

**GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**September 22, 2021**  
**County Courthouse**  
**Bessemer, MI 49911**  
**5:31 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Vice-Chairman Byrns. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken.

**ROLL CALL:**

**Present: (5) Byrns, Orlich, Siirila, Laabs, Lorensen (via zoom)**

**Absent: (2) Bonovetz, Peterson**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES (September 8, 2021 meeting)**

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**A motion** was made by Mr. Orlich, supported by Mr. Siirila, and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the agenda with the addition of 1 & 2 & 3 to Other Matters as presented by Vice-Chairman Byrns.

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

There were none.

**COMMITTEE SUMMARY REPORTS:**

- 1. Finance, Budgeting & Auditing Committee, 8/25/21**
- 2. Ambulance Committee, 9/8/21**
- 3. Finance, Budgeting & Auditing Committee, 9/14/21**

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

**APPEARANCES:**

- 1. Heidi DeRosso-Emergency Management/911 Director (Re: Covid-19 Public Assistance Grant Agreement)**

**A motion** was made by Mr. Siirila and supported by Mr. Orlich to authorize the grant application and allow proper signatures. A unanimous voice vote followed

**Heidi DeRosso-Emergency Management/911 Director (Re: Fiscal year 22 911 Budget)**

**A motion** was made by Mr. Siirila, supported by Mr. Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the 911 budget.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**1. Mike Harma-Airport Manager (MDOT Amended Contract for Updating the Terminal Badging System & Resolution)**

A motion was made by Mr. Siirila, supported by Mr. Laabs and agreed by unanimous vote to authorize the proper signatures for the contract and adopt the resolution

**ADOPTION OF FY2022 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT**

A motion was made by Mr. Siirila, supported by Mr. Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to adopt the FY22 General Appropriations Act.

**ADOPTION OF FY 2022 GENERAL FUND BUDGET**

A motion was made by Mr. Siirila, supported by Mr. Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to adopt the FY22 General Fund Budget.

**ADOPTION OF FY 2022 SPECIAL REVENUE FUND**

A motion was made by Mr. Siirila, supported by Mr. Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to adopt the FY22 Special Revenue Fund.

**Public Act 152 Requirement**

A motion was made by Mr. Siirila, supported by Mr. Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to opt-out of the Public Act 152 Requirement.

**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.

**GENERAL FUND REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE CONTROL:**

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

**CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS:**

A motion was made by Mr. Orlich, 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: (4) Laabs, Byrns, Orlich, Siirila**

**NO: (0) None**

**ABSTAIN: (1) Lorensen**

Motion carried.

**OTHER MATTERS:**

**1. Budget Amendments**

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

**ROLL CALL:**

**YES: (4) Orlich, Siirila, Laabs, Byrns**

**NO: (0)**

**ABSTAIN: (1) Lorenson**

Motion carried.

**REVENUES:**

101-000-430.00 National Forest Reserve

Increase by \$35153 to \$35153

101-000-607.04 Real Estate Transfer Tax

Increase by \$7000 to \$84551

Total \$42153

**EXPENDITURES:**

101-332.702.00 Snowmobile Salaried & Perm PartTime

Increase by \$4200 to \$23295

101-334-702.00 ORV Salaried & Perm PartTime

Increase by \$10000 to \$23005

101-900-841.00 Workmen's Comp

Increase by \$12000 to \$97500

101-900-843.00 Medical Examiner

Increase by \$7500 to \$21500

101-900-843.01 Med Examiner Investigator

Increase by \$2500 to \$3068

101-901-965.26 Optical Reimbursement

Increase by \$5053 to \$29053

101-901-965.08 Dept. of Human Service

Increase by \$900 to \$900

Total \$42153

**2. Sheriff Department vacancy**

A motion was made by Mr. Laabs, supported by Mr. Siirila and carried by unanimous voice vote to allow the Sheriff to fill the vacancy.

**3. Great Lakes Recovery Center renewal of Employee Assistance Program**

A motion was made by Mr. Siirila, supported by Mr. Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to renew the partnership.

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

Mr. Siirila took a moment to explain that he welcomes all to the County Board meetings.

Ms. Vicki Nelson, former MSUE employee, asked the County to reconsider their budget and return the MSUE funding to its original amount. She pointed out that building a program relies on a full-time staff. Ms. Katie Nelson & Ms. Harmony Escorpiso also asked the board to give the budget further consideration in regards to the MSUE position

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

There was none.

**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 5:48 p.m.

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**James A. Lorenson, Chairman**

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**Ramona L. Collins, Clerk**