

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
KEWEENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
April 8, 2024

A special meeting of the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners was held on April 8, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Commissioners present: Bob DeMarois, Randy Eckloff, Del Rajala, Don Piche. Absent: Jim Vivian.

Bids for the carpeting project (includes the stairway, Courtroom, Judge's Chambers, Jury Room and elevator area) were opened. Two sealed bids were received:

Gartners Gallery = \$26,204

Kirkish Furniture Inc = \$26,328

Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to award the carpeting project to Gartners in the amount of \$26,204.

Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois to pay Andy Jarve in the amount of \$2,480 for painting the stairway and the Courtroom. The original estimate was \$2,400 but there was an extra two hours for painting the registers. Ayes: Eckloff, DeMarois, Rajala, Piche. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A discussion was held regarding the Emergency Operations Center and where the center should be located and if there was interest in a joint venture with the Keweenaw County Road Commission. Though this is all in the early planning stages, an RFP will be going out and a part of that is consideration of a site for the building. There were two sites being considered, one between Mohawk and Ahmeek that is undeveloped, and the other site is on the Road Commission property in Mohawk where utilities are readily available. The Board was most interested in the site at the Road Commission. The other item up for discussion was whether the Board was in favor of a consolidated building with that would be used by the Road Commission, the Search and Rescue and maybe an area for TNC to rent. This space would have bays for both the Search and Rescue and the Road Commission, there would be office space for the Road Commission and perhaps for TNC, and there would be a meeting room for joint use. Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to move forward with the focus being on just the site at the Road Commission and for this project to be a consolidation of both the Road Commission and the County with one building to be used by both entities.

Motion by Rajala supported by DeMarois and unanimously carried to approve Change Order 001 with Bulletins 1,2,3 and 4 for Wuebben Construction dated March 6, 2024. The final dollar amount for the change order is \$635.

There being no further business, motion by Rajala to adjourn at 12:42 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Donald Piche, Chairman

Julie Carlson, Clerk