

GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Minutes

November 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 Chairman Lorenson. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken.

ROLL CALL:

Present: (5) Siirila, Byrns, Bonovetz, Orlich, Lorenson

Absent: (2) Laabs, Peterson

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (November 10, 2021 meeting)

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

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 three additions to Other Matters as presented by Chairman Lorenson. A unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

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

There were none.

COMMITTEE SUMMARY REPORTS:

- 1. Finance, Budgeting & Auditing Committee, 10/27/21**
- 2. Ambulance Committee, 11/10/21**
- 3. Dr. Steven Fortunato Dal Pra & Colleen Dal Pra Educational Award Committee, 11/16/2021**

A motion was made by Mr. Bonovetz, supported by Mr. Siirila, and carried by unanimous voice vote to receive reports 1 & 2 and place them on file.

A motion was made by Mr. Bonovetz and supported by Mr. Byrns to allow WoodTrust Asset Management to distribute \$100,000 to cover 2021-22 school year awards and to receive the report and place it on file. Roll was taken.

ROLL CALL:

Yes: (5) Byrns, Bonovetz, Orlich, Siirila, Lorenson

No: (0)

Motion carried.

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APPEARANCES:

There were none.

COMMUNICATIONS:

There were none.

TRIAL BALANCE/CASH BALANCE:

A motion was made by Mr. Bonovetz and supported by Mr. Siirila to approve the report as presented. Roll was taken.

ROLL CALL:

YES: (5) Byrns, Bonovetz, Orlich, Siirila, Lorensen

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE CONTROL:

A motion was made by Mr. Siirila, supported by Mr. Byrns, 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. Bonovetz to pay the claims as presented along with the pre-paids and credit cards and make them a part of the minutes.

ROLL CALL:

YES: (7) Bonovetz, Orlich, Siirila, Byrns, Lorensen

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS:

A motion was made by Mr. Siirila and supported by Mr. Bonovetz to disburse the liquor tax monies to Northcare Network in the amount of \$1707.48. Roll was taken.

ROLL CALL:

YES: (5) Orlich, Siirila, Byrns, Bonovetz, Lorensen

NO: (0)

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Siirila, supported by Mr. Byrns and carried by unanimous vote to advertise for a position on the Gogebic County Road Commission Board. One (1) six-year term, beginning January 1, 2022, and expiring on December 31, 2027 will be filled.

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A motion was made by Mr. Bonovetz, supported by Mr. Siirila and carried by unanimous voice vote to allow the Administrator to pursue participation in the National Opioid Settlement. She shall submit any required documentation and be the point person in this effort.

PUBLIC COMMENT (5-minute limit)

Brandon Tauer-Information Technology Guru shared his experience at the broadband conference downstate with the Board. One item of note is cities are encouraged to run conduit when planning and pursuing infrastructure projects. The time and effort running these projects in unison would be practical and cost saving. He also noted that the Board's and county employees' emails can now be shortened to gogebic.gov.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Siirila, supported by Mr. Orlich, and carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn to the call of the Chair. The meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

James A. Lorenson, Chairman

Ramona L. Collins, Clerk