

GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Minutes

October 13, 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) Orlich, Peterson, Siirila, Laabs, Byrns, Bonovetz, Lorenson

Absent: (0)

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. Public Hearing, September 22, 2021
2. Regular meeting, September 22, 2021

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Byrns, supported by Mr. Siirila to approve the agenda. A verbal unanimous vote followed.

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

None appeared

APPEARANCES:

None appeared

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. **Linda Dean, Friend of Court (Re: New caseworker)**

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

2. **James A. Lorenson-Gogebic County Fair (Re: 4th quarter FY2021 report)**

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

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3. James A. Lorenson- Gogebic County Fiar (Re: Request of approval to advertise two upcoming board positions)

A motion was made by Mr. Siirila, supported by Mr. Bonovetz and passed by unanimous voice vote to advertise for the two positions.

4. Heidi DeRosso- Emergency Management/911 Coordinator (Re: Resolution in support of House Bill 5026)

A motion was made by Mr. Siirila and support by Mr. Byrns to adopt the resolution. Roll was taken.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: (0)

OTHER MATTERS:

Mr. Siirila noted that Denver Air has carried a record number of passengers to and from Gogebic County Airport since they began serving them on October 1. Feedback has been positive.

ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES

The Administrator updated the Board regarding the MIDC Attorney Administrator position. Retired Judge Joel Massie has been appointed the County's Attorney Administrator. He was chosen for his knowledge of the court process, his familiarity with local issues and interest in serving Gogebic County. He will be an independent contractor for the County. If there are conflict issues, attorney's James Bucknell and Rudolph Perhalla will serve as backups to Mr. Massie.

PUBLIC COMMENT (5-minute limit)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Laabs, 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