintenance Fund and as approved by the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners. These funds shall be repaid to the General Fund prior to the calculation of any profitability of the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge.
4. The Keweenaw County Park Trustees are entrusted with said funds for the operation and maintenance of the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge and if the Keweenaw County Park Trustee and the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge exceed the budgeted amount approved by the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners, the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners shall then review all expenses of the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge and approve payment, as the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners deem appropriate.
5. The Keweenaw County Park Trustees are directed to report to the Board of Commissioners on all financial matters of the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge. These reports shall include, but are not limited to all cash balances at the beginning of the month, all income, all expenses, all cash balances as of the end of the month, accounts receivable, accounts payable, and any other information requested by the Commissioners. This information shall be provided in the format requested by the County.
6. The Keweenaw County Road Commission and the management of the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge shall keep the Keweenaw County Treasurer continuously informed of the financial situation of the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge, including all income and deposits and all checks written on Lodge accounts. The Keweenaw County Treasurer shall monitor all financial aspects of the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge operations and report any out of line expenditures to the County Commission.

Board polled. Ayes: Mooney, Stubenrauch, Piche, Rajala, Eckloff. Nayas: None. Motion carried. (#11-4)

Motion by Stubenrauch supported by Mooney and unanimously carried to pay \$500 as budgeted for KEDA membership.

Piche brought up the condition the County buildings. They have deteriorated and need siding, paint, and roofs. Motion by Mooney supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to create a Building Renovation Committee with Piche as Chairman, and Eckloff and Stubenrauch as members.

Motion by Mooney supported by Piche to pay the approved and audited bills in the following amounts; General Fund=\$125,124.33 Construction Codes Fund=\$2,577.35 911 Fund=\$767.14 EDC Fund=\$10,266.94 Law Library=\$243.50 Child Care Fund=\$3,765.00 County Veterans Affairs Fund=\$2,687.50 Register of Deeds Automation Fund=\$0. Board polled. Ayes: Mooney, Stubenrauch, Piche, Rajala, Eckloff. Nayas: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mooney supported by Piche to enter into the copier maintenance agreement with Sayen's Business Equipment Inc. This agreement covers the Kyocera TASKalfa 221 and the KM2050 in the Courthouse in the amount of \$1,092.00 from April 4, 2011 through April 3, 2012. Board polled. Ayes: Mooney, Stubenrauch, Piche, Rajala, Eckloff. Nayas: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mooney supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to adopt the Building Permit Fees as established by the State of Michigan and to also adopt the new Soil Erosion/Sedimentation Fees. All fees are effective on June 1, 2011.

Motion by Stubenrauch supported by Mooney and unanimously carried to allow any commissioner to attend the U.P. Association of County Commissioners Spring Conference in Brimley, MI on May 6-7, 2011.

Motion by Stubenrauch supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to appropriate \$125 as requested by RSVP which helps to cover the cost of the e-waste collection that they hold each year. Last year \$500 was requested and appropriated. This contribution goes toward a recycling collection for Houghton and Keweenaw County residents and assists with collection expenses such as trucking fees, forklift rental and advertising expenses.

John Partanen, Keweenaw County Equalization Director presented figures and answered questions regarding County Equalized Values. Motion by Mooney supported by Piche to adopt the County Equalized Value at the assessed value of \$215,293,851 and the taxable value at \$127,838,741. Board polled. Ayes: Mooney, Stubenrauch, Piche, Rajala, Eckloff. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mooney supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to postpone a decision on the BSA Software package for Equalization and Treasurer Offices and a new computer for Equalization Director until May.

Ray Chase wanted to bring the Board of Commissioners up to date on some of the things the EDC is working on at Mt. Horace Greeley and to ask the Board for support before the EDC puts too much more effort into the projects. Motion by Mooney supported by Stubenrauch and unanimously carried to support the efforts of the EDC for the development of a wood chip processing plant at Mt. Horace Greeley and to make the buildings available as needed.

The ATV Club has put up the money for the first year for an ATV for law enforcement on the ATV trails. The Sheriff Department applied for a grant but by the time the ATV trails were approved, the grants were already disbursed. Another grant will be applied for next year and if successful, the grant could cover the rest of the purchase of the ATV. Motion by Mooney supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to allow Sheriff Lahti to sign all necessary paperwork for the ATV vehicle with the ATV Club financing the first year.

Motion by Mooney supported by Piche and unanimously carried to cover 50% of the travel costs (mileage and lodging) for Ray Chase and Mike McMahon to attend the ORV Advisory meeting in Lansing to inform them about the Keweenaw Trail system next month.

Time was allowed for public comment.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. Meeting adjourned sine die.

Randy Eckloff, Chairman

Julie A. Carlson, Clerk