

**GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**September 8, 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: (6) Orlich, Peterson, Siirila, Laabs, Byrns,  
Lorenson**

**Absent: (1) Bonovetz**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** (August 25, 2021, regular meeting minutes)  
**A motion** was made by Mr. Siirila, supported by Mr. Byrns, and  
carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the minutes as presented

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**A motion** was made by Mr. Peterson, supported by Mr. Orlich. A verbal  
unanimous vote followed

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

None appeared

**APPEARANCES:**

1. **Gabridge & Co. (Presentation of Fiscal year 2020 Audit)**

A member of the Gabridge & Co. audit team gave a brief  
overview of the FY20 audit.

**A motion** was made by Mr. Laabs, supported by Mr. Byrns to receive  
the audit report and place it on file. A unanimous voice vote  
supported the motion.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**There were none.**

**OTHER MATTERS:**

Chairman Lorenson let the Board know that the Fair board passed a  
resolution commending Deputy Yesney from the Gogebic County  
Sheriff's Dept. for his service during the fair weekend.  
The Chairman also formally thanked Search & Rescue for their  
presence at the Fair.

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**ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES**

The Administrator provided the Board members with the recommended FY21 budget and a brief overview of its contents. The Board will meet to discuss the FY21 budget on September 14, 2021 at 4 p.m. The Administrator also noted that the County has received 2% monies in the amount of \$5,000 from the tribe.

A request for attorney administrator applicants for MIDC yielded three candidates. Ms. Giackino suggested that two or three of those candidates could work a type of 'buddy-system' so that all cases could be covered with less conflicts. The Board asked Ms. Giackino to speak with the candidates about the possibility and come back with a recommendation.

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

**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 5:32 p.m.

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James A. Lorenson, Chairman

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Ramona L. Collins, Clerk