

GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 23, 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 Vice-Chairman Byrns. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken.

ROLL CALL:

Present: (7) Orlich, Laabs, Byrns, Bonovetz
Absent: (0) Peterson, Siirila, Lorenson

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (June 9, 2021, meeting minutes)

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Bonovetz, supported by Mr. Orlich, and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the agenda with additions noted in 'Other Matters' brought forward from the Finance Meeting.

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

There were none.

COMMITTEE SUMMARY REPORTS:

- 1. Finance, Budgeting & Auditing Committee, 5/26/21**
- 2. Ambulance Committee, 6/9/21**

A motion was made by Mr. Bonovetz, supported by Mr. Byrns to support items 1 & 2 of Committee Summary Reports and place them on file. A unanimous voice vote confirmed the motion.

- 3. Personnel & Negotiations Committee, 6/9/21**

A motion was made by Mr. Bonovetz, supported by Mr. Laabs to appoint Scott Erickson to the CMH board effective immediately, with Susan Roberts to be appointed if a vacancy occurs in the next six months. A unanimous voice vote confirmed the appointment.

APPEARANCES:

There were none

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COMMUNICATIONS:

1. **James Lorenson-Gogebic County Fair (Re: Request for annual appropriation)**

A motion was made by Mr. Laabs, supported by Mr. Bonovetz and carried by a unanimous voice vote to disburse the annual fair appropriation in the amount of \$8750.

2. **James Lorenson-Gogebic County Fair (Request for advance funds to cover pre-fair vouchers)**

A motion was made by Mr. Bonovetz, supported by Mr. Laabs to advance up in \$30000 in funds to cover pre-fair vouchers. Roll was taken.

ROLL CALL

YES: (4) Laabs, Byrns, Bonovetz, Orlich

NO: (0)

Motion carried.

3. **Mike Harma-Gogebic County Airport Manager (Re: Request for approval and signature for grant and engineering contract)**

A motion was made by Mr. Bonovetz, supported by Mr. Laabs to approve the grant and contract and authorize proper signatures. A unanimous voice vote supported the motion.

4. **Mike Harma-Gogebic County Airport Manager (Re: Resolution approving and adopting the executing of contract)**

A motion was made by Mr. Laabs, supported by Mr. Orlich to approve and adopt the Resolution Between the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners and the Michigan Department of Transportation for the Purpose of Fixing the Rights & Obligations of the Parties at the Gogebic-Iron County Airport under Contract No. 2021-0711. (Resolution 2021-13)

TRIAL BALANCE/CASH BALANCE:

A motion was made by Mr. Bonovetz, supported by Mr. Laabs, and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the report as presented.

GENERAL FUND REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE CONTROL:

A motion was made by Mr. Bonovetz, supported by Mr. Laabs, and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the report as presented.

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS:

A motion was made by Mr. Laabs, supported by Mr. Orlich to pay the claims as presented make them a part of the minutes.

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Roll Call:

YES: (4) Bonovetz, Orlich, Laabs, Byrns

NO: (0)

Motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS:

A motion was made by Mr. Laabs, supported by Mr. Bonovetz to write a letter of support to state legislators on behalf of the Board of Commissioners and Conservation District for appropriation for base operational funding. The motion was supported by a unanimous voice vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Bonovetz and Supported by Mr. Laabs to approve the 3-year law enforcement contracts with the City of Bessemer and the City of Wakefield.

Roll Call:

YES: (4) Orlich, Laabs, Byrns, Bonovetz

NO: (0)

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT (5-minute limit)

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Orlich, supported by Mr. Bonovetz, and carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn to the call of the Mr. Byrns, Vice-Chair. The meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

James A. Lorenson, Chairman

Ramona L. Collins, Clerk