

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
KEWEENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
April 17, 2019

The regular meeting of the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners held on April 17, 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, Sandra Gayk, Jim Vivian, Del Rajala, Don Piche.

Motion by Rajala supported by Gayk and unanimously carried to accept the agenda with the following change: General Fund bill amount changed from \$190,714.39 to \$190,939.39.

Motion by Gayk supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to approve the March 20, 2019 regular monthly meeting minutes as written.

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

Nathan Miller and Sam Raymond were at the meeting to brief the Board on the Copper Harbor Trails Club plans for the year. Last year was the best season ever and this year they will be adding a couple of new trails and updating some existing trails. There will be some trails created for those that aren't expert bikers. The Trails Club is working with the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge on creating some new trails on the back nine area that was never developed which will help to reach out to families who bike.

Tony Spagnotti and the Ahmeek Fire Department came to the meeting along with Deb Mann asking for assistance with the Keweenaw County Off Road Rescue Unit proposal for a new 4 bay building for storage of rescue vehicles and equipment. Right now, the Off-Road Rescue must go to different places to pick up things from buildings in order to go on a call which can easily mean the difference between life and death. Though there are grants for equipment, there is no funding available for the construction of proper storage facilities for the equipment. The group has gotten together to come up with some basic plans and a proposal that will be sent to the Besse Foundation for a grant. The group plans to raise funds through a gifting campaign, approaching philanthropists, foundations and user groups. In order to move forward right now, Deb Mann asked if the Board would be willing to foot the money to get required engineered stamped blueprints so that they can get bids to see what a facility would cost. Motion by Rajala supported by Gayk and unanimously carried to allow the department to get bids for engineered stamped with the Board of Commissioners paying up to \$3,200.

Motion by Gayk supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to appropriate \$1,000 to the Copper Harbor Trails Club for 2019.

Time was allowed for public comment.

Motion by Vivian supported by DeMarois to pay the approved and audited bills in the following amounts; General Fund=\$190,939.39 Construction Codes Fund=\$661.88 911 Fund=\$1,754.02 Medical Care Fund=\$3,444.42 Veterans Affairs=\$1,235.08 Indigent Defense Fund=\$4,175.50 Board polled. Ayes: DeMarois, Gayk, Vivian, Piche. Nays: None. Abstain: Rajala. Motion carried.

After a long discussion about the Shorewaves contract, motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to table Shorewaves contract until May.

The drug policy was talked about at length, but no further action will be taken at this time.

Motion by Vivian supported by Gayk and unanimously carried to appoint Vivian to the U.P. Resource and Conservation & Development Council.

Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to adopt the Michigan Community Resolution and Intergovernmental Agreement to Manage Floodplain Development for the National Flood Insurance Program between Sherman Township and Keweenaw County. **(#19-2)**

Elizabeth Anderson, Equalization Director for Keweenaw County presented the report for County Equalization. Overall, the county's equalized value went up 1.01%. The CEV (County Equalized Value) went from \$222,846,437 to \$225,325,039. The following rates were adopted as presented: Motion by Gayk supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to set the commercial CEV at \$12,866,700.

Motion by Gayk supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to set the industrial CEV at \$75,912.

Motion by Gayk supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to set the residential CEV at \$204,172,583.

Motion by Gayk supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to set the timber cut over at \$2,894,901.

Motion by Gayk supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to set the personal CEV at \$5,314,943.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Gayk and unanimously carried to approve the second and last installment for 2019 for the Indigent Defense Contract in the amount of \$4,175.50.

Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to allow Range Telecommunications (on behalf of UPPCO) to replace a pole and put up a 8x8 shelter at Mount Horace Greeley for equipment.

Motion by Rajala supported by Gayk and unanimously carried to approve the special use permit for the replacement of the communication tower replacement as recommended by the Planning Commission.

A special meeting will be held on Friday, April 19, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. for bid opening for the ADA restroom at the Mouth of the Gratiot. The meeting was advertised by OHM as part of the bidding process.

Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to approve the 2019 Survey and Remonumentation individual contracts for CHN Surveying and Crampton Surveying.

Motion by Gayk supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to accept the Sheriff's recommendation to sign a contract with Baraga County for one bed in the Baraga County Jail at the rate of \$40 per day.

Time was allowed for public comment.

There being no further business, motion by Rajala to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Donald Piche, Chairman

Julie A. Carlson, Clerk