

Gogebic County Board of Commissioners

Regular Meeting Minutes

July 10, 2019

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 Siirila. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken:

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: (1) Laabs

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (June 26, 2019 meeting minutes)

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Byrns and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the agenda as presented along with one addition to the Other Matters.

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

There were none.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. UPCAP, Jonathan Mead, Executive Director
(RE: U.P. Area Agency on Aging 2020-2022 Multi-Year Plan)

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Lorenson and carried by unanimous voice vote to adopt the resolution as presented and authorize the signing of the resolution.

2. Mike Peterson
(RE: Increased Diesel Fuel costs)

A motion was made by Lorenson, supported by Peterson and carried by unanimous voice vote to receive the communication and place it on file.

OTHER MATTERS:

Agenda Addition:

Commissioner Lorenson discussed the reduced mental health services throughout the County and asked what impact this has had on the jail and the court system. The Human Services Coordinating Board is one county group that could provide answers. The board agreed this not only a county issue but a it's nationwide. **A motion** was made by Lorenson, supported by Bonovetz and carried by unanimous voice vote to have the administrator seek out the Sheriff and the Courts to provide a report on the impact within the County.

Commissioner Bonovetz mentioned that Community Action is receiving funds again this year from the Defederalized program. The county will receive 50% of those funds.

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ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES:

County Administrator Juliane Giackino gave update on the FY19 budget and FY20 budget worksheets. She hopes to provide a recommended FY20 budget by mid-August. She continues to work on the Medical Examiner issue. She is working on an application through our Workers Comp company for a safety grant.

Chairman Siirila mentioned he, along with Giackino and Treasurer Lisa Hewitt had a good meeting with representatives of Ironwood Township to discuss the 2016 taxes still owed to the County, Ironwood Area Schools and the ISD.

Bonovetz mentioned WUPPDR is conducting a survey injunction with their work on the County HAZ-Mat mitigation plan. He encouraged anyone receiving the survey request to please complete it.

PUBLIC COMMENT (5-minute limit)

Jim Simmons, newly appointed Ironwood Township Supervisor thanked the County representatives for a good meeting on the tax issue.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Peterson, supported by Bonovetz and carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn to the call of the Chair. The meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

Dan Siirila, Chairman

Gerry R. Pelissero, Clerk