

GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
June 9, 2021
County Courthouse
Bessemer, MI 49911

Ambulance~~~~~4:30
Regular Board~5pm
Personnel~~~~~5:30 pm

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (Regular Board meeting 5/26/21)
APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPEARANCES:

1. Heidi DeRosso-Emergency Management Director/911 (Re: Gogebic County Hazard Mitigation Plan & Resolution)
2. Kathy Jo Koval-Equalization Director (Re: Form-4029, 2021 Tax Rate Request)

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Greg Ryskey-Gogebic County Remonumentation Program Grant Administrator (Re: Recommendation of John Garske as County Representative for the Remonumentation Program)
2. Kevin Haustein-Road and Forestry & Parks Commission board member (Re: Resignation from both boards)
3. Greg Ryskey-Forestry & Parks Director (Re: Permission to advertise vacancy on board)
4. Ramona Collins-Clerk (Re: Permission to advertise vacancy on Road Commission board)

OTHER MATTERS:

ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES:

PUBLIC COMMENT (5-minute limit)

ADJOURNMENT

GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Minutes

May 26, 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) Byrns, Bonovetz, Orlich, Siirila, Laabs,
Lorenson**

Absent: (1) Peterson

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (May 12, 2021 regular meeting minutes)

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Bonovetz, supported by Mr. Byrns, and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the agenda with additions to 'Other Matters' and 'Claims and Accounts' as presented by Chairman Lorenson.

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(5-minute limit)

There were none.

COMMITTEE SUMMARY REPORTS:

1. **Personnel & Negotiations Committee, 4/14/21**
2. **Finance, Budgeting & Auditing Committee, 4/28/21**
3. **Ambulance Committee, 5/12/21**

A motion was made by Mr. Bonovetz, supported by Mr. Siirila to approve the Committee Summary Reports and place them on file.

APPEARANCES:

1. **Heidi DeRosso-Emergency Management/911 (Re: FY20-21 HMEP Grant Agreement)**

A motion was made by Mr. Siirila, supported by Mr. Byrns to support the grant agreement and allow the proper signatures.

ROLL CALL:

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

NO: (0)

MOTION CARRIED

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2. **Greg Ryskey-Director GCF&P (Re: Resolution to Accept Terms TF20-0183 Gogebic County Forest Expansion Project)**

A motion was made by Mr. Laabs and supported by Mr. Bonovetz to pass the resolution, accept the terms of the agreement between the DNR and GCF and allow the proper signatures.

ROLL CALL:

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

NO: (0)

MOTION CARRIED

3. **Greg Ryskey-Director GCF&P (Re: Resolution to Exchange Lands Between Gogebic County and Joseph Hilborn)** Mr. Ryskey gave a brief explanation of the benefit of the land exchange, speaking to consolidating lands and securing public access.

A motion was made by Mr. Siirila and supported by Mr. Byrns to pass the resolution and allow for proper signatures on subsequent deeds.

ROLL CALL:

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

NO: (0)

MOTION CARRIED

4. **Paul Putnam-MSU District Director (Re: Virtual programs and online resources)** Mr. Putnam presented a brief overview of MSU's 2020 Annual Report, their 2020 Gogebic County resident participation breakdown and a letter from Mr. Jim Yates regarding veteran's outreach programs.

5. **Lisa Hewitt-Gogebic County Treasurer (Re: 2020 Tax Settlement)** Ms. Hewitt appeared via bluejeans to answer the Board's questions regarding the 2020 settlement.

A motion was made by Mr. Bonovetz, supported by Mr. Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to receive the report and place it on file.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. **Julie Hautala-CMH CEO (Resolution Opposing Privatizing Michigan's Mental Health System)** Mr. Bonovetz briefly explained the purpose of this resolution and the benefits to Gogebic County's residents.

A motion was made by Mr. Bonovetz and supported by Mr. Orlich to adopt the resolution and share it with appropriate representatives, legislators, and MAC.

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2. **Juliane Giackino-Administrator** (Re: Resolution Opposing Michigan Secretary of State 'By Appointment Only' Policy. Some discussion took place regarding the necessity of having the Secretary of State building open to the public as it was pre-Covid.

A motion was made by Mr. Bonovetz and supported by Mr. Byrns and carried by unanimous voice vote to adopt the resolution and share it with appropriate representatives, legislators and MAC.

3. **State of Michigan, State Tax Commission** (re: Recommendation of Kathy Jo Koval as Designated Assessor)

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

4. **U.P.S.E.T. (Re: Funding Request)**

A motion was made by Mr. Bonovetz, supported by Mr. Siirila to receive the communication and place it on file, while noting our local substance enforcement team does a great job. The motion was supported by a unanimous voice vote.

TRIAL BALANCE/CASH BALANCE:

A motion was made by Mr. Siirila, 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. Siirila, 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 and an additional request from Equalization for a conference reservation that will be added to prepaids along with all prepaids and make them a part of the minutes.

Roll Call:

YES: (6) Byrns, Bonovetz, Orlich, Siirila, Laabs, Lorenson
NO: (0)

Motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS:

1. **Gogebic County Clerk** (Re: Budget Amendments)

A motion was made by Mr. Bonovetz, supported by Mr. Laabs to

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approve the budget amendments with one revision. Motion was supported by unanimous voice vote.

2. NorthCare Network

A motion was made by Mr. Bonovetz, supported by Mr. Siirila and followed by a unanimous voice vote to send 50% of the liquor tax monies in the amount of \$7150.50 to the NorthCare Network.

3. Economic Development-Mr. Bonovetz spoke of a conversation he had with the City of Bessemer manager, Charly Loper. Ms. Loper expressed appreciation for the town-hall approach to the Ambulance Committee meeting and suggested the same might be applied to economic development in our area. Mr. Putnam from MSU supported the interest by adding he could structure a dialogue to get the conversation started. All appeared interested in this approach. The administrator will work on scheduling a meeting of the EDC with this new format.

4. Personnel Meeting-Mr. Siirila submitted that since there has been a vacancy on the CMH board since March and no personnel meeting since April, he would like to see the seat filled.

A motion was made by Mr. Siirila to fill the CMH board vacancy with Chairman Jim Lorenson. The motion was supported by Mr. Orlich. Mr. Lorenson refused the appointment arguing full process was not employed. Mr. Bonovetz also stated the County's new process for board appointments does not allow for this type of motion. Roll call was taken to determine the outcome.

ROLL CALL:

YES: (2) Siirila, Orlich
NO: (3) Laabs, Byrns, Bonovetz
ABSTAIN: (1) Lorenson

Motion denied.

Following the roll call, a meeting of the Personnel and Negotiations Committee was set for 5:30 on June 9.

PUBLIC COMMENT (5-minute limit)

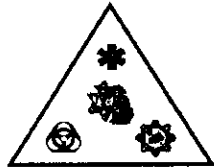
There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Orlich, supported by Mr. Byrns, and carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn to the call of the Chair. The meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

James A. Lorenson, Chairman

Ramona L. Collins, Clerk



For Emergency
Call 911

Gogebic County Emergency Management/911

Heidi DeRosso
200 N. Moore Street
Bessemer, MI 49911
Phone: 906.667.1118
Fax: 906.663.4105

June 3, 2021

Gogebic County Board of Commissioners
Gogebic County Courthouse
200 N. Moore St.
Bessemer, MI 49911

RE: Gogebic County 2020-2025 Hazard Mitigation Plan

Gentlemen,

At your June 9th board meeting, I will be requesting the County board to adopt the 2020-2025 Gogebic County Hazard Mitigation Plan, which has been approved by the state and FEMA. Once FEMA receives documentation of adoption from the participating jurisdictions, we will receive a letter of official approval.

If you have any question, please feel free to contact me or I will be in attendance at the meeting.

Thank you,

Heidi DeRosso

Heidi DeRosso
Emergency Mgmt/911 Coordinator

U.S. Department of Homeland
Security
FEMA Region 5
536 S. Clark St., Floor 6
Chicago, IL 60605-1509



FEMA

June 1, 2021

Mr. Matt Schnepf
State Hazard Mitigation Officer
Michigan State Police
Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division
P.O. Box 30634
Lansing, MI 48909

Dear Mr. Schnepf:

Thank you for submitting the Gogebic County Hazard Mitigation Plan for our review. The plan was reviewed based on the local plan criteria contained in 44 CFR Part 201, as authorized by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000. The plan met the required criteria for a multi-jurisdiction hazard mitigation plan. Formal approval of this plan is contingent upon the adoption by the participating jurisdictions of this plan. Once FEMA Region 5 receives documentation of adoption from the participating jurisdictions, we will send a letter of official approval to your office.

We look forward to receiving the adoption documentation and completing the approval process for the Gogebic County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

If there are any questions from either you or the communities, please contact Lorena Reyes, at (312) 408-5270 or email at Lorena.reyes@fema.dhs.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julia McCarthy".

Julia McCarthy
Chief, Risk Analysis Branch
Mitigation Division

Gogebic County Hazard Mitigation Plan Adoption Resolution

At its scheduled meeting on June 9, 2021, at the Gogebic County Courthouse, the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Gogebic County, Michigan and its communities have experienced risks that may damage commercial, residential, and public properties, displace citizens and businesses, close streets and impair infrastructure, and present general public health and safety concerns; and

WHEREAS, Gogebic County and its communities have prepared a *Hazard Mitigation Plan* that outlines the community's options to reduce damages and impacts from natural and technological hazards; and

WHEREAS, the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires communities to have a Hazard Mitigation Plan approved by FEMA in order to receive funds available through certain mitigation grant programs; and

WHEREAS, the *Hazard Mitigation Plan* has been reviewed by community residents, business owners, and federal, state, and local agencies, and has been revised where appropriate to reflect their concerns; and

WHEREAS, the *Hazard Mitigation Plan* identifies hazardous threats to the County and its communities with feasible mitigation projects to minimize hazardous impacts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the Gogebic County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the resolution enacted by the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners at an official meeting held June 9, 2021.

James Lorenson, Gogebic County Board Chairman



GOGEBIC COUNTY

EQUALIZATION DEPARTMENT

Director: Kathy Jo Koval Deputy: Tina Marie Romosz

June 9, 2021

Gogebic County Clerk

ATT: Ramona Collins

RE: 2021 Summer Levy

Dear Ms. Collins,

Please include Equalization on the agenda for the June 9th, 2021 meeting so we can confirm and approve the Gogebic County *summer* levy for 2021.

Thank you.

Kathy Jo Koval

Director - Equalization

2021 Tax Rate Request (This form must be completed and submitted on or before September 30, 2021)
 MILLAGE REQUEST REPORT TO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

This form is issued under authority of MCL Sections 211.24e, 211.34 and 211.34d. Filing is mandatory; Penalty applies.
 Carefully read the instructions on page 2.

County(ies) Where the Local Government Unit Levies Taxes Gogebic County	2021 Taxable Value of ALL Properties in the Unit as of 5-24-2021 566,713,519
Local Government Unit Requesting Millage Levy County of Gogebic	For LOCAL School Districts: 2021 Taxable Value excluding Principal Residence, Qualified Agricultural, Qualified Forest, Industrial Personal and Commercial Personal Properties.

This form must be completed for each unit of government for which a property tax is levied. Penalty for non-filing is provided under MCL Sec 211.119. The following tax rates have been authorized for levy on the 2021 tax roll.

(1) Source	(2) Purpose of Millage	(3) Date of Election	(4) Original Millage Authorized by Election Charter, etc.	(5)** 2020 Millage Rate Permanently Reduced by MCL 211.34d "Headlee"	(6) 2021 Current Year "Headlee" Millage Reduction Fraction	(7) 2021 Millage Rate Permanently Reduced by MCL 211.34d "Headlee"	(8) Sec. 211.34 Truth in Assessing or Equalization Millage Rollback Fraction	(9) Maximum Allowable Millage Levy *	(10) Millage Requested to be Levied July 1	(11) Millage Requested to be Levied Dec. 1	(12) Expiration Date of Millage Authorized
Voted	Operational	11/03/20	6.6800	6.6800	1.0000	6.6800	1.0000	6.6800	-----	-----	2024
							TOTAL	6.6800	-----	-----	

Prepared by **Kathy Jo Koval** Telephone Number **(906) 663-4414** Title of Preparer **Equalization Director** Date _____

CERTIFICATION: As the representatives for the local government unit named above, we certify that these requested tax levy rates have been reduced, if necessary to comply with the state constitution (Article 9, Section 31), and that the requested levy rates have also been reduced, if necessary to comply with MCL Sections 211.24e, 211.34 and, for LOCAL school districts which levy a Supplemental (Hold Harmless) Millage, 380.121(3).

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clerk	Signature	Print Name	Date
<input type="checkbox"/> Secretary		Ramona Collins	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chairperson	Signature	Print Name	Date
<input type="checkbox"/> President		James Lorenson	

* Under Truth in Taxation, MCL Section 211.24e, the governing body may decide to levy a rate which will not exceed the maximum authorized rate allowed in column 9. The requirements of MCL 211.24e must be met prior to levying an operating levy which is larger than the base tax rate but not larger than the rate in column 9.

** IMPORTANT: See instructions on page 2 regarding where to find the millage rate used in column (5).



Gogebic County Remonumentation Program

500 N. Moore St.
Bessemer, Michigan 49911
Phone (906) 663-4687 Fax (906) 663-4058

June 3, 2021

Gogebic County Board of Commissioners
Courthouse
Bessemer, MI 49911

Gentlemen:

Mr. Pat Leemon has given notice that he is moving and will be resigning as the County Representative for the Gogebic County Remonumentation Program effective June 30, 2021.

This position must be filled by a registered land surveyor in the State of Michigan. Mr. Leemon is recommending that you appoint Mr. John Garske of Ironwood who is a professional surveyor as the County Representative effective on July 1, 2021. As the Grant Administrator I agree with this recommendation.

Would you please take the necessary action on this appointment at your June 9, 2021, meeting so I can notify the State Survey and Remonumentation office of the change. I will be at your meeting to answer any questions you may have on this.

Sincerely,

Greg Ryskey
Grant Administrator

June 3, 2021

James Lorensen, Chair
Gogebic County Board of Commissioners
200 N. Moore St
Bessemer, MI 49911

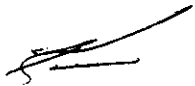
Jim,

On July 1, 2021 I will become a resident of Wisconsin and, regrettably, will have to resign from the Forestry and Parks Commission and the Road commission effective June 30, 2021

I have enjoyed serving on both boards immensely. There's no better group of people to work with and solve problems with than the staff and commissioners of these departments. With the current leadership, there's a bright future for both the forests and roads of Gogebic County. Best wishes to all.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Sincerely,



Kevin Haustein
E4415 Lake Road
Ironwood, MI 49938



Gogebic County Forestry and Parks Commission

500 N. Moore St.

Bessemer, Michigan 49911-1099

906-663-4687 FAX: 906-663-4058 Parks - 906-663-4428

www.gogebicforestryandparks.com

Kevin Haustein - Chairman
Bob Orlich - Vice Chairman
John Matonich - Commissioner
Dan Siirila - Commissioner
Mark Whitley - Commissioner

Greg Ryskey - Director
Corey Magdziak - Forester
Amy Hamel - Administrative Secretary

June 4, 2021

Ms. Ramona Collins
County Clerk
200 North Moore St.
Bessemer, MI 49911

Dear Ramona:

Please advise the County Board of Commissioners that the unexpired term of Mr. Kevin Haustein will be vacant as of July 1, 2021. The 4-year term will expire June 30, 2023. We request that the Commission proceed with the procedure to advertise and fill this vacancy.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,


Greg Ryskey
Director

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

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BESSEMER, MICHIGAN 49911
CLERK (906) 663-4518
REGISTER OF DEEDS (906) 667-0381
FAX (906) 663-4660
e-mail: clerk@gogebiccountymi.gov

RAMONA L. COLLINS
County Clerk-Register of Deeds

CHIEF DEPUTY
Donna M. Frello

June 4, 2021

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

Dear Mr. Lorensen and members of the board,

I respectfully request permission to advertise for the vacancy on the Road Commission board. Mr. Kevin Haustein is moving out of the area and his resignation will be effective June 30, 2021.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Warm regards,

Ramona