

Keweenaw County Veterans Affairs Committee

Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2010

Meeting held at the Keweenaw County Courthouse was called to order at 2:15 P.M.

Present: Commissioner Donald Keith, Chairman Joe Finch, Committee Member Jim Huovinen

Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

The focus of the meeting centered on the increasing caseload facing Jim Klutts who manages the Houghton-Keweenaw Veteran's Affairs Office. Veterans in need of assistance from Baraga and Ontonagon counties are increasingly contacting Klutts for assistance. Klutts has a full schedule assisting veterans from Houghton and Keweenaw County which supports the Veterans Affairs Office with funding generated from a millage.

Houghton County Commissioner Barette and Keweenaw County Commissioner Keith have made liaison with commissioners from Baraga and Ontonagon Counties in an attempt to resolve this issue. Neither county has an office of veteran's affairs. Casework in those counties is handled informally through VFWs and American Legions.

We look forward toward a quick resolution of this problem. The meeting was adjourned at 3:45.

Respectfully submitted:

Jim Huovinen