

GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Regular Meeting  
January 12, 2022  
County Courthouse  
Bessemer, MI 49911

Ambulance Meeting~~~4:30pm  
Regular Meeting~~~~~5:00pm

## AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (Regular meeting, December 22, 2021)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Joe Bonovetz, Board Member (Re: Resolution in Support of the MI Prosperity Roadmap)
2. Ramona Collins, Clerk/Register of Deeds (Re: Upcoming vacancies on the Community Mental Health Board)
3. Lisa Hewitt, Treasurer (Re: DNR Surplus Properties)

APPEARANCES:

There are none

OTHER MATTERS:

ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES:

PUBLIC COMMENT (5-minute limit)

ADJOURNMENT

**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: (6) 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**

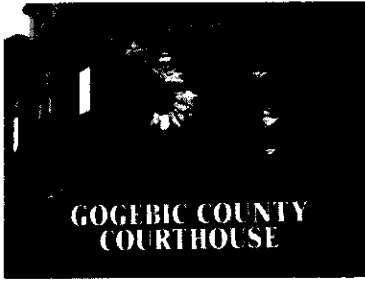
A motion was made by Mr. Siirila, supported by Mr. Byrns, and carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn to the call of the Chair. The meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

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**James A. Lorenson, Chairman**

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**Ramona L. Collins, Clerk**



# BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Gogebic County

200 N. Moore St.

Bessemer, Michigan 49911

## **Resolution in Support of the MI Prosperity Roadmap**

GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION # \_\_\_\_\_

**WHEREAS**, the State of Michigan has faced tremendous challenges because of the COVID-19 pandemic, but, at the same time, has been presented an opportunity to change the trajectory of the state's quality of life for decades to come: and

**WHEREAS**, the Coalition for a Strong and Prosperous Michigan set out to thoughtfully answer how to strategically invest the billions of dollars the American Rescue Plan (ARP) dedicated to the state to support individuals, education, small business, infrastructure and government: and

**WHEREAS**, community and business leaders came together to discuss their priorities and listen and learn from each other. Together, they developed a comprehensive roadmap to amplify the ARP funds: and

**WHEREAS**, the MI Prosperity Roadmap Proposal focuses the state's \$6 billion in ARP resources in a coordinated fashion across five key areas: infrastructure, fiscal health, thriving communities, strong economy and public health and safety; and

**WHEREAS**, the state's water infrastructure is in desperate need of repair and replacement. The proposal allocates \$2.5 billion in resilient and sustainable water systems with some key investments going to lead line replacement, drinking water, and stormwater: and

**WHEREAS**, high-speed broadband access increases economic development and access to educational opportunities for communities across Michigan. The roadmap provides \$500 million in broadband investments in areas such as in-fill broadband grants, statewide mapping and enhancing the Connecting Michigan Communities Grant: and

**WHEREAS**, long-term fiscal health is key to stabilizing Michigan's economy. The proposal allocates \$800 million in smart investments to provide stability for state and local governments in key areas such as revenue sharing, the unemployment insurance trust fund and technical assistance: and

District 1

District 2

District 3

District 4

District 5

District 6

District 7

Dan Siirila

Tom Laabs

Jim Byrns  
Vice Chair

Jim Lorensen  
Chair

Joe Bonovetz

Bob Orlich

George Peterson III

**WHEREAS**, thriving Michigan communities are critical to the state’s long-term resiliency. The coalition proposes \$806 million in attainable housing to encourage Michigan population growth and talent recruitment retention: and

**WHEREAS**, a strong economy is essential for Michigan’s future success. The proposal dedicates \$910 million to economic development in keys areas such as brownfield development, job training, direct business support grants and strategic and large site development: and

**WHEREAS**, protecting the quality of life for residents allows them to participate in their economy and community. The roadmap provides \$500 million in public health and safety to strategically invest in mental health and addiction services, facility improvements and cybersecurity; and

**WHEREAS**, as leaders representing people from every corner of Michigan, the coalition is ready to find common ground and work together to invest in Michigan’s future to emerge more resilient and more prosperous; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY supports **THE MICHIGAN PROSPERITY ROADMAP PLAN**

**Adopted this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021**

ROLL CALL VOTE:      YEAS:      NAYS:      ABSENT:

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JAMES A. LORENSON  
Chairman

District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5	District 6	District 7
Dan Siirila	Tom Laabs	Jim Byrns Vice Chair	Jim Lorensen Chair	Joe Bonovetz	Bob Orlich	George Peterson III

**OFFICE OF COUNTY CLERK-REGISTER  
COUNTY OF GOGEBIC**

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BESSEMER, MICHIGAN 49911  
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REGISTER OF DEEDS (906) 667-0381  
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**RAMONA L. COLLINS**  
County Clerk-Register of Deeds

**CHIEF DEPUTY**  
Donna M. Frello

January 4, 2022

Gogebic County Board of Commissioners  
James L. Lorenson, Chairman  
200 N. Moore St.  
Bessemer, MI 49911

Dear Mr. Lorenson and members of the board,

I respectfully request permission to advertise for the upcoming vacancies on the Gogebic Community Mental Health Board. The four members listed below all have terms expiring on March 31, 2022.

Mr. Robert Lynn  
Mr. William Malloy  
Mr. Scott Erickson  
Mr. Ken Wegmeyer

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Warm regards,

*Ramona Collins*



GRETCHEN WHITMER  
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
LANSING



DANIEL EICHINGER  
DIRECTOR

January 3, 2022

**SUBJECT: Land Review #1 - Local Unit Notification of Surplus DNR Property**

Dear Local County or Jurisdiction,

This is to advise you that the Department of Natural Resources has recently completed a land review in your county/jurisdiction. Before listing surplus properties to the public via auction, the department would like to first offer the opportunity to purchase the properties to the local county and/or jurisdiction.

Attached to this email is a report outlining surplus DNR parcels in your county. You can view the approximate location of these parcels by using the [DNR public Land Review Map](#). A user can search for a property by typing in the PARCEL ID number into the search field in the upper left-hand corner of the web map.

If you are interested in purchasing a parcel listed on the attached report you may complete the attached Land Transaction Application – Purchase By Local Governments and return it as instructed on the application with your payment of \$300.00. The payment will be applied to the purchase price. Please submit all Land Transaction Applications within 45 days from the date of this letter and also email me a copy of the application at [michalekm1@michigan.gov](mailto:michalekm1@michigan.gov). Upon receipt of payment, we will process your request and contact you with additional details.

If you have any questions, please contact Michael Michalek at Real Estate Services, Constitution Hall, 525 West Allegan Street, P.O. Box 30448, Lansing, MI 48909-7948, telephone (517)331-8387, or via email at [michalekm1@michigan.gov](mailto:michalekm1@michigan.gov).

Sincerely,

Michael Michalek  
Real Estate Services  
Finance and Operations Division  
(517)331-8387

Enclosures:

Land Transaction Application – Purchase By Local Governments  
County Report of DNR Dispose Parcels



# Dispose

## Gogebic County

Parcel Count: 9

Acreage: 66.1

Parcel ID	Town	Range	Sec	QQ	Q	Project Area	Division	Mineral Recommendation	Acres
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1042679

Subdivision: Reid's Addition

Description: W 56.8 feet of Lot 9 Blk 6

LERC Comments:

FRD Convey Minerals 0

374700

Subdivision: Reid's Addition

Description: Block 04; Lot 2

LERC Comments:

PRD Convey Minerals 1.2

373274

Subdivision: Original Plat of Ironwood

Description: Block: 10, North 1/2 of Lot 3

LERC Comments:

FRD Convey Minerals 0

254621

44N 39W

20

SE

NW

Duck Lake Public Water Access Site

PRD

No Minerals Ownership

19.9

Subdivision:

Description: S1/2 SE1/4 NW1/4

LERC Comments: Dispose of land east of Duck Lake Road. Retain state ownership west of road.

254915

45N 39W

13

SW

SE

Ontonagon River Public Water Access Site

PRD

No Minerals Ownership

35

Subdivision:

Description: SW1/4 SE1/4 sub to easement to Chicago and Northwestern RR Co and county highway road r/w EXCEPT 100 foot Chicago and North Western Transportation Company right-of-way. See Parcel 2034518.

LERC Comments: Retain portion north of road.

255006

45N 39W

27

NW

NW

Ottawa National Forest

FRD

Convey Minerals

0.3

Subdivision:

Description: N 100' of S 450' of E 336' of NW1/4 of NW1/4 1/4 W of Duck Creek

LERC Comments:

255009

45N 39W

27

NW

SW

Ottawa National Forest

FRD

Convey Minerals

5.7

Subdivision:

Description: That part of S1/2 of NW1/4 SW1/4, lying E of C & NW Railway Co.r/w.

LERC Comments:

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255034	45N	40W	05	NE	NW	Beaton Lake Public Water Access Site	PRD	Convey Minerals	1
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**Subdivision:** LERC Comments:

**Description:** N 66 ft of W 660 ft of NE1/4 NW1/4

374948	47N	47W	27	SE	NW	Undedicated	PRD	Convey Minerals	3
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**Subdivision:** LERC Comments:

**Description:** Part of Government Lot 4 lying South of C & NW Soo Line Railway right of way except Hovey Addition