

GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

April 14, 2021

County Courthouse

Bessemer, MI 49911

5:00 P.M.

****Personnel 4:00 pm****

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (March 24, 2021 Regular Board Meeting)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COUNTY BOARD ON AGENDA ITEMS
(5-minute limit)**

APPEARANCES:

1. **Heidi DeRosso-Emergency Management Coordinator** (Re: Resolution for recommended 2021/2022 monthly 911 surcharge rate)

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. **Ramona Collins-Gogebic County Clerk** (Re: Request to advertise CMH Vacancy)
2. **James A. Lorenson-Gogebic County Fair Chairman** (Re: Gogebic County Fair Quarterly update)
3. **Juliane Giackino-Gogebic County Administrator** (Re: Motion to proceed with MIDC's Managed Council Model)
4. **Juliane Giackino-Gogebic County Administrator** (Re: Ambulance service proposed millage language)

OTHER MATTERS:

ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES:

PUBLIC COMMENT (5-minute limit)

ADJOURNMENT

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m. by Chairman Lorenson. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken.

ROLL CALL:

**Present: (7) Siirila, Laabs, Byrns, Bonovetz, Orlich,
Peterson (via bluejeans) Lorenson**

Absent: (0) None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (March 10, 2021 meeting minutes)

A motion was made by Mr. Bonovetz, supported by Mr. Siirila, and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the minutes with the exception of Item 3 of the Summary Reports.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Byrns, supported by Mr. Laabs, and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the agenda.

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There were none.

COMMITTEE SUMMARY REPORTS:

- 1. Personnel & Negotiations Committee/Committee of the Whole
2/24/21 A motion** was made by Mr. Bonovetz, supported by Mr. Siirila and carried by unanimous voice vote to receive the report and place it on file
- 2. Finance, Budgeting & Auditing Committee, 2/24/21
A motion** was made by Mr. Bonovetz, supported by Mr. Siirila carried by unanimous voice vote to receive the report and place it on file
- 3. Ambulance Committee, 2/25/21 & 3/18/21 No motion to
consider. It was moved by** Mr. Bonovetz, supported by Mr. Siirila and carried by unanimous vote to accept the minutes only of the two meetings and place them on file.

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COMMUNICATIONS:

1. **Michigan Dept. of Treasury, (Re: Designated Assessor)** A motion was made by Bonovetz, and supported by Mr. Laabs, followed by unanimous voice vote to receive the communication and place it on file.
2. **Cummings, McClorey, Davis & Acho (Re: Settlement of Markovic v. Gogebic County)** A motion was made by Mr. Siirila and supported by Mr. Byrns to authorize proper signatures. Roll call was taken.

ROLL CALL:

Yes: (7) Laabs, Byrns, Bonovetz, Orlich, Peterson, Siirila, Lorenson

No: (0)

Motion carried

3. **Missy Lane, Community Mental Health, (Re: Amended By-Laws)** A motion was made by Mr. Bonovetz, supported by Mr. Laabs to receive and place on file. It was agreed a letter from the Clerk to CMH will be drafted regarding excuses due to meeting conflict issues.
4. **Governor Gretchen Whitmer's Office, (Re: Response to Resolution regarding COVID-19 vaccinations)** A motion was made by Mr. Siirila, supported by Mr. Byrns and carried by unanimous voice vote to receive the communication and place it on file.
5. **Community Mental Health (Board Appointments)** A motion was made by Mr. Siirila, supported by Mr. Byrns to appoint the following four persons to the CMH board.

Carrie Braspenick

Stephen Thomas

Patricia Crabtree

Joe Bonovetz

Motion carried with a 6-0 voice vote, Mr. Bonovetz abstained

APPEARANCES:

1. **Heidi DeRosso, 911 director (Re: Resolution regarding 911 Fee Diversion)** A motion was made by Mr. Byrns, supported by Mr. Bonovetz to authorize the proper signature on the resolution and place it on file. A unanimous voice vote supported the motion.

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TRIAL BALANCE/CASH BALANCE:

A motion was made by Mr. Siirila, supported by Mr. Laabs, and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the report as presented.

GENERAL FUND REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE CONTROL:

A motion was made by Mr. Siirila, supported by Mr. Byrns, and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the report as presented.

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS:

A motion was made by Mr. Bonovetz, supported by Mr. Laabs to pay the claims as presented along with the pre-paids and make them a part of the minutes.

Roll Call:

YES: (7) Byrns, Bonovetz, Orlich, Peterson, Siirila, Laabs, Lorenson

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS:

Mr. Byrns spoke of minor issues with the distribution of the Covid-19 vaccine. All agreed distribution has improved.

PUBLIC COMMENT (5-minute limit)

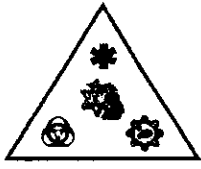
There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Orlich, supported by Mr. Siirila, and carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn to the call of the Chair. The meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

James A. Lorenson, Chairman

Ramona L. Collins, Clerk



For Emergency
Call 911

Gogebic County Emergency Management/911

Heidi DeRosso
200 N. Moore Street
Bessemer, MI 49911
Phone: 906.667.1118
Fax: 906.663.4105

April 8, 2021

Gogebic County Board of Commissioners
Gogebic County Courthouse
200 N. Moore St.
Bessemer, MI 49911

RE: Annual Report to Legislature – 911 Surcharge Recommendation

Gentlemen,

At your April 14th board meeting, I will be presenting you with a resolution for the recommended 2021/2022 (July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022) monthly 911 surcharge rate for Gogebic County. This is required by the state for the Annual Report to the Legislature each year. It is the recommendation of the 911 Committee to increase our 911 monthly surcharge amount to \$2.50.

If you have any question, please feel free to contact me or I will be in attendance at the meeting.

Thank you,

Heidi DeRosso

Heidi DeRosso
Emergency Mgmt/911 Coordinator

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT MONTHLY 9-1-1 SURCHARGE WITHIN GOGEBIC COUNTY

WHEREAS, under the Emergency 9-1-1 Service Enabling Act (P.A. 32 of 1986 as amended) the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners approved the final 9-1-1 service plan on January 9th, 2002, and amended the service plan on July 14, 2010 to benefit the citizens of Gogebic County by providing a uniform and well-known emergency telephone number; and

WHEREAS, the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners continues to believe that 9-1-1 service will benefit the citizens of Gogebic County; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan enacted Public Act 32 to further support 9-1-1 service in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Public Act 32 allows for the creation of a county-based local 9-1-1 surcharge on all communications service providers that can access 9-1-1 and provides for the collection, disbursement, use, and audit of said funds; and

WHEREAS, Gogebic County has deemed that a monthly county-based surcharge of \$2.50 be placed on all communications service providers **beginning July 1, 2021** as allowed under Public Act 32 is necessary to defray the costs of being ready to process and of actually processing 9-1-1 calls placed within Gogebic County; and;

WHEREAS, Gogebic County on March 10, 2020 an election was held within Gogebic County (MCL 484.14701b) (1) & (b) with a vote of yes 2132 and no 946 for the funding of 9-1-1 emergency telephone call answering and dispatch service within Gogebic County, including facilities, equipment and operations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the county-based 9-1-1 monthly surcharge of \$2.50, on communications devices effective July 1, 2021 to remain in effect until changed by law or future Gogebic County Board of Commissioners action, as permitted under P.A. 379 of 2008.

COUNTY OF GOGEBIC

I, Ramona Collins, Clerk of the County of Gogebic, and of the County Board of Commissioners, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the resolution adopted by the Board at its regular meeting on April 14, 2021.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the County of Gogebic this 14th day of April 2021 at Bessemer, Michigan

Clerk, Ramona Collins

**OFFICE OF COUNTY CLERK-REGISTER
COUNTY OF GOGEBIC**

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BESSEMER, MICHIGAN 49911
CLERK (906) 663-4518
REGISTER OF DEEDS (906) 667-0381
FAX (906) 663-4660
e-mail: clerk@gogebiccountymi.gov

RAMONA L. COLLINS
County Clerk-Register of Deeds

CHIEF DEPUTY
Donna M. Frello

Gogebic County Board of Commissioners
James A. Lorenson, Chairman
200 N. Moore St.
Bessemer, MI 49911

Dear Gentlemen:

Please consider this request to advertise for the board member vacancy that occurred with the passing of Donald Pezzetti. The Community Mental Health Authority requests authority to fill his unexpired term.

Thank you,


Ramona



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Ironwood, MI 49938
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fair@gogebiccountymi.gov

March 30, 2021

Gogebic County Board of Commissioners
Gogebic County Courthouse
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Gentlemen:

Per your request, we are detailing the following projects that have been pursued during the second quarter of fiscal year 2021.

- Ongoing planning for the 2021 Fair
- Continued planning conversion of underused buildings for seasonal storage space to increase fair revenue
- Prepared and submitted a grant to MDARD to offset costs of improved lighting and security in the multi-purpose building. It is hoped the improved lighting will result in increased appeal to renters, which, in turn, would lead to increased revenues for the fair. The installation of LED lighting will reduce ongoing energy costs to the fair as well.
- Instituted a new sponsorship program to raise revenue for the fair
- Expanded social media presence to reduce printing costs and reach a wider audience

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James A. Lorensen".

James A. Lorensen
Chairperson

JULIANE M. GIACKINO
ADMINISTRATOR

AMANDA L. PARKER
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT



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JOSEPH BONOVIETZ
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GEORGE PETERSON III
DAN SHIRLA

April 1, 2021

Gogebic County Board of Commissioners
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Dear Gentlemen:

As you may recall, you had a presentation from Ms. Melissa Wangler of the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission in December. She talked mainly on standard 5, which goes into effect on 10/1/2021.

Standard 5 requires that indigent defense services be delivered independent of the judiciary. The plan has to be submitted for compliance with the MIDC's standards and cost analysis.

We have had numerous meetings regarding this, most recently a meeting was held with Ontonagon County to determine if we could regionalize since we are part of the same circuit and we also use the same attorneys. After discussion, it was determined that the Managed Assigned Counsel appears also to be the best avenue for both counties to pursue. Managed assigned council system operates with an attorney administrator and a roster of attorneys.

The paperwork, including the numbers must be into the State by 4/27/21. There are no Board meetings besides the one on 4/14/21. The main concern to you gentlemen is the cost. The County's portion will remain the same or vary very slightly of the local share contribution as it currently stands. The State has increased their portion to cover additional costs.

I have worked a small portion since this came to being, but each standard involves a change. The court staff currently does the reporting. That can no longer happen after 10/1/21. I will be part of the group that works on determining this.

I am requesting permission to proceed based on the cost remaining the same similar to what we are currently paying. I have been working with our current indigent defense contract provider along with the Circuit Court Trial Administrator. Our current indigent defense contract will go away with this process.

I will keep you apprised as this moves forward.

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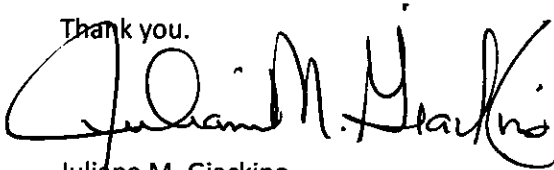
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I am requesting a motion authorizing to proceed with the Managed Assigned Counsel model and authorization to sign the document that is due on 4/27/21. This can be amended with the State as things become solidified.

As this becomes final, the Board Chair will need to sign upon Board approval.

Please give me a call, should you have any questions.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Juliane M. Giackino". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "G".

Juliane M. Giackino
County Administrator

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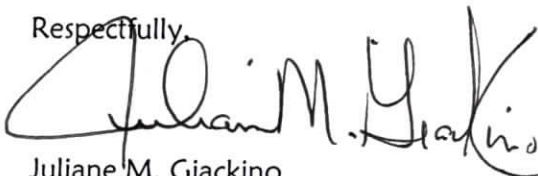
Please find attached the draft of the proposed millage language to provide for ambulance service or emergency medical service for Gogebic County. The current millage language expires at the end of 2021.

This language will appear on the November ballot. The Equalization Director has drafted the language. The Ambulance Committee has agreed with the wording as well as the Prosecutor, who reviews all millage language. It now requires approval by the County Board.

Should you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you.

Respectfully,



Juliane M. Giackino
Gogebic County Administrator

Gogebic County Emergency Medical Service Renewal/Restoration

This proposal will allow the County of Gogebic to continue to levy the statutory rate not to exceed 1 mill on all property except other property exempt by law, required for the county to supplement countywide emergency medical care, equipment, training, and other related expenses for emergency medical purposes and restores millage lost as a result of the reduction required by the Michigan Constitution of 1963.

Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property except that property exempted by law, in Gogebic County, be renewed by .9951 mill (\$.9951 on each \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of 3 years, 2022 to 2024, inclusive, and also may be restored up to .50 mill (\$0.50 on each \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of 3 years 2022 to 2024, inclusive, to restore funds to supplement countywide emergency medical care, equipment, training and other related expenses for medical purposes; the estimate of the revenue the County will collect if the millage is approved and 1 mill is levied in 2022 is approximately \$554,426 (this millage is to renew millage that will expire with the 2021 levy and to restore millage lost as a result of the reduction required by the "Headlee" amendment to the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and will be levied only to the extent necessary to restore that reduction)?