

PUBLIC HEARING  
KEWEENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
June 20, 2012

The Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing on the proposed increase of .0638 mills in the operating tax millage rate to be levied in 2012. Proposed additional millage will increase operating revenues from ad valorem property taxes by \$8,247 over such revenues generated by levies permitted without holding this public hearing. Mooney opened the hearing at 6:15 p.m. and all commissioners were present. Motion by Piche seconded by Eckloff to approve the millage rate as presented. Board polled. Ayes: Eckloff, Stubenrauch, Rajala, Piche, Mooney. Nays: None. Motion carried. The hearing was closed at 6:25 p.m.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
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The regular monthly meeting of the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners held June 20, 2012, 6:30 p.m. at the Courthouse, Eagle River, MI, opened with the pledge of allegiance.

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

The meeting was posted in the Courthouse on the bulletin board and the agenda for the meeting was posted on the door of the Courthouse prior to the meeting.

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

Motion by Eckloff supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to accept the minutes as presented from the May 16, 2012 regular meeting.

Motion by Eckloff supported by Stubenrauch to pay the approved and audited bills in the following amounts: General Fund=\$130,583.79 Construction Codes Fund=\$1,367.14 911 Fund=\$9,969.84 EDC Fund=\$14,307.43 Law Library=\$108.54 Child Care Fund=\$175.50 County Veterans Fund=\$57.20 Register of Deeds Automation Fund=\$0 Medical Care Fund=\$2.58 Board polled. Ayes: Eckloff, Stubenrauch, Rajala, Piche, Mooney. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Piche suggested that the Honeywell project proposal be tabled until after the August Primary in which the County has asked for .5 mills for Courthouse/Jail Buildings and Grounds improvements. Rajala is also waiting on information from Honeywell. This item will be placed on the agenda in August under unfinished business.

Time was allowed for public comment.

Motion by Rajala supported by Piche and unanimously carried to go into closed session to discuss pending litigation against the County with attorneys and where an open meeting could have a detrimental financial effect on the settlement position of the County. The Board entered closed session at 6:45 p.m.

Motion by Stubenrauch supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to enter into open session at 6:53 p.m.

Motion by Piche supported by Eckloff to settle litigation for \$550 with a dismissal with prejudice to be filed in the case. Board polled. Ayes: Eckloff, Stubenrauch, Rajala, Piche, Mooney. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Ray Chase, Chairman of the EDC updated the Board on some of the projects that the EDC was looking at. Chase asked the Board to authorize up to \$5,000 to allow a developer to come up and do a site evaluation and further exploration of an indoor water park near Copper Harbor. Eckloff and Stubenrauch will bring back information and a recommendation to the Board at the July regular meeting.

Motion by Stubenrauch supported by Piche to adopt the levies as presented in the public hearing, therefore increasing the tax millage rate of .0638 mills for 2012, providing additional operating revenue from ad valorem property taxes by \$8,247. Board polled. Ayes: Eckloff, Stubenrauch, Rajala, Piche, Mooney. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Piche supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to donate \$500 to the Civil Air Patrol Copper Country Squadron as they have assisted the Sheriff Dept. with searches for lost people over the last year.

Time was allowed for public comment.

There being no further business, motion by Rajala supported by Piche to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. Meeting adjourned sine die.

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Ernest Mooney, Chairman

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Julie A. Carlson, Clerk