

GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Minutes

June 12, 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, Laabs, Lorenson
Orlich, Siirila**

Absent: (1) Peterson

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (May 22, 2019 meeting minutes and May 29, 2019 special meeting minutes)

A motion was made by Lorenson, supported by Bonovetz and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the minutes with one correction. The May 22, 2019 minutes will reflect a change in the first paragraph the word **motion** will be changed to **moment** of silence.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

There were none.

APPEARANCES:

1. Gabridge and Company
(RE: FY18 Audit Presentation)

Sue Buitenhuis of Gabridge and Company presented the FY 2018 Gogebic County Audit. Her presentation included how and why Gabridge conducts their audit for the County. The County's General Fund Balance declined by \$244,997 in FY18 and now the County has a Fund Balance of \$675,868.00, which is the unassigned fund balance. The County also has \$650,949.00 of restricted fund balance which is for the MCF MOE and Animal Control. Gabridge did render a Clean Audit opinion. Buitenhuis answered a few questions from the Board following her presentation.

A motion was made by Orlich, supported by Byrns and carried by unanimous voice vote to accept the FY18 Audit report as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Kathy Jo Koval, Equalization Director
(RE: Summer tax rate)

Equalization Director Koval presented to the Board a brief explanation of the role of her department as it relates to taxation and assessing duties for the County. She answered a few questions from the Board regarding the presented materials and then **a motion** was made by Lorenson, supported by Bonovetz to set the summer tax rate for the County at 6.68 mills and authorize the Chairman and

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Clerk to sign the L-4029 State Tax Form as presented.

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS:

1. Forestry and Parks Commission
One position and one applicant

A motion was made by Orlich, supported by Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to appoint Kevin Haustein to the Forestry and Parks Commission.

OTHER MATTERS:

Commissioner Bonovetz mentioned he recently attended the UP Association of County Commissioners conference in Escanaba and mentioned he met with Senator McBroom and Representative Campansey to discuss the Michigan Works pension issue. McBroom felt it was looking favorable for the County. Bonovetz also mentioned there is a couple of counties from the U.P. applying for the Michigan Launch program.

ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES:

Administrator Juliane Giackino mentioned work continues on the FY20 Budget and Medical Examiner issue.

PUBLIC COMMENT (5-minute limit)

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Orlich, supported by Byrns and carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn to the call of the Chair. The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Dan Siirila, Chairman

Gerry R. Pelissero, Clerk