

GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Minutes

December 22, 2020

County Courthouse

Bessemer, MI 49911

1:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chairman Siirila. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken. A moment of silence was observed for Mary Jendrusina, a retired County employee who recently passed away.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: (0) None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (December 9, 2020 meeting minutes)

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Lorenson, supported by Laabs, and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the agenda as presented.

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

There were none.

COMMITTEE SUMMARY REPORTS:

1. Finance, Budgeting & Auditing Committee, 11/24/2020

A motion was made by Lorenson, supported by Laabs, and carried by unanimous voice vote to receive the report and place it on file.

APPEARANCES:

**1. Paul Putnam - MSU Extension
(Re: Will Cronin, tourism work)**

Mr. Cronin discussed the MSU Extension First Impressions Assessing your community for tourism report, which included reviewing tourism opportunities in the Bessemer and Ironwood Areas. Five community assessors visited various business and tourism areas in and around the Cities of Bessemer and Ironwood. Cronin presented a power point to the Board and answered questions on the report. It was suggested this type of report should encompass the entire County. Cronin mentioned this could be arranged through the MSU Extension.

COMMUNICATIONS:

**1. Darla Lenz - USFS, Forest Supervisor
(Re: D'Antonio Small Tracts Acts proposal)**

A motion was made by Lorenson, supported by Bonovetz, and carried by unanimous voice vote to receive the communication and place it on file.

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2. Heidi DeRosso - Emergency Management-911 Coordinator
(Re: Covid Public Assistance Grant Agreement)

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Byrns, and carried by unanimous voice vote to authorize the Chairman's signature on the FEMA COVID public assistance grant agreement.

3. Mike Harma - Airport Manager
(Re: Capital outlay project plans)

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Laabs, and carried by unanimous voice vote to receive and place on file the quarterly project plans and updates from the Airport, MSU Extension and the Fair Board.

4. Kathy Jo Koval - Equalization Director
(Re: Designated Assessor)

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Lorenson, and carried by unanimous voice vote to forward the agreement to Corporate Counsel Nick Jacobs to review and the Chairman is authorized to the sign the agreement with the approval from Jacobs.

5. Gerry R. Pelissero - Gogebic County Clerk
(Re: MMRMA County Representative)

A motion was made by Peterson, supported by Laabs, and carried by unanimous voice vote to appoint Ramona Collins as the County Representative for the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority, the County's liability, and risk carrier.

6. Steve R. Pallin - Director Gogebic County Transit
(Re: Board Appointments)

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Laabs, and carried by unanimous voice vote to advertise for the two at large positions on the Transit Board.

7. Rudy Grbavcich - Brownfield Redevelopment Authority
(Re: Board Appointments)

A motion was made by Lorenson, supported by Bonovetz, and carried by unanimous voice vote to seek advice from Corporate Counsel Jacobs if the County can reduce the membership of the Brownfield Authority from 9 to 7 as requested.

TRIAL BALANCE/CASH BALANCE:

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

GENERAL FUND REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE CONTROL:

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Byrns, and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the reports as presented.

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CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS:

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

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS:

Chairman Siirila acknowledged this was County Clerk-Register of Deeds, Gerry Pelissero's final meeting, the board members wished him well and thanked him for his 20 years of service to the County.

PUBLIC COMMENT (5-minute limit)

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Orlich, supported by Laabs, and carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn to the call of the Chair. The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Dan Siirila, Chairman

Gerry R. Pelissero, Clerk