

GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 22, 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 Chairman Lorenson. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: (1) Peterson

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (December 8, meeting)

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

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 of #1-4 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:

- 1. Finance, Budgeting & Auditing Committee, 11/23/21**
- 2. Personnel & Negotiations Committee, 12/8/21**
- 3. Ambulance Committee, 12/8/21**

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

APPEARANCES:

- 1. Hon. Michael K. Pope (Re: Court updates)** Judge Pope presented an update of from the Court, highlighting integrated court structure and a few changes in indigent fees. He noted that there will be savings in one direction while spending higher on fees in another. TCA Susan Mitchem gave an update on grants the court has received for various items like a self-help kiosk, payment kiosk and security and recording systems. Judge Pope finished with a thank you to the Board for the Super One Christmas gift cards.

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COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Brandon Tauer-IT (Re: Credit Card limit increase)

A motion was made by Mr. Bonovetz and seconded by Mr. Orlich to increase Mr. Tauer's credit card limit from \$2000 to \$5000. Roll was taken.

ROLL CALL:

YES: (6) Siirila, Laabs, Byrns, Bonovetz, Orlich, Lorenson
NO: (0)

Motion carried.

2. Mike Harma-Gogebic/Iron Airport Manager (Re: 2021 CRRSAA agreement)

A motion was made by Mr. Bonovetz, supported by Mr. Byrns to approve the agreement and authorize proper signatures. Roll was taken.

ROLL CALL:

YES: (6) Byrns, Bonovetz, Orlich, Siirila, Laabs, Lorenson
NO: (0)

Motion carried.

3. Juliane Giackino-Administrator (Re: Managed Assigned Counsel Coordinator Independent Contractor Agreement)

A motion was made by Mr. Siirila and supported by Mr. Bonovetz to approve and authorize proper signatures on the Independent Contractor Agreement. Roll was taken.

ROLL CALL:

YES: (6) Bonovetz, Orlich, Siirila, Laabs, Byrns, Lorenson
NO: (0)

Motion carried.

TRIAL BALANCE/CASH BALANCE:

A motion was made by Mr. Bonovetz, supported by Mr. Siirila, 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. 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 was taken.

ROLL CALL:

YES: (6) Orlich, Siirila, Laabs, Byrns, Bonovetz, Lorenson

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

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OTHER MATTERS:

1. Chairman Lorenson appointed Mr. Byrns to replace Mr. Orlich on the Gogebic Transit Board for a period of three years. He also appointed Mr. Siirila to the Transit Board for Mr. Bonovetz's remaining term which expires 2/1/22 and to replace him with a three year term on that date.

2. **Credit Card for incoming Undersheriff Jorge Cruz**

A motion was made by Mr. Siirila and supported by Mr. Bonovetz to approve a credit card with a limit of \$2000 for the new Undersheriff. Roll was taken:

ROLL CALL:

YES: (6) Siirila, Laabs, Byrns, Bonovetz, Orlich, Lorenson

NO: (0)

Motion carried.

3. A motion by Mr. Bonovetz, supported by Mr. Siirila was made to increase the Fair Board by one seat and to appoint **Mr. Tom Hampston, Mrs. Linda Nelson and Mrs. Melinda Kostac** to the Fair Board, each for a period of three years. The motion was supported with a unanimous voice vote.
4. Mr. Ben Tucker, Training Officer and Mr. John Brown, President of Search and Rescue presented a plaque to Sheriff Pete Matonich, who was absent. It was graciously accepted by Undersheriff Ross Solberg to be hand-delivered to Sheriff Matonich.

PUBLIC COMMENT (5-minute limit)

It was noted by Chairman Lorenson that the Board has received many thank yous for gift cards from the County employees.

A motion was made by Mr. Bonovetz, supported by Mr. Siirila and carried by unanimous voice vote to draft a letter of gratitude to Sheriff Matonich for his service.

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 5:28 p.m.

James A. Lorenson, Chairman

Ramona L. Collins, Clerk