

**FEBRUARY SESSION  
KEWAUNEE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER  
FEBRUARY 14, 2023**

The meeting of the Kewaunee County Board of Supervisors was called to order by the Kewaunee County Chairman Olson, on February 14, 2023 at 5:00 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by prayer.

Roll Call: Supervisors Agamaite, Augustian, Doell, Guilette, Haske, Jahnke, Kinnard, Kroll, Langteau, Lazansky, Lukes, Mastalir, Olson, Paape, Romdenne, Swagel, Teske and Vollenweider (18) were present. Supervisors Browne and Patricia (2) were excused.

Supervisors Swagel moved and Haske seconded to approve the County Board agenda. Motion carried.

Supervisors Mastalir moved and Romdenne seconded to approve the previous County Board minutes. Motion carried.

**Citizens Input:**

Jean Robinson spoke regarding concerns with well water in the county

**APPOINTMENT:  
HUMAN SERVICES BOARD**

Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 46.23(4)(b)(2) I hereby make the following citizen appointment to the Human Services Board subject to County Board approval.

**Term February 14, 2023 - December 31, 2023**

Donna Wallace

Respectfully submitted,  
Scott Feldt, Kewaunee County Administrator

**APPOINTMENT:  
LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD**

Pursuant to the provisions of Wisconsin Statutes 43.17(1) I hereby make the following appointment to the Kewaunee County Library System Board subject to County Board approval.

**Term February 14, 2023 to December 31, 2023**

Renee Koenig

Respectfully submitted,  
Scott Feldt, Kewaunee County Administrator

Supervisors Vollenweider moved and Lazansky seconded for confirmation of both appointments. Motion carried.

**ANNUAL REPORTS & OTHER REPORTS**

Public Safety Facility Update – Venture Architects & Samuels Group  
Kewaunee County Administrator – Scott Feldt

**Committee Reports:**

Highway/Solid Waste Committee – Supervisor Paape  
Executive Committee – Chairman Olson  
Health and Vets Committee – Supervisor Kroll  
University Extension Committee – Supervisor Lukes  
Land & Water Conservation Committee – Supervisor Augustian  
Public Safety & Justice Committee – Supervisor Mastalir  
Finance & Public Property Committee – Supervisor Romdenne  
Human Services Committee – Supervisor Haske  
Parks, Promotion & Maintenance Committee – Supervisor Jahnke  
Business Development Loan Fund Committee – Paul Kunesh  
Broadband Study Committee – Administrator Feldt  
Public Safety Facility Study Committee – Administrator Scott Feldt

**First Reading of Ordinances (vote to be taken at next County Board Meeting):**

None

**Consideration of Resolutions:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 28-02-2023**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING BUDGET AMENDMENT**

**To Accept Funds to Increase the Emergency Management Administrative Assistant position from part-time to full-time**

**TO THE HONORABLE KEWAUNEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 65.90(5)(a), Wis. Stats., the amounts of the various appropriations and the purposes for such appropriations stated in a budget may not be changed unless authorized by a vote of two-thirds of the entire membership of the County Board of Supervisors; and

**WHEREAS**, the Kewaunee County Emergency Management Department has requested and Point Beach Nuclear Plant has agreed to provide financial support in the amount of \$26,183 to cover the cost of increasing the Emergency Management Administrative Assistant position from part-time to full-time; and

**WHEREAS**, the Executive Committee has approved increasing the Emergency Management Administrative Assistant Position from part-time to full-time with the acceptance of the additional funds from Point Beach Nuclear Plant; and

**WHEREAS**, the Finance and Public Property Committee considered and hereby recommends adjusting the Emergency Management Budget to increase revenue from the Point Beach Nuclear Plant and increase wages and benefits in the Emergency Management Budget.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Kewaunee County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 14th day of February, 2023, that the Board approves the request to adjust the Emergency Management Budget and directs the Finance Director to adjust the budget accordingly; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that within 10 days the County Clerk shall file a Class 1 notice of this budget adjustment.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Finance and Public Property Committee  
AGAMAITE, HASKE, MASTALIR, ROMDENNE, VOLLENWEIDER

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT: \$26,183 increase in revenue \$26,183 increase in wages and benefits
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Supervisors Romdenne moved and Mastalir seconded for adoption. Roll Call Vote: 18 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 29-02-2023**

**REQUEST THAT THE STATE REVISE THE CURRENT REAL ESTATE  
TRANSFER FEES REVENUE SHARING FORMULA**

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**TO THE HONORABLE KEWAUNEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

**WHEREAS**, the collection by counties of a real estate transfer fee was mandated by the State of Wisconsin in 1969, and included a requirement that counties remit 50% of all transfer fees collected to the State; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1981 the State changed the transfer fee formula to now require counties to remit to the State 80% of all transfer fees collected to the state; and

**WHEREAS**, the County through the Register of Deeds office, assumes the annual operating costs of recording all real estate transfers occurring in each County, including the collection of real estate transfer fees; and

**WHEREAS**, Kewaunee County real estate transfer fee collections as averaged over the past five years totaled \$1,231,900.20 of which the county retained \$246,380.04; and over that same period \$985,520.16 was remitted to the state; and

**WHEREAS**, using a 50/50 split, the County's share of fees collected on local real estate transfers during that same five-year period would have provided an additional \$369,570.06 in support of local government; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2021 the State of Wisconsin has built up a budget surplus of approximately 2.5 billion dollars, while many Wisconsin counties continue to struggle financially due to the ever-increasing costs of providing county government services in an inflationary economy, coupled with the financial restrictions imposed by State mandated levy limits; and

**WHEREAS**, in an effort to financially assist all Wisconsin Counties, Kewaunee County requests that the State of Wisconsin return the real estate transfer fee share formula to again allow Wisconsin Counties to retain 50% of all total real estate transfer fees collected, with 50% to be remitted to the State.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Kewaunee County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 14th day of February, 2023, that in an effort to assist all Wisconsin Counties, the State of Wisconsin revise the real estate transfer fee share formula to again allow Wisconsin Counties to retain 50% of all real estate transfer fees collected, with 50% to be remitted to the State.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to Governor Tony Evers, all members of the State Legislature representing Kewaunee County, the Wisconsin Counties Association and all other Wisconsin Counties.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Finance and Public Property Committee  
AGAMAITE, HASKE, MASTALIR, ROMDENNE, VOLLENWEIDER

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT: Fiscal impact of changing revenue split of Real Estate Transfer Fees from 80/20 to 50/50 would be: County Real Estate Transfer Fees would increase approximately \$74,000 per year on average.
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Supervisors Romdenne moved and Haske seconded for adoption. Roll Call Vote: 18 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 30-02-2023**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR AND ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR 2023/2024 COUNTY  
SNOWMOBILE/ATV TRAIL REHABILITATION AND ATV MAINTENANCE GRANT**

**TO THE HONORABLE KEWAUNEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

**WHEREAS**, grant monies are available annually through State of Wisconsin, Department of Natural Resources for recreational trail maintenance and rehabilitation; and

**WHEREAS**, Kewaunee County seeks financial assistance through the State of Wisconsin for ATV and snowmobile trail maintenance and rehabilitation of Snowmobile Trails and All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) trails at the Riverview ATV Park; and

**WHEREAS**, the Kewaunee County Board has reviewed the need for the proposed project(s) and the benefit(s) to be gained therefrom; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary for the Kewaunee County Board, to approve the application before funds can be disbursed from this account.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Kewaunee County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February 2023, that the Board does approve and authorize the application for the above-named projects; the Kewaunee County Promotion and Recreation Director is hereby authorized to sign all necessary documents on behalf of the County of Kewaunee; and that authority is hereby granted to the Promotion and Recreation Director to take the necessary steps to disburse funds under this program in accordance with this resolution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Kewaunee County will comply with the contract mandates for the project.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Parks, Promotion and Maintenance Committee  
DOELL, GUILLETTE, JAHNKE, PAAPE, SWAGEL

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT: \$56,190 Snowmobile funding 100%. \$23,000 in ATV funding 50% match. \$15,000 ATV Maintenance 100%
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Supervisors Doell moved and Romdenne seconded for adoption. Roll Call Vote: 18 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 31-02-2023**

**A RESOLUTION RESCINDING SO MUCH OF RESOLUTION NUMBER 25-12-2022 INVOLVING THE TAKING OF A TAX DEED ON PARCEL NUMBER 13 018 19.134 AND APPROVING THE RESCISSION OF THE TAX DEED ON PARCEL NUMBER 13 018 19.134**

**TO THE HONORABLE KEWAUNEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

**WHEREAS**, by Resolution No. 25-12-2022, the Honorable Kewaunee County Board of Supervisors authorized the taking of a tax deed on parcel number 31 018 19.134, and other parcels; and

**WHEREAS**, Kewaunee County prepared, executed and recorded a Tax Deed in the Office of the Kewaunee County Register of Deeds on December 30, 2022, in Volume 811, Page 128, as Document Number 478679; and

**WHEREAS**, After the recording of the Tax Deed, the County learned that parcel number 31 018 19.134 was taken in error.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Kewaunee County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 14th day of February 2023, that so much of Resolution Number 25-12-2022 as it pertains to parcel number 13 018 19.134, located in the Town of Red River, is hereby rescinded; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County is hereby authorized to take such action as may be necessary to correct and rescind the tax deed that was filed in error on parcel number 31 018 19.134.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Finance and Public Property Committee  
AGAMAITE, HASKE, MASTALIR, ROMDENNE, VOLLENWEIDER

Supervisors Romdenne moved and Vollenweider seconded for adoption. Roll Call Vote: 18 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 32-02-2023**

**APPROVING BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT LOAN APPLICATION OF:  
Defiant Fishing Charters, LLC**

**TO THE HONORABLE KEWAUNEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

**WHEREAS**, Kewaunee County created a business development loan program to encourage economic development in Kewaunee County; and

**WHEREAS**, Defiant Fishing Charters, LLC (Mark and Nicole Kirsten), has made application to the Business Development Loan Committee for a loan to retrofit and equip a charter boat that will be used to operate a charter fishing business in the City of Kewaunee; and

**WHEREAS**, the Business Development Loan Committee has considered the loan application and recommends approving a loan to Defiant Fishing Charters, LLC under the following general terms:

Principal: \$14,000.00  
Interest: 7.00%  
Repayment term: 5 years  
Repayment schedule: Deferred payments to June, 2023, thereafter principal & interest until paid in full.  
Security/Collateral: Equipment purchased and personal guaranty.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Kewaunee County Board of Supervisors, duly assembled this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February 2023, that the Board hereby authorizes and approves the Loan Application of Defiant Fishing Charters, LLC; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Business Development Loan Administrator shall provide Defiant Fishing Charters LLC with notice the loan was approved and negotiate the final terms of the loan in a manner not inconsistent with the general parameters outlined above and the policies and procedures of the Kewaunee County Business Development Loan Fund Manual.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Finance and Public Property Committee  
AGAMAITE, HASKE, MASTALIR, ROMDENNE, VOLLENWEIDER

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT: \$14,000 loan to Defiant Fishing Charters LLC
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Supervisors Mastalir moved and Romdenne seconded for adoption. Roll Call Vote: 18 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**Consideration of Ordinances (Read at Previous Board Meeting):**

None

Goodwin Claim Update brought forward by Corporation Counsel, David Depeau.

Motion to go into closed session at 5:34 p.m. was made by Supervisor Romdenne and seconded by Supervisor Augustian.  
Roll Call Vote: 18 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Motion to reconvene at 7:10 p.m. was moved by Supervisor Vollenweider and seconded by Supervisor Langteau. Motion carried.

Supervisor Augustian made a motion that the County Board hire outside counsel to represent the County Board due to a conflict of interest in a personnel matter in the amount not to exceed \$5,000.00, seconded by Supervisor Lazansky. Voice Vote: 15 ayes, 2 abstain (Paape, Olson), 3 absent (Browne, Kinnard, Patrycia). Motion carried.

**Communications:**

Resolutions from other counties (3)

Events:

- Zoup Art on 2/26 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Kewaunee County Fairgrounds
- Roar off the Shore on 3/25 from 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the Kewaunee County Fairgrounds
- St. Paul's Lutheran Church Dinner & Show on 3/04 beginning at 6:00 p.m.

**Chairman's Comments:**

Expressed his appreciation for everyone who worked on getting the Winter Park contract completed.

Supervisors Paape moved and Romdenne seconded that the May County Board meeting will be held on May 16, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Kewaunee County Administration Center. Motion carried.

Supervisors Vollenweider moved and Doell seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

Board adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

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Daniel A. Olson, Kewaunee County Board Chairman

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Jamie Annoye, Kewaunee County Clerk

CERTIFICATION STATE  
OF WISCONSIN:

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COUNTY OF KEWAUNEE:

I, Jamie Annoye, County Clerk in and for Kewaunee County, Wisconsin do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Kewaunee County Board of Supervisors held at the Kewaunee County Administration Center in Kewaunee on February 14, 2023.

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Jamie Annoye, Kewaunee County Clerk

