

GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 13, 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: (6) Bonovetz, Byrns, Laabs, Siirila
Orlich, Lorenson

Absent: (0) Peterson

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (December 22, 2020 meeting minutes and
January 4, 2021 Re-organizational meeting minutes)

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Chairman Lorenson to approve the agenda to
reflect proper MCL 15.268€ language addition for the items in closed
session. Motion made by Siirila, supported by Orlich as amended. A
verbal unanimous vote followed.

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

None appeared

APPEARANCES:

- 1. Paul Anderson (Re: Declaration and Notice regarding easement
for the Bessemer to Ramsay portion of the Iron Belle Trail)**

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Byrns to approve and
authorize for signature.

Roll call:

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

No (0)

Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1. Governor Gretchen Whitmer's Office (Re: Thank you received
for restated-resolution regarding Enbridge Line 5)**

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

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CLOSED SESSION:

1. CLOSED SESSION to discuss settlement strategy regarding litigation. G-18-190-CK Gogebic County v Houghton County, et al

A motion was made by Siirila, supported by Byrns to go into closed session.

Roll Call:

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

NO: (0)

Motion carried.

A Motion was made by Siirila, supported by Byrns to go back into open session.

Roll Call:

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

NO: (0)

Motion carried.

A motion to pursue continued litigation was made by Siirila, supported by Byrns.

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

NO: (0)

Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION:

1. CLOSED SESSION to discuss settlement strategy regarding case G-20-152-CZ Marcovic v Gogebic County & Gogebic County Treasurer

A motion was made by Siirila, supported by Byrns to go into closed session to discuss settlement regarding litigation.

Roll Call:

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

NO: (0)

Motion carried.

Chairman Lorenson asked for a motion to go back into open session.

The motion was made by Siirila, supported by Byrns.

Roll Call:

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

No: (0)

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Siirila, supported by Byrns to settle litigation on the matter.

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Roll Call:

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

No: (0)

Motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS:

Chairman Lorenson announced several Agency and Standing committee appointments

ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES

The administrator let the board know that the MI-Works MEDC grant was approved and submitted for payment. She also let them know that the Northcare Network payment had been received and the emergency relief for veterans (FY20 CVSF) has been extended until 4/20/21

PUBLIC COMMENT (5-minute limit)

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Laabs, supported by Siirila, and carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn to the call of the Chair. The meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

James A. Lorenson, Chairman

Ramona L. Collins, Clerk