

GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2021

County Courthouse

Bessemer, MI 49911

5:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Lorenson Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken.

ROLL CALL:

Present: (7) Orlich, Peterson, Siirila, Laabs, Byrns, Bonvoetz, Lorenson

Absent: (0)

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (March 24, 2021 regular meeting minutes)

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Bonovetz, supported by Mr. Siirila. A verbal unanimous vote followed.

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

None appeared

APPEARANCE:

1. Heidi DeRosso-Emergency Management Coordinator

(Re:Resolution in favor of .50 increase in 911 surcharge rate) A motion was made by Mr. Bonovetz, supported by Mr.

Peterson in favor of increasing the monthly surcharge. Roll call was taken.

ROLL CALL:

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

NO: (0)

Motion carried

COMMUNICATION:

1. Ramona Collins-Gogebic County Clerk (Re: CMH Vacancy) A

motion was made by Mr. Bonovetz and supported by Mr. Siirila to advertise to fill the vacancy on the CMH board. Carried by a unanimous vote.

2. James A. Lorenson-Gogebic County Fair (Quarterly Report) A

motion was made by Mr. Siirila, supported by Mr. Laabs and confirmed by unanimous vote to receive the report and place it on file.

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3. **Juliane Giackino-Gogebic County Administrator (MIDC's Managed Council Model)** A motion was made by Mr. Bonovetz and supported by Mr. Siirila to proceed with necessary documentation to the State and receive updates as the progress moves forward. Supported by a unanimous voice vote.
4. **Juliane Giackino-Gogebic County Administrator (Ambulance service millage language)** Some discussion took place regarding the millage language. It has been reviewed by Nick Jacobs-Prosecutor, Kathy Jo Koval-Equalization Director and the State Tax Commission. A motion was made by Mr. Bonovetz, supported by Mr. Byrns to accept the language for the November election. A unanimous voice vote followed.

OTHER MATTERS:

1. A motion was made by Mr. Peterson and supported by Mr. Byrns to Dissolve the prior Ambulance Committee & form a new standing committee of the whole. This committee will meet monthly at 4pm on Wednesdays, prior to the first regular board meeting of the month. The motion was followed by a unanimous voice vote.
2. A motion was made by Mr. Bonovetz, supported by Mr. Siirila and followed by unanimous voice vote to have the Emergency Management Coordinator taken on extra duties in as the EMS Coordinator. Compensation for these duties will be discussed at a later time.

ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES:

The Administrator informed the Board that no direction or guidelines have been received regarding the American Rescue Act monies. She will keep them up to date when information is received. In other matters, a dividend check was received from Workmen's Comp. in the amount of \$6704. She noted she had heard from the Western Michigan Health Consortium that our County participates in and learned that our rate will decrease by 1.85% on 10/1/21.

PUBLIC COMMENT (5-minute limit)

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Siirila, supported by Mr. Byrns, and carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn to the call of the Chair. The meeting adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

James A. Lorenson, Chairman

Ramona L. Collins, Clerk