

**GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**November 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, Mr. Lorenson thanked all veterans and their families on this Veteran's Day. Afterwards, roll call was taken.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**Absent: (0)**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

1. Regular meeting, October 27, 2021)

**A motion** was made by Mr. Laabs, 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. Laabs, supported by Mr. Siirila to approve the agenda with one addition to Public Comment. 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/911 Director (EMPG American Rescue Plan Act Grant Agreement)** Ms. DeRosso briefly explained the benefits of agreement.

**A motion** was made by Mr. Siirila and supports by Mr. Byrns to support the application and allow proper signatures from the Chair. Roll was taken:

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**Absent: (0)**

**Motion passed.**

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**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. **Hon. Anna Talaska-98<sup>th</sup> District Court (Resolution Appointing Dion DelFavero as Magistrate)**

**A motion** was made by Mr. Bonovetz and supported by Mr. Orlich to adopt the Resolution Appointing Dion DelFavero as Magistrate of the 98<sup>th</sup> District Court) Roll was taken.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**Absent:** (0)

**Motion passed.**

**OTHER MATTERS:**

Applications have been received for the two vacant Fair Board positions.

**A motion** was made by Mr. Laabs, supported by Mr. Byrns and carried by unanimous voice vote to hold a personnel meeting on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 4:00 pm to interview the prospective candidates.

**ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES**

She had none.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (5-minute limit)**

Mr. Randall Kashich informed the Board of his plans to establish a foundation to honor his daughter. His intention is to open a rock garden in his back yard, directly adjacent to a future dispensary, for the purpose of consumption of marijuana.

**AGENDA ADDITION:** Closed Session to discuss AFSME negotiation plans.

**A motion** was made by Mr. Siirila and supported by Mr. Laabs to go into closed session. Roll call was taken.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**Absent:** (0)

**Motion passed.**

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**A motion** was made by Mr. Bonovetz and supported by Mr. Byrns to go back into open session. Roll call was taken.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**Absent:** (0)

**Motion passed**

**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 5:35 p.m.

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James A. Lorenson, Chairman

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Ramona L. Collins, Clerk