

**GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**April 28, 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) Siirila, Laabs, Byrns, Bonovetz, Orlich,  
Peterson, Lorenson**

**Absent: (0) None**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** (April 14, 2021 Regular Board Meeting minutes)

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**A motion** was made by Mr. Orlich, supported by Mr. Siirila, and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the agenda with additions 1 & 2 to Other Matters as presented by Chairman Lorenson.

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

There were none.

**COMMITTEE SUMMARY REPORTS:**

**Finance, Budgeting & Auditing Committee, 3/24/21**

1. **A motion** was made by Mr. Bonovetz, supported by Mr. Byrns, and carried by unanimous voice vote to receive the report and place it on file.

**APPEARANCES:**

1. **Kathy Jo. Koval-Equalization Director**

**A presentation was made by Ms. Koval to offer the 2021 Equalization Report for approval and signature of the State of Michigan L-4024 for submission. The report shows an increase of \$15,514,456 for a total 2021 Equalized value of \$700,108,943. Ms. Koval went through each category, gave a brief over-view and answered questions related to each category's amount.**

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**A motion** was made by Mr. Bonovetz, supported by Mr. Siirila and carried by unanimous voice vote to adopt the Agricultural Equalized Value as presented.

**A motion** was made by Mr. Siirila, supported by Mr. Byrns and carried by unanimous voice vote to adopt the Commercial Equalized Value as presented.

**A motion** was made by Mr. Bonovetz, supported by Mr. Siirila and carried by unanimous voice vote to adopt the Industrial Real Equalized value as presented.

**A motion** was made by Mr. Siirila, supported by Mr. Byrns, and carried by unanimous voice vote to adopt the Residential Equalized Value as presented.

**A motion** was made by Mr. Siirila, supported by Mr. Byrns, and carried by unanimous voice vote to adopt the Timber Cut-Over Equalized Value as presented.

**A motion** was made by Mr. Bonovetz, supported by Mr. Siirila and carried by unanimous voice vote to adopt the Personal Property Equalized Value as presented.

**A motion** was made to approve all classes and authorize proper signatures on the State L-4024 form. Motion made by Mr. Bonovetz, supported by Mr. Siirila. Roll was taken.

**ROLL CALL:**

**Yes (7) Byrns, Bonovetz, Orlich, Peterson, Siirila, Laabs, Lorensen**

**NO: (0) None**

**Motion carried.**

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- 1. Jim Lorensen-Chairman**-Conversation took place regarding support of MAC's efforts to recover the County Revenue Sharing Reserves. **A motion** was made by Mr. Bonovetz, supported by Mr. Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote for Mr. Lorensen to draft a letter in support of MAC's efforts. A unanimous voice vote followed.

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2. **Mike Harma-Airport Manager** (Re: Quarterly Appropriation) **A motion** was made by Mr. Bonovetz, supported by Mr. Peterson, to table the request for 3rd Quarter appropriation until the quarterly report is received. A unanimous voice vote followed.
3. **Missy Lane-CMHA (Re: CMHA By-Laws)** **A motion** was made by Mr. Bonovetz, supported by Mr. Siirila to receive and accept the By-Laws and place them on file. A unanimous voice vote followed.

**TRIAL BALANCE/CASH BALANCE:**

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

**GENERAL FUND REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE CONTROL:**

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

**CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS:**

**A motion** was made by Mr. Siirila, supported by Mr. Laabs to pay the claims as presented along with the pre-pays and credit cards and make them a part of the minutes.

**Roll Call:**

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

**NO: (0) None**

**Motion carried.**

**OTHER MATTERS:**

1. **Linda Dean-Friend of Court** (Re: MGT of America Consulting) **A motion** was made to authorize the contract as well as proper signatures required for the Friend of Court billing contract. **A motion** was made by Mr. Bonovetz, supported by Mr. Siirila.

**Roll Call:**

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

**NO: (0) None**

2. **Ramona Collins-Gogebic County Clerk** (FY2021 Budget Amendments) **A motion** was made by Mr. Siirila, supported by Mr. Peterson to authorize the budget amendments as presented.

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Roll Call:

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

NO: (0) None

Motion carried

**PUBLIC COMMENT (5-minute limit)**

There was none.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion** was made by Mr. Orlich, supported by Mr. Bonovetz, and carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn to the call of the Chair. The meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

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James A. Lorenson, Chairman

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Ramona L. Collins, Clerk