

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
KEWEENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ORGANIZATIONAL/REGULAR MEETING
January 16, 2019

The organizational/regular meeting of the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners held on January 16, 2019 beginning at 6:30 p.m., at the Courthouse, Eagle River, MI opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting was posted on the door of the Courthouse and on the County website.

Commissioners present: Bob DeMarois, Sandy Gayk, Jim Vivian, Del Rajala, Don Piche. Absent: None.

The organizational meeting was called to order by the Clerk. Clerk opened nominations for the Chairman. DeMarois nominated Piche for Chairman which was supported by Gayk. Clerk asked for further nominations and there being none, motion by DeMarois supported by Gayk to cast a unanimous ballot for Piche as Chairman for 2019. Chairman Piche took over leading the meeting.

Chairman Piche opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman. DeMarois nominated Gayk for Vice Chairman which was supported by Rajala. Piche asked for further nominations and there being none, motion by DeMarois supported by Rajala to cast a unanimous ballot for Gayk as Vice Chairman for 2019.

Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to keep the current schedule of Board meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. The regular monthly Board of Commissioners meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Chairman Piche appointed commissioners to the following committees:

Brownfiled	Chase	NorthCare	Eckloff
Building & Grounds	Piche	Planning Commission	Vivian
Building Codes	Piche	Road Commission	Piche
Community Action	Piche	Tri County Corrections	Rajala
Economic Development	Piche	UPCAP	Gayk
Finance & Budget	Piche	UP Fair Authority	Langdon
Freedom of Information	Carlson	Hoton/Kew Conservation	Gayk
Head Start BHK Program	DeMarois	UPWARD Talent Council	Vivian/Rajala
Western UP Health Dept	Rajala/DeMarois	Veteran Affairs	Rajala
Historic Highway/Biway	DeMarois	WUPPDR	Gayk/DeMarois
Human Service	Piche	911 Committee	Rajala
KEDA	Ahlborn	UP Legislative Review Comm	Gayk
Community Mental Health	Gayk	Grants	Gayk

Motion by Gayk supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to designate the following as depositories for County funds: River Valley, Range, Superior National and Huntington Banks.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Vivian and unanimously carried to accept the agenda as printed.

Motion by Vivian supported by Gayk and unanimously carried to approve the December 19, 2018 regular monthly meeting minutes as written.

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

There were no guests present.

Time was allowed for public comment.

Motion by Rajala supported by Gayk to pay the approved and audited bills in the following amounts; General Fund=\$202,449.41 Construction Codes Fund=\$1,404.17 911 Fund=\$9,591.27 Law Library=\$543.00 Veterans Affairs=\$176.56 K-9 Fund=\$45.00 Board polled. Ayes: DeMarois, Gayk, Vivian, Rajala, Piche. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Rajala supported by Vivian and unanimously carried to table Shorewaves until February.

Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to table the Drug Policy for employees until April. More time is needed to look at how other entities are handling policy.

Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to approve the Memo of Understanding between the County and NorthCare Network.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Vivian and unanimously carried to approve the personal services contract with Robert Mikesch for up to 75 hours at \$30 per hour. Mr. Mikesch prepares the County's financial statements in preparation for the audit.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Vivian and unanimously carried to approve the following resolution for a Michigan Department of Natural Resources grant for the Gratiot River Park which will include restrooms and ADA parking:

RESOLVED, that the County of Keweenaw, Michigan does hereby accept the terms of the Project Agreement for Gratiot River Park Restrooms and ADA Parking #RP18-0084 as received from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DEPARTMENT), and that the County of Keweenaw does hereby specifically agree, but not by way of limitation, as follows:

1. To appropriate all funds necessary to complete the project during the project period and to provide local match funds totaling seventeen thousand six hundred (\$17,600) dollars to match the grant authorized by the DEPARTMENT.
WHEREAS, the applicant commits said local match from its own resources and additional confirmed funds from the following sources:
Portage Health Foundation \$3,500
2. To maintain satisfactory financial accounts, documents, and records to make them available to the DEPARTMENT for auditing at reasonable times.
3. To construct the project and provide such funds, services and materials as may be necessary to satisfy the terms of said Agreement.
4. To regulate the use of the facility constructed and reserved under this Agreement to assure the use thereof by the public on equal and reasonable terms.
5. To comply with any and all terms of said Agreement including all terms not specifically set forth in the foregoing portions of this Resolution. **(#19-1)**

Motion by Rajala supported by Gayk and unanimously carried to table the Capital Improvement Plan updates until March. The Planning Commission will review the plan and make recommendations to the Board.

Motion by Gayk supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to update the County's Travel Policy. The new rates are in line with the State of Michigan and are as follows: Lodging= \$85.00, Breakfast= \$8.50, Lunch=\$8.50, Dinner=\$19.00. In select cities (Ann Arbor, Auburn Hills, Detroit, Grand Rapids, Holland, Leland, Mackinac Island, Petoskey, Pontiac, South Haven, Traverse City) the following rates would apply: Lodging=\$85.00, Breakfast=\$10.25, Lunch=\$10.25, Dinner=\$24.25. These rates are to be followed unless there is material/itinerary showing a conference rate that must be approved by the Clerk prior to travel.

Motion by Rajala supported by Gayk and unanimously carried to move forward with getting the tower near the Sheriff's Office bid process started so things will be ready to go in the spring.

Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to approve the additional \$527.64 in voluntary contributions to MERS for 2018.

Time was allowed for public comment.

There being no further business, motion by Rajala to adjourn at 7:13 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Donald Piche, Chairman

Julie Carlson, Clerk