

GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Minutes

February 24, 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
Bonovetz, Lorenson**

Absent: (0) None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (February 10, 2021 meeting minutes)

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Siirila, supported by Mr. Byrns, and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the agenda with additions 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. **Personnel & Negotiations Committee/Committee of the Whole
1/27/21**
A motion was made by Mr. Bonovetz, supported by Mr. Siirila and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve report and placed on file
2. **Finance, Budgeting & Auditing Committee, 1/27/21**
A motion was made by Mr. Bonovetz, supported by Mr. Siirila carried by unanimous voice vote to receive the report and place it on file
3. **Dr. Steven Fortunato Dal Pra & Colleen Dal Pra Educational
Award Committee, 2/21/21**
A motion was made by Mr. Bonovetz, supported by Mr. Siirila to support the educational scholarships as presented. A unanimous voice vote confirmed the motion.
4. **Process for Filling Vacancies on Gogebic County Related
Organizations for which the Board of Commissioners has
Appointing Authority** - A new process was considered and adjusted to supercede all previous appointment policies.
A motion was made by Mr. Bonovetz, supported by Mr. Laabs

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and carried by unanimous vote to adopt the policy with revisions that will be noted in the final draft

- 4b Non-precedented sick leave payout for Ramona Collins -**
A motion was made by Mr. Peterson, supported by Mr. Bonovetz and roll call was taken

ROLL CALL:

Yes: (6) Peterson, Laabs, Byrns, Bonovetz, Orlich, Lorenson
Bonovetz, Lorenson

No: (1) Siirila

Motion carried

- 4c Re-organization of Staff/Reallocation of Resources within the Courts**

A motion was made by Peterson, supported by Siirila and carried by a unanimous vote to approve the courts' reorganization plan

- 5. Lisa Hewitt - Gogebic County Treasurer - Proposed Cash Management Policy and Unclaimed Property Escheatment**

A motion was made by Mr. Peterson and supported by Mr. Siirila to approve the policy as presented. Roll was taken.

ROLL CALL:

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

No: (0)

Motion carried

APPEARANCES:

There were none

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1. Menominee County Resolution regarding Covid-19**

Conversation took place opposing unilateral orders by the Governor. It was agreed that Chairman Lorenson will draft a letter of opposition with direct regard to border counties.

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

