

**GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**August 25, 2021**

**County Courthouse**

**Bessemer, MI 49911**

**5:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Vice-Chairman Jim Byrns.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken.

**ROLL CALL:**

**Present: (5) Byrns, Bonovetz, Orlich, Siirila, Laabs**

**Absent: (2) Peterson, Lorenson**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (August 11, 2021 meeting)**

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**A motion** was made by Mr. Siirila, supported by Mr. Bonovetz, and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the agenda with additions #1 through #4 to Other Matters as presented by Vice-Chairman Byrns.

**CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COUNTY BOARD ON AGENDA ITEMS**

**(5-minute limit)**

There were none.

**COMMITTEE SUMMARY REPORTS:**

- 1. Economic Development & Capital Improvements Committee, 7/28/21**
- 2. Finance, Budgeting & Auditing Committee, 7/28/21**
- 3. Ambulance Committee, 8/11/21**

**A motion** was made by Mr. Bonovetz, supported by Mr. Siirila, and carried by unanimous voice vote to receive the three reports and place them on file

- 4. Economic Development & Capital Improvements Committee, 8/18/2021**

Some discussion took place regarding U.P. Engineers & Architects report. Mr. Laabs questioned whether all county buildings had been included in the study, such as H.O.P.E. animal shelter and if the Sheriff's Department/Jail would be looked at further.

**A motion** was made by Mr. Siirila, supported by Mr. Bonovetz to approve the Economic Development & Capital Improvements Committee's recommendation to increase the allowance for the building evaluations by \$15,000, and not to exceed \$65,000. A unanimous voice vote followed.

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**APPEARANCES:**

1. **Kathy Jo Koval-Equalization Director (Re: Winter Levy & 2021 Tax Rate Request)**

**A motion** was made by Mr. Bonovetz, supported by Mr. Siirila and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the 2021 Winter Levy & Tax Rate Request Form L-4029 as submitted by Ms. Koval and authorize proper signatures.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. **Juliane Giackino-Administrator (Re: Gogebic County Resolution 2021-17)**

**A motion** was made by Mr. Bonovetz, supported by Mr. Laabs to adopt **Resolution in Opposition to Legislative Proposals on Behavioral Health System Redesign**. A unanimous voice vote followed.

**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. Bonovetz, supported by Mr. Siirila, 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-paids and credit cards and make them a part of the minutes.

**ROLL CALL:**

**YES: (5) Bonovetz, Orlich, Siirila, Laabs, Byrns**

**NO: (0)**

**Motion carried.**

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**OTHER MATTERS:**

**1. Budget Amendments**

A motion was made by Mr. Bonovetz, supported by Mr. Siirila to approve the Budget Amendments as listed below and carried forward from the earlier Finance Meeting.

**REVENUES:**

101-000-674.01 Enbridge Energy Grant	
No budgeted amount	Increase from \$0 to \$10000
101-000-644.00 Sheriff - Sales	
No budgeted amount	Increase from \$0 to \$4100
101-000-688.00 Other Revenue	
No budgeted amount	Increase from \$0 to \$3875
101-000-575.00 Remonumentation	
Increased from \$0 to \$65118.60	
101-000-613.07 Designated Assessor	
Increased from \$0 to \$765.00	
101-000-607.04 Real Estate Transfer Tax	
Increase from \$45000 to \$77551	
101-000-607.05 Remonumentation-County Portion	
Increase from \$0 to \$85.00	
101-000-613.05 Equalization Dept Fees	
Increase from \$5000 to \$6925	
101-000-614.00 Info Tech Dept Services	
Increase from \$15000 to \$15026	
101-000-615.00 County Treasurers Services	
Increase from \$6000 to \$6119.00	
101-000-676.00 Reimbursements-General	
Increase from \$45000 to \$56082	
101-000-688.00 Other Revenues	
Increase from \$0 to \$6000	
101-000-608.01 Probate Court Services	
Increase from \$5000 to \$6900	

Total \$137546.60

**EXPENDITURES:**

101-301-981.00 Sheriff's Dept Vehicle  
Increase from \$111406 to \$121406

101-301-981.00 Sheriff's Dept Vehicle  
Increase overall to \$125506

101-265-981.00 Building & Grounds-Vehicle  
Increase from \$17200 to \$21075

101-430-713.00 Animal Over Time  
Decrease from \$4700 to \$0

101-301-713.00 Sheriff Over Time  
Increase from \$65000 to \$69700

101-245-701.02 Remon Per Diem  
Increased from \$0 to \$1110

101-245-701.03 Remon County Rep  
Increased from \$0 to \$5600

101-245-701.06 Remon Grant Admin  
Increased from \$0 to \$4500

101-245-709.00 Remon FICA  
Increased from \$0 to \$450

101-245-752.00 Remon Supplies  
Increased from \$0 to \$1218.60

101-245-801.01 Remon Contractual  
Increased from \$0 to \$52240

101-227-703.01 Designated Assessor  
Increased from \$0 to \$765

101-900-717.00 Retirement  
Increased from \$788346 to \$801346

101-900-845.00 Insurance & Bonds  
Increased from \$90000 to \$130000

101-900-843.01 Med Examiner Investigator  
Increased from \$5000 to \$5688

**Total \$137546.60**

**2. Credit Card limit increase for Administrator**

**A motion** was made by Mr. Bonovetz and supported by Mr. Siirila to increase the Administrator's credit card limit from \$2,000 to \$5,000

**3. Liquor Tax PA2 Funds**

**A motion** was made by Mr. Bonovetz, supported by Mr. Siirila and carried by unanimous voice vote to send half of the received liquor tax monies in the amount of \$7088.50 to NorthCare Network.

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**4. Uniform Guidance Policies and Procedures-Federal Awards Administration.**

**A motion** was made by Mr. Bonovetz and supported by Mr. Siirila to adopt the policies and procedures as submitted by the Treasurer, Ms. Hewitt. A unanimous voice vote followed.

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

There was none.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion** was made by Mr. Siirila, supported by Mr. Orlich, and carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn to the call of the Vice-Chair. The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

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**James A. Lorenson, Chairman**

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**Ramona L. Collins, Clerk**