

GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 22, 2021
County Courthouse
Bessemer, MI 49911
5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Gogebic County Board of Commissioners hereby serves notice of a Public Hearing to be held on Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at 5:00 p.m., at the Courthouse, Bessemer, on the 2021/2022 General Fund Budget.

Interested individuals may submit written and/or oral testimony at this time regarding the 2021-2022 budget.

The 2021/2022 General Fund Budget Revenue total \$ and the Expenditures total \$

Vice-Chairman Byrns read the purpose of the public hearing and then a request was made by Vice-Chairman Byrns to open the public hearing.

Vice-Chairman Byrns then asked for public comment of the budget.

Many attended the meeting to voice their concerns over the cut to the Cooperative Extension FY22 budget. Among those present were:

Vicki Nelson	Camilla DeGrave	Anna Suvanto
Ashley Dennis	Lynn Wiercynski	Dawn DeGrave
Crystal Suzik	Katie Nelson	Kylie Lantta

Several of those who spoke were involved with 4-H as children and have children of their own involved in the program. All spoke highly of Ashley Dennis and the services she provides through the 4-H program which is funded by this budget item. The speakers were concerned that services such as the Knap-sack Program, 4-H, and many community service projects would disappear. Mr. Byrns spoke of the process and how the budget is not concrete. Mr. Lorensen explained how the budget numbers were determined and spoke of the time frame required by state law. The budget will continue to be worked on in the coming months. The Board thanked all for attending.

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 Vice-Chairman. The meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

James A. Lorensen, Chairman

Ramona L. Collins, Clerk