

GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Re-Organizational Meeting Minutes
January 4, 2021
County Courthouse
Bessemer, MI 49911
4:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was to order at 4:30 p.m. by County Clerk Ramona Collins.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance roll call was taken. All Commissioners were given their Oath of Office prior to the meeting.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: (0) None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Laabs, supported by Byrns and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the agenda without the appointments.

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

There were none.

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

Clerk Collins opened the floor for nominations for a Chairperson. A nomination by Peterson with support from Orlich, was made for Lorenson. Clerk Collins asked three more times for additional nominations and heard none. **A motion** was made by Bonovetz, supported by Siirila to close nominations. Roll call was taken with Siirila, Byrns, Lorenson, Bonovetz, Orlich & Peterson in favor and Laabs against. The motion carried. Lorenson assumed the Chair.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON

Chairman Lorenson opened the floor for nominations. A nomination for Byrns was made by Lorenson and supported by Siirila. The Chairman then asked three more times for additional nominations and heard none. **A motion** was made by Bonovetz, supported by Siirila to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Byrns as Vice-Chairman.

ADOPTION OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES

A motion was made by Siirila, supported by Byrns and carried by unanimous voice vote to adopt Roberts Rules of Order for all

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meetings. **A motion** was made by Siirila, supported by Bonovetz and carried by unanimous voice vote that roll call votes will rotate by Districts and the Chairman will always vote last.

APPOINTMENT OF A PARLIAMENTARIAN

A motion was made by Siirila, supported by Byrns and carried by unanimous voice vote to appoint Nick Jacobs Parliamentarian.

DESIGNATION OF MEETING DATES, TIMES AND PLACES

Current Schedule:

Location: Gogebic County Courthouse District Courtroom
Bessemer, Michigan

Dates and Times:

Regular Board Meeting - 2nd Wednesday at 5:00PM

Finance Committee - 4th Wednesday at 4:30PM

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A motion was made by Peterson, supported by Siirila and carried by unanimous vote to adopt the current meeting times, dates and the agenda guidelines as presented for 2021-22.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Corporate Counsel Nicholas Jacobs
(RE: Designated Assessor)
Per Mr. Jacobs review, the Designated Assessor contract shall be signed by the Chairperson and placed on file, motion by Bonovetz, support by Siirila
2. Corporate Counsel Nicholas Jacobs
(RE: Brownfield Authority Membership)
Per Mr. Jacobs recommendation, the option of changing the membership of the Authority belongs with the Authority, not the County Board and was moved by Bonovetz, supported by Siirila
3. Lisa Hewitt, County Treasurer

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(RE: Investment Resolution)

A motion was made by Lorenson, supported by Byrns and carried by unanimous voice vote to adopt the investment and depository resolutions and authorize the chairman's signature on the documents. The resolutions will be on file in the Clerk's Office

APPOINTMENTS:

Will be saved for a later meeting

OTHER MATTERS

Commissioner Bonovetz suggested that 2021 would be a good opportunity to discuss and perhaps finalize some issues that the Board has dealt with repeatedly in the past. All agreed.

PUBLIC COMMENT (5 minute limit)

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Orlich, supported by Siirila and carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn to the call of the Chair. The meeting adjourned at 4.51pm.

James A. Lorenson, Chairman

Ramona L. Collins, Clerk