

GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 27, 2021
County Courthouse
Bessemer, MI 49911
5:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. by Chairman Lorenson. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: (0) None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (October 13, 2021 meeting)

A motion was made by Mr. Peterson, supported by Mr. Byrns, and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the minutes.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Siirila, supported by Mr. Laabs, and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the agenda with additions to Other Matters brought forward from the Finance Meeting as presented by Chairman Lorenson.

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

There were none.

COMMITTEE SUMMARY REPORTS:

- 1. Finance, Budgeting & Auditing Committee, 9/22/21**
- 2. Ambulance Committee, 7/14/21**

A motion was made by Mr. Bonovetz, supported by Mr. Laabs, and carried by unanimous voice vote to receive the two reports and place them on file.

APPEARANCES:

- 1. Heidi DeRosso, Emergency Management/911 Director (Re: EMPG Grant Agreement & HLS Grant)** Ms. DeRosso gave a brief synopsis of the EMPG grant and the revenue expected.

A motion was made by Mr. Bonovetz and supported by Mr. Siirila to provide the proper signatures and submit the grant request. Roll was taken.

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ROLL CALL:

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

No: (0)

Motion carried.

Ms. DeRosso then spoke of the Homeland Security Grant. The County will front \$10,000 for hasmat equipment and the HLS grant will reimburse the County the same amount.

A motion was made by Mr. Peterson and supported by Mr. Byrns to provide the proper signatures to apply for the HLS grant. Roll was taken.

ROLL CALL:

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

No: (0)

Motion carried

2. Kathy Jo Koval, Equalization Director (Re: 2021

Apportionment) Ms. Koval provided a power point presentation to explain the 2021 Apportionment for Gogebic County. The report is a summary of millage rates and total tax rates broken down by the various taxing authorities.

A motion was made by Mr. Bonovetz to accept the report and adopt the resolution for the 2021 Apportionment. Roll was taken.

ROLL CALL:

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

No: (0)

Motion carried

COMMUNICATIONS:

**1. MMRMA (Sheriff Matonich's reappointment to the Upper
Peninsula Law Enforcement Risk Control Advisory Committee)**

The Board congratulated the Sheriff on his reappointment.

A motion was made by Mr. Bonovetz, supported by Mr. Byrns and followed by a unanimous voice vote to receive the letter and place it on file.

**2. Juliane Giackino, Administrator (Menominee County's
Resolution to Exempt Counties with a Population of 75,000
or less from Certain Provisions of the Open Meetings Act)**

Mr. Bonovetz expressed his concern for the Board members being accessible to the constituents they are working for. Some discussion took place.

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

TRIAL BALANCE/CASH BALANCE:

A motion was made by Mr. Siirila, supported by Mr. Laabs, and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the report as presented. Roll was taken.

ROLL CALL:

Yes: (7) Byrns, Bonovetz, Orlich, Peterson, Siirila, Laabs, Lorensen

No: (0)

Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE CONTROL:

A motion was made by Mr. Bonovetz, supported by Mr. Siirila, 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. Laabs 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, Peterson, Siirila, Laabs, Byrns, Lorensen

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS:

1. Budget Amendments

A motion was made by Mr. Siirila and supported by Mr. Bonovetz to approve the Budgets Amendments carried forward from the earlier Finance Meeting. Roll was taken.

ROLL CALL:

YES: (7) Orlich, Peterson, Siirila, Laabs, Byrns, Orlich, Lorensen

NO: (0)

Motion carried.

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REVENUES:

101-000-529.00 Sheriff-Airport Security Reimb.
Decrease by \$12480 to \$0
101-000-627.00 Reimb Sheriff (Airport Security)
Increase by \$12480 to \$12480
101-000-575.00 State Survey & Remonumentation
Increase by \$73785 to \$73785
TOTAL \$73785

EXPENDITURES:

101-245-701.02 Per Diem - Peer Group
Increase by \$900 to \$900
101-245-701.03 County Representative Fees/Wages
Increase by \$5680 to \$5680
101-245-701.06 Grant Admin. Fees/Wages
Increase by \$3883 to \$3883
101-245-709.00 Remon-FICA
Increase by \$317 to \$317
101-245-752.00 Supplies & Materials
Increase by \$1500 to \$1500
101-245-801.01 Contractual Services
Increase by \$61505 to \$61505
TOTAL \$73785

2. November Finance and Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Siirila, supported by Mr. Byrns and carried by unanimous voice vote to change the meeting date at the end of November to:

Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2021
Finance, Budgeting & Auditing Meeting 4:30
Regular Meeting, 5:00

3. Board of Canvassers

A motion was made by Mr. Siirila, supported by Mr. Byrns and supported by a unanimous voice vote to appoint the following people to the Board of Canvassers.

4 year term: Fred Ainsley & Lindsey Averkamp
2 year term: Joanna Buergey & Danielle Virshak
Alternate: Fred Duerkop

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4. Commissioner Lorensen stated that negotiation season is coming up quickly and volunteers are needed. Sheriff Matonich asked if now is a good time to bring up staffing issues at the Sheriff's Dept. He is looking at a temporary full-time position and possible more part time positions to fill the gaps and cut down on overtime.
5. Treasurer Lisa Hewitt restated from the Finance Meeting that the figures she has were the same ones provided to the Board at last month's meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT (5-minute limit)

There was none.

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 5:32 p.m.

James A. Lorensen, Chairman

Ramona L. Collins, Clerk