

GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Minutes

June 9, 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) Siirila, Laabs, Byrns, Bonovetz, Orlich,
Peteron, Lorenson**

Absent: (0)

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (May 26, 2021 regular meeting minutes)

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Bonovetz, supported by Mr. Byrns to approve the agenda with the additional matter carried over from the Ambulance Committee meeting noted under 'Other Matters' A verbal unanimous vote followed.

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

None appeared

APPEARANCES:

- 1. Heidi DeRosso, Emergency Management Director/911 Coordinator (Re: Gogebic County Hazard Mitigation Plan & Resolution)** Ms. DeRosso added that the 2020-2025 plan had previously been approved by both the State of Michigan and FEMA.

A motion was made by Mr. Peterson, supported by Mr. Bonovetz to accept the plan and resolution, place them on file and authorize necessary signatures. A unanimous voice vote followed.

- 2. Kathy Jo Koval, Equalization Director (Re: Form-4029, 2021 Tax Rate Request)**

A motion was made by Mr. Bonovetz, supported by Mr. Byrns to levy the full 6.68 mills for budget year and authorize proper signatures on the Form-4029). Roll was taken.

ROLL CALL:

**YES: (7) Laabs, Byrns, Bonovetz, Orlich, Peterson, Siirila
Lorenson**

NO: (0)

Motion carried.

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COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1. Greg Ryskey, Gogebic County Remonumentation Program Grant Administrator (Re: Recommendation of John Garske as the County Representative for the Remonumentation Program)**

A motion was made by Mr. Bonovetz, supported by Mr. Laabs and carried by a unanimous voice vote to make Mr. John Garske the County Representative of the program.

- 2. Kevin Haustein-Road & Forestry & Parks Commission board member (Re: Resignation)**

A motion was made by Mr. Siirila, supported by Mr. Byrns and carried by unanimous voice vote to receive his resignation and place it on file. All agreed his presence on both boards was appreciated and will be missed.

- 3. Greg Ryskey-Forestry & Parks Director (Re: Permission to advertise vacancy)**

A motion was made by Mr. Siirila, supported by Mr. Laabs to fill the vacancy on the Forestry and Parks Board. A unanimous voice vote followed.

- 4. Ramona Collins - Clerk/Register (Permission to advertise vacancy on Road Commission board)**

A motion was made by Mr. Peterson, supported by Mr. Byrns and followed by a unanimous voice vote to fill the vacancy.

OTHER MATTERS:

- 1. Ambulance Committee Meeting (6/9/2021)**

A motion was made by Mr. Siirila, supported by Mr. Bonovetz to enlist the service of MDI, a marketing group, to put together a strategy for the ambulance millage at a cost no greater than \$5500.

ROLL CALL:

YES: (7) Byrns, Bonovetz, Orlich, Peterson, Siirila, Laabs, Lorenson

NO: (0)

Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES

The Administrator let the board know that workmen's compensation audit came back higher than expected.

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PUBLIC COMMENT (5-minute limit)

Mr. Siirila pointed out the speed on Becker Hill, west of Marshalek Road both for east and west bound traffic is too high given the current construction on Highway 2. The Board agreed that a letter to both MDOT and the Michigan State Police should be prepared and sent. Mr. Siirila made the **motion** and it was supported by Mr. Bonovetz and a unanimous voice vote.

Clerk Collins let the Board know that the Register of Deeds Office is preparing to put their records online. Working with Brandon Tauer, the Register of Deeds Office is very nearly ready to make their records public and have been notified by their software support/designer that they are on the list. The transition should happen in the coming months.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Siirila, supported by Mr. Laabs, and carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn to the call of the Chair. The meeting adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

James A. Lorenson, Chairman

Ramona L. Collins, Clerk