

GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Minutes

March 10, 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, Peterson (via
bluejeans) Siirila, Laabs, Lorenson
Orlich, Lorenson**

Absent: (0)

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (February 24, 2021 regular meeting minutes)

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Siirila, supported by Mr. Byrns. A verbal
unanimous vote followed

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

None appeared

COMMITTEE SUMMARY REPORT:

1. Economic Development & Capital Improvement Committee 3/3/21

A motion was made by Mr. Bonovetz, supported by Mr. Byrns
and carried by unanimous vote to proceed with elevator
repairs and seek estimates regarding other improvements

ROLL CALL:

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

NO: (0)

Motion carried

After further discussion, a second motion was made by Mr.
Bonovetz, supported by Mr. Siirila that the subsequent
expenditures for repairs shall be up to \$150,000, using the
proceeds from the Trail Authority reimbursement

ROLL CALL:

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

NO: (0)

Motion carried

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APPEARANCES:

1. **Greg Ryskey, Forestry and Parks (Re: Lake Gogebic Playground Renovation Grant Resolution**

A motion was made by Mr. Siirila, supported by Mr. Laabs to approve, and authorize for signature

ROLL CALL:

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

NO: (0)

Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. **Jim Lorenson, Chairman-Gogebic County Board of Commissioners (Fair board per diems)** Conversation regarding diems took place. All agreed the method for reporting present/absent attendees to meetings shall be uniform

OTHER MATTERS:

Chairman Lorenson announced he will be inviting other members of the community to join the Ambulance Committee

ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES

The Administrator let the board know that auditors will be sending paperwork to be signed to complete a single audit in the amount of \$3000. This stipulation is in our audit contract and it came up because of the CARES dollars. She also mentioned that NACo was instrumental in the latest Covid-19 relief package. The Administrator noted that planning needs to start regarding indigent defense.

PUBLIC COMMENT (5-minute limit)

Paul Putnam MSU Extension updated the board on the various programs they offer and let the board know they have been greenlighted to fill the SNAP-Ed position

Commissioner Bonovetz spoke regarding the MAC Conference, NACo and their part in Covid-19 relief

Commissioner Orlich spoke regarding beaver dams on Chanel Lake

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 5:31 p.m.

James A. Lorenson, Chairman

Ramona L. Collins, Clerk