

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
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KEWEENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
July 15, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners was held on July 15, 2020 beginning at 6:45 p.m. at the Courthouse, Eagle River, MI. Due to Covid 19, Zoom was available for the the public or for Board members.

Commissioners present: Sandra Gayk, Bob DeMarois, Jim Vivian and Don Piche. Del Rajala appeared by zoom.

The meeting was posted on the door of the Courthouse and on the County website. The Zoom invitation was also posted on the County website. The public was encouraged to attend via Zoom.

Motion by Gayk supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to approve the Agenda.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Gayk and unanimously carried to accept the minutes from the June 17, 2020, regular monthly board meeting as submitted.

The Sheriff, Treasurer and Mine Inspector reports were received.

Jim Vivian III presented the Board with a check in the amount of \$5,851, from Keweenaw Outdoor Recreation Coalition (KORC), for a donation for the Gratiot River Park.

Time was allowed for public comment.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Gayk to pay the approved and audited bills in the following amounts: General Fund=\$172,402.35, Construction Codes=\$4,090.76, 911 Fund=\$2,382.48, Medical Care Fund=\$775.62, Veterans Affairs=\$229.88. Board polled. Ayes: DeMarois, Gayk, Vivian, Piche. Abstained: Rajala. Motion Carried.

Motion by Gayk supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to approve the Keweenaw Outdoor Recreation Coalition (KORC) Resolution for support to submit a grant to MI Natural Resources Trust Fund, with the understanding that when the resolution is used to apply for any future funding, that KORC agrees to return to Keweenaw County Board with their proposal, for approval prior to submitting it.

WHEREAS, the Keweenaw Outdoor Recreation Coalition (KORC) is a group of Keweenaw County residents, organizations and landowners with a goal of combining efforts into a community-wide movement to work with the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and other partners to improve public access, management, ownership and control of the outdoor natural and recreation lands of Keweenaw County.

WHEREAS, KORC has donated \$5851.00 to Keweenaw County for the improvement to the amenities at the Gratiot River Park in Allouez Township; and

WHEREAS, tourism is the backbone of the economy and employment in Keweenaw County and provides the comforts and amenities which visitors and residents enjoy; and

WHEREAS, Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners recognizes that to grow and thrive, a larger secure land base and permanent motorized and non-motorized trail systems are needed for tourism and to preserve our quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) has a nominating petition that allows citizens and organizations to recommend areas that the State should acquire and hold in the public trust for the benefit of all Michiganders.

WHEREAS, KORC has demonstrated its contributions to Keweenaw County by working as a local alliance and with the DNR in improving public access and outdoor recreation by supporting and developing resources that help and protect our citizens, visitors, and environment; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) has acquired the 8000+ acres at the tip of Keweenaw County;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Keweenaw County Commissioners strongly support KORC in its mission to serve the recreation and conservation users of the lands in Keweenaw County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Keweenaw County supports the submission of a nomination to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund to acquire land in Keweenaw County for public use. **(#20-7)**

Motion by Gayk supported by Vivian and unanimously carried to approve the transfer of Gogo Inc. to Aviation LLC-Affiliate of Gogo Inc. It is an internal transfer only and all leases and assignments remain in full effect.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Vivian and unanimously carried to approve the agreement with Cummings, McClorey, Davis & Acho PLC for lawsuit against County Clerk.

Motion by Gayk supported by Rajala and unanimously carried to approve Budget Amendments for 2019.

2019 Budget Amendments

<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Increase Account Number</u>	<u>Expenditures and Fund Balance (Decrease)</u>
GENERAL FUND-Expenditures		
Treasurer	101-253	4,000
Other General Government	101-290	(4,000)
Circuit Court	101-131	(6,000)
District Court	101-136	(1,000)
Probate Court	101-148	12,000
Prosecuting Attorney	101-267	(6,000)
UP Substance Enforcement Team	101-	(8,703)
Stonegarden Program	101-328	(500)
Marine Safety Program	101-331	500
Secondary Road Patrol	101-333	1,979
Off Road Vehicle Program	101-336	(1,979)
Homeland Security Program	101-435	8,703
Sewage Permit	101-611	3,300
Medical Examiner	101-648	(3,433)
Dept of Human Services	101-670	133
Economic Development Commission	101-725	(5,000)
Capital Outlay-Land and Improvements	101-	6,000
Operating Transfer Out-		
Indigent Defense Fund		10,000
Probate Child Care Fund		(10,000)
 GENERAL FUND-Totals		 0

Motion by Gayk supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to approve the Clerk and Treasurer to work on a Corrective Action Plan for the Department of Treasury.

Motion by Gayk supported by Vivian and unanimously carried to approve Hazard Pay for the Sheriff's Department. Motion amended by Gayk supported by Vivian and unanimously carried to approve Hazard Pay for the 6 full time employees at the Sheriff's Department. Reimbursement will be sought from the MI Dept of Treasury – First Responder Hazard Pay Premiums Program.

All Board members agree to keep the Courthouse doors closed to the public except by appointment.

Time was allowed for public comment

There being no further business, motion by Gayk to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Donald Piche, Chairman

Roxanne Billing, Deputy Clerk