

GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
August 14, 2019
County Courthouse
Bessemer, MI 49911
5:00 p.m.

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (July 24, 2019 meeting minutes)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Dickinson County Resolution
(RE: Support of Enbridge Line # 5)
2. National Suicide Prevention week resolution

OTHER MATTERS:

ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES:

PUBLIC COMMENT (5-minute limit)

ADJOURNMENT

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CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL:

**Present: (6) Bonovetz, Bryns, Laabs,
Orlich, Peterson, Siirila**

Absent: (1) Lorenson

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (July 10, 2019 meeting minutes)

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Peterson, supported by Bonovetz and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the agenda along with one item added to Other Matters; the temporary Medical Examiner appointment.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COUNTY BOARD ON AGENDA ITEMS

(5-minute limit)

There were none.

COMMITTEE SUMMARY REPORTS:

1. Economic Development & Capital Improvements Committee-
6/26/19
2. Finance, Budgeting & Auditing Committee-----
6/26/19

A motion was made by Peterson, supported by Bonovetz and carried by unanimous voice vote to receive and place on file reports one and two.

APPEARANCES:

1. Paul Anderson, Coleman Engineering
(RE: Michigan DNRTF Development Project Agreement TF18-
0184)

Mr. Anderson discussed the project agreement with the Board and reviewed the key documents of the agreement. The most important document in his presentation was Appendix H. Appendix H is the project summary, which outlines the responsibility of the entities involved in the project. Anderson answered a few brief questions from the Board and then **a motion** was made by Bonovetz, supported by Laabs to authorize the Chairman's signature on the project agreement and adopt the resolution in support of the project.

Roll Call:

**YES: (6) Laabs, Bryns, Bonovetz,
Orlich, Peterson, Siirila**

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

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COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Fair Board Chairman Jim Lorenson
(RE: pre-fair voucher cash advance request)

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Laabs to cover the pre-fair vouchers up to \$30,000.

Roll Call:

**YES: (6) Byrns, Bonovetz, Orlich,
Peterson, Laabs, Siirila**

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

2. Mike Harma, Airport manager
(RE: Release of 4th Quarter appropriation)

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to release the fourth quarter appropriation.

TRIAL BALANCE/CASH BALANCE:

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Orlich and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the reports as presented.

GENERAL FUND REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE CONTROL:

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the reports as presented.

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS:

A motion was made by Laabs, supported by Peterson 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: (6) Bonovetz, Orlich, Peterson,
Laabs, Byrns, Siirila**

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS

Agenda Addition:

Temporary Medical Examiner Appointment

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Orlich and carried by unanimous voice vote to appoint Dr. Martin Christanelli as the Medical Examiner for six months. The temporary rate will be \$300 per month.

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PUBLIC COMMENT (5-minute limit)

There was none.

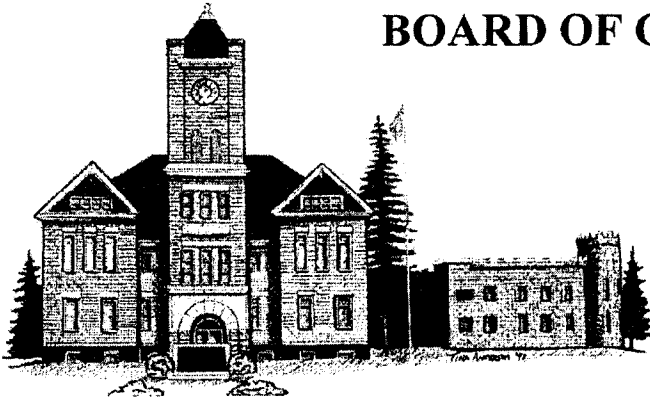
ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Peterson, supported by Orlich and carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn to the call of the Chair. The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Dan Siirila, Chairman

Gerry R. Pelissero, Clerk

**DICKINSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**



*Board Chairman: Henry Wender
Vice Chairman: Joe Stevens
Commissioners: John P. Degenauer, Jr.
Barb J. Kramer
Kevin Pirlot
Controller/Administrator: Brian Bousley
Administrative Assistant: Christy Paul*

DICKINSON COUNTY RESOLUTION 2019-15

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LINE 5

WHEREAS, Enbridge's Line 5 has been operating safely and reliably in Michigan for more than 65 years; and

WHEREAS, Enbridge's Line 5, a light crude and natural gas liquids pipeline, helps to safely meet Michigan's energy needs by fulfilling more than half of the propane needs of the state; and

WHEREAS, the products delivered to regional refineries provide jobs and ultimately fuel our lives; and

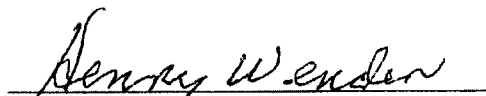
WHEREAS, multiple and extensive inspections and safety tests over the last several years have confirmed the integrity of Line 5 at the Straits of Mackinac as fit for service; and

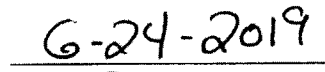
WHEREAS, Enbridge has proposed to invest \$500 million to make a safe pipeline safer by placing a tunnel with one-foot-thick concrete walls 100 feet underground and make the chances of a leak into the Straits virtually zero; and

WHEREAS, consequences to energy supply, local producers, regional airports and refineries, jobs, local economies and the pocketbook of Michiganders across the U.P. and the state are too great for Line 5 to be shut down before the tunnel replacement can be completed;

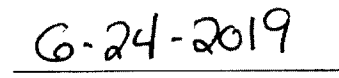
WHEREAS, Enbridge has demonstrated a willingness to work with the state to both protect the Great Lakes and ensure the continued safe delivery of energy we all rely on.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners extends its support for Enbridge's proposed tunnel replacement project and urges the State of Michigan to work with Enbridge to complete the tunnel project as quickly as possible and not disrupt Line 5 service before the tunnel can be completed.


Henry Wender, Chairman


Date


Dolly L. Cook, County Clerk


Date

CHAIRMAN'S PROCLAMATION

This Chairman's Proclamation for Gogebic County, Michigan recognizes suicide as a national health problem taking over 45,000 last year and suicide prevention as an area responsibility, and designates the week of September 8th through the 14th as Suicide Prevention Week in Gogebic County

WHEREAS, suicide is the 10th leading cause of all deaths in the United States and the 3rd leading cause for ages 15 to 24 and the 2nd leading cause of death for college students.

WHEREAS, suicide is the 10th leading cause of all deaths in Michigan, taking over 1450 lives last year.

WHEREAS, Five of the 10 counties on Michigan with the highest suicide rates per 100,00 are located in the Upper Peninsula and three (Ontonagon, Gogebic and Iron) are here and border us.

WHEREAS, 20% of all suicides in the United States are veterans and our active armed services are experiencing its highest Suicide rates ever.

WHEREAS, in the U.S., one person completes the act of suicide every 15 minutes

WHEREAS, 51% of those who die by suicide use a firearm, and guns stored in the house are used for suicide 40 times more often than for self-protection.

WHEREAS, the overall suicide rate has increased slightly in recent years, the rates for those 49 to 65 have increased dramatically.

WHEREAS, the stigma associated with mental illness and suicide works against suicide prevention by discouraging persons at-risk from seeking life-saving help and further traumatizes survivors of suicide.

WHEREAS, organizations such as the American Association of Suicidology and the Range Suicide Prevention Council and our Survivors of Suicide group are dedicated to reducing the frequency of suicide attempts and deaths, and the pain of survivor affected by suicide of loved ones, through educational programs, research projects, intervention services and bereavement services urge that we:

1. Recognize suicide as a national and state public health problem and declare suicide prevention to be a statewide priority;
2. Acknowledge that no single suicide prevention program or effort will be appropriate for populations or communities;
3. Encourage initiatives based on the goals contained in the **National Strategy for Suicide Prevention** by promoting;
 - a. Awareness that suicide is a public health problem that is preventable.

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT, the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners declare that September 8th -14th as “National Suicide Prevention Week in Gogebic County

Dan Siirila, Chairman
Gogebic County Board of Commissioners