

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
KEWEENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
February 16, 2022

The regular meeting of the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners held on February 16, 2022, 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.

Commissioner's present: Bob DeMarois, Randy Eckloff, Don Piche, Jim Vivian, Del Rajala.

Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to accept the agenda with one addition under New Business j) Resolution of the Board authorizing Chairman to Sell Trails Property.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Vivian and unanimously carried to approve the January 19, 2022, regular monthly meeting minutes as written.

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

Lisa McKenzie from WUPPDR was a guest at the meeting presenting the Board with information on a grant opportunity related to materials management which used to be called "solid waste". The program is referred to as Materials Management County Engagement grants. There is legislation out there that may require solid waste plans to become material management plans in the next couple of years. This grant is coming from EGLE and would have no matching requirements from the County. WUPPDR would assist in applying for the grant and would look for collaboration amongst entities in our area to come up with a viable plan.

Time was allowed for public comment.

Lucas Calhoun spoke on behalf of the community task force for mobile phone communication at the top of the Keweenaw. Lucas spoke to the Eagle Harbor and Grant Township boards also. The task force is being created to work on solutions to the problem of cell phone communication up north. The first meeting of the task force will be on February 28, 2022 at 3 p.m. at the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge and anyone is welcome to attend to assist with solutions.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Vivian to pay the approved and audited bills in the following amounts; General Fund=\$157,691.32 Construction Codes Fund=\$5,407.84 911 Fund=\$9,811.08 Kermit's Fund = \$270.00 Houghton County MCF=\$1,292.70 Veterans Affairs=\$1,349.00 Board polled. Ayes: DeMarois, Eckloff, Vivian, Rajala, Piche. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Rajala supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to appropriate \$500 to KEDA.

Motion by Rajala supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to accept the proposal from Colligo GIS for parcel maintenance, 911 maintenance and internet-based GIS desktop and mobile platforms in the yearly amount of \$4,300.

Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to approve the following resolution: WHEREAS, the separate tax limitation millage rates established for the County of Keweenaw and the Townships and Intermediate School District within the County, approved by the elector of said County, expire in the year 2022, and WHEREAS, the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners would like to alter or extend within an existing 15 mill limitation existing separate tax limitations of the County, Townships and Intermediate School District within the County, NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the members of the County Tax Advisory Tax Limitation Committee meet to prepare separate tax limitations for the County and the Townships and the ISD within the County. **(#22-1)**

Motion by DeMarois supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to appoint Gina Nicholas to the Tax Advisory Committee as the person who is not affiliated with the county or townships.

Motion by Rajala supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to approve assisting with the purchase of an ORV/multipurpose machine. The old ORV should have a trade in value of about \$10,000, there is a grant for \$22,000 and the machine will run about \$35,000 which means that there is a shortage of \$3,000. This \$3,000 will come from the ARPA fund.

Thus far, the following list are things that were identified that will be paid from the ARPA funds: a vehicle, air exchanger in the courtroom, a court recording system, a limited full-time deputy for two years, and \$3,000 for the ORV.

Motion by DeMarois supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to approve sale documents for the county-owned trails property to KR Property I, LLC, to give Don Piche the authority to sign documents for the sale, and to authorize Don Piche and County Attorney Chuck Miller to take whatever steps are necessary to complete the sale of the trails property.

Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to discontinue the need for preapproval for purchases over \$250 for all departments.

Motion by Rajala supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to adopt the following resolution giving authority for Donald Piche to sign all documents regarding the sale of the county-owned property (trails property):
RESOLVED, the following described board member, Donald Piche, is hereby authorized, for and on behalf of this board, to SELL the following described lands on such terms as they deem proper and to execute all documents necessary to complete the transaction on behalf of the board. **(#22-2)**

Trail property legal description is:

PARCEL NO. 1

Land in Grant Township, Keweenaw County, Michigan described as follows:

The Southwest quarter of Section 31, Township 59 North, Range 28 West, subject to an easement for a highway right of way to Board of Commissioners of Keweenaw County and also subject to an easement for a highway right of way described as a strip of land 400 feet wide lying 200 feet each side of and adjacent to the center line of US Hwy 41, as now established, over the South half of the Southwest quarter, except for that portion of the parcel shown as "Proposed Parcel A" on Sheet #1 of a Certificate of Survey recorded in the records of the Keweenaw County Register of Deeds on July 14, 2017, Instrument No. 20170422, as amended by a Scrivener's Affidavit filed on August 23, 2017, Instrument No. 20170502, that lies within said Southwest quarter of Section 31; and That portion of the parcel of property shown as "Remaining Parent Parcel #2" on said Certificate of Survey that lies within the Southeast quarter of Section 31, Township 59 North, Range 28 West.

Parcel No. 310-31-300-001

PARCEL NO. 2

Land in Eagle Harbor Township, Keweenaw County, Michigan described as follows:

Southeast quarter of Section 36, Township 59 North, Range 29 West, subject to an easement for a highway right of way to Board of Commissioners of Keweenaw County.

Parcel No. 205-36-400-000

Time was allowed for public comment.

There being no further business, motion by Rajala to adjourn at 6:58 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Donald Piche, Chairman

Julie Carlson, Clerk