

PUBLIC HEARING
KEWEENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
June 20, 2018

The Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing on the proposed increase of .1031 mills in the operating tax millage rate to be levied in 2018. Proposed additional millage will increase operating revenues from ad valorem property taxes by \$15,047 over such revenues generated by levies permitted without holding a public hearing. Piche opened the public hearing at 6:00 p.m. beginning with the pledge of allegiance. DeMarois, Gayk, Vivian, Rajala and Piche were present. Motion by Rajala supported by Gayk and unanimously carried to close the public hearing at 6:05 p.m.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
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The regular monthly meeting of the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners was held on June 20, 2018, 7:00 p.m. at the Courthouse, Eagle River, MI, immediately following the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge meeting.

Commissioners present: Bob DeMarois, Sandy Gayk, Jim Vivian, Del Rajala, Don Piche.

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

Motion by Vivian supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to approve the minutes from the May 16, 2018 regular monthly meeting as written.

The Treasurer, Sheriff, and Mine Inspector reports were received.

Time was allowed for public comment.

Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois to pay the approved and audited bills in the following amounts: General Fund=\$169,962.11 Construction Codes=\$6,146.56 911 Fund=\$579.51 Child Care Fund=\$69.50 Courthouse Improvement Fund=\$27,544.65 Law Library=\$613.05 Loan to Keweenaw Mountain Lodge=\$42,000.00 Board polled. Ayes: DeMarois, Gayk, Vivian, Rajala, Piche. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Rajala supported by Gayk and unanimously carried to table the MasTec and Black & Veatch at&t mobility upgrades. Preliminary reports from EDGE will be available shortly.

Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to table the water pumps/wells at Mount Horace Greeley until July as test results are not available yet.

Motion by Rajala supported by Gayk and unanimously carried to adopt the levies as presented in the public hearing, therefore increasing the tax millage rate by .1031 for 2018, providing additional operating revenue from ad valorem property taxes by \$15,047.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Gayk and unanimously carried to adopt the resolution opposing House Bill 6049 and Senate Bill 1025 which seeks to restructure the tax assessing qualifications, process and boundaries of local assessing units in Michigan. These bills would impose large financial burdens upon the County which would require additional staffing while only being provided with a 1% administrative fee. Assessing would become a county function and not a local function. The county would also be required to employ a MMAO level assessor instead of a MCAO.

Motion by Vivian supported by Rajala to approve an appropriation to the Amateur Radio Club in the amount of \$500. This appropriation is being made after Club members provided a complete inventory of the tower at Mount Horace Greeley. Board polled. Ayes: DeMarois, Gayk, Vivian, Rajala, Piche. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The agenda item to appoint Jim Lamotte will be dealt with in December for a term beginning in January.

Motion by Rajala supported by Vivian and unanimously carried to appoint the following to the County Veterans Affairs Committee: Joe Finch-Term Expiring 12/31/2018 Barry Koljonen-Term Expiring 12/31/2020.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to approve the following budget and wage for the Operation Stonegarden grant that is anticipated by the Sheriff's Department:

Stonegarden 101-328

706	Wages	13,478.00	TOTAL INCOME:	30,000.00
713	Unemployment Obligation	5.00		
715	FICA	9.00		
716	Hospitalization	5,321.00		
717	Life Insurance	18.00		
718	Retirement	950.00		
721	Workers Comp	18.00		

742	Gas & Oil	2,125.00
934	Equipment Repair & Maintenance	7,300.00
935	Vehicle Repair & Maintenance	<u>776.00</u>
	TOTAL EXPENSE	30,000.00

The wage for a deputy working for Operation Stonegarden is \$34.56 per hour.

Motion by Rajala supported by Vivian and unanimously carried to appoint Gayk to the Legislative Coalition for Energy and Waste Reduction created by the U.P. Association of County Commissioners.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to approve charging a 50% late fee for construction permits that are pulled after the construction project has already begun.

Motion by Vivian supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to accept the bid for the 2012 Chevrolet Impala used by the Sheriff Department in the amount of \$885.85 from Mike Immonen.

Motion by Vivian supported by Gayk and unanimously carried to appoint the following members to the EDC: Harvey Desnick-Term Ending 12/31/2019 (Replacing voting member John Sturos), Matt Kero-Term Ending 12/31/2018, Joe Miller-Term Ending 12/31/2018, Kass Simila-Term Ending 12/31/2018. Also appointing the following as contributing members (No Terms, Active Non-Voting Volunteers) Tom Bryant, Rob Tarvis, John Sturos
This motion also sets the term for Todd Holmstrom-Term Ending 12/31/2019 who was appointed in May.

Motion by Gayk supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to appoint Tess Ahlborn to KEDA replacing Commissioner Vivian.

Time was allowed for public comment.

There being no further business, motion by Rajala to adjourn at 7:27 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Donald Piche, Chairman

Julie A. Carlson, Clerk