

**GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**June 26, 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: (7) Bonovetz, Bryns, Laabs, Lorenson  
Orlich, Peterson, Siirila**

**Absent: (0) None**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (June 12, 2019 meeting minutes)**

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**A motion** was made by Bonovetz, supported by Bryns and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the agenda as presented along with three recommendations from the Finance meeting of earlier in the day.

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

There were none.

**COMMITTEE SUMMARY REPORTS:**

1.GC Personnel & Negotiations Committee... May 22,2019

2.GC Finance, Budgeting, and Auditing Committee... May 22,2019

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

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1.Gogebic-Ontonagon Community Action Agency Senior Programs letter  
**A motion** was made by Lorenson, supported by Bonovetz and carried by unanimous voice vote to support the Agency's application for their FY20-FY22 programs.

2.GC Retirement Commission Annual Financial Report FY 2018  
Treasurer Lisa Hewitt presented the report to the Board and answered a few questions for. **A motion** was made by Lorenson, supported by Bryns and carried by unanimous voice vote to receive and place on file the report.

**TRIAL BALANCE/CASH BALANCE:**

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

**GENERAL FUND REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE CONTROL:**

**A motion** was made by Lorenson, supported by Peterson and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the report as presented.

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**CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS:**

**A motion** was made by Lorenson, supported by Bonovetz to pay the claims as presented along with three additions from the IT department: Rackspace for \$850.28, Computer Doctors for \$2,993.00 and PCM-G for \$196.97 along with the pre-paids and make them apart of the minutes.

**Roll Call:**

**YES: (7) Orlich, Peterson, Laabs, Byrns,  
Lorenson, Bonovetz, Siirila**

**No: (0) None**

**Motion carried.**

**OTHER MATTERS**

**1. Quarterly Circuit Court Update**

Circuit Court Judge Michael Pope gave his quarterly update. He gave an update on the MIDC program, which went live on May 1, 2019. The program has been going well. The FY20 MIDC budget has been approved by the State for the next fiscal year. THE MIDC program will save the County approximately \$30,000 for each budget year FY19 and FY20.

He mentioned the County has an opportunity to apply for a \$75,000 grant with a \$15,000 local match to analyze the court system within the County. Judge Pope was seeking a commitment from the Board to move forward with the application. **A motion** was made by Laabs, supported by Lorenson and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve of the application for the grant. The funds would be allocated from the FY20 budget, Judge Pope will keep the Board informed and is hopeful Ontonagon County will share in the local match requirement.

Finally, he mentioned the circuit court is holding orientations at the courthouse for area law enforcement personnel. The goal is to introduce the newer personnel from the various agencies to the courts, the court personnel and the lay out of the courthouse. The second session will be held on Friday June 28, 2019 at 10 a.m.

**2. Retirement Ordinance Changes**

Retirement Director Lisa Hewitt discussed the changes to the retirement ordinance. The changes include hours from 700 to 950 for benefit purposes, the fiscal year is now October 1 to September 30 and changes to the mortality and tables of experience. **A motion** was made by Lorenson, supported by Peterson and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve of the amended changes.

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3.GC Treasurer- RE: Rights to Purchase Foreclosed Parcels  
Treasurer Hewitt discussed the foreclosed properties with the Board and recommended the Board waive their right under MCL 211.78m(1) to purchase and place 16 properties in the Gogebic County Land Bank Authority. Three of the properties will be demolished by the city of Ironwood. **A motion** was made by Bonovetz, supported by Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to waive the County's right under MCL 211.78m(1) and purchase 16 properties and place them in the land bank.

Commissioner Bonovetz discussed topics that were on the agenda at the recent MACC conference he attended. One topic that received a lot of debate was the Enbridge Line Five issue.

Agenda Additions:

Forestry and Parks reimbursement for FY19 contribution for the ambulance service contract. **A motion** was made by Lorensen, supported by Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to reimburse Forestry and Parks for their contribution to the ambulance fund with the proceeds from the ambulance millage once levied in 2019.

**A motion** was made by Bonovetz, supported by Peterson and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the Northcare 2020 County Liquor Tax funding request form. The County must acknowledge support in writing to receive the PA2 funds totaling \$32,091.28. County Administrator Juliane Giackino will send out the letter of support.

**A motion** was made by Bonovetz, supported by Lorensen to authorize payment of \$30,406.15 to attorney Rudy Perhalla for attorney bills submitted out of 101-900-820.03 Probate Indigent Attorney. Some of the cases as part of this bill took four years to complete.

**Roll Call:**

**YES: (7) Peterson, Laabs, Byrns,  
Lorensen, Bonovetz, Orlich, Siirila**

**No: (0) None**

**Motion carried.**

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

Randall Kashich appeared and commented on the unnecessary collusion to restrict special education services in both Gogebic and Ontonagon Counties.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion** was made by Lorensen, supported by Bonovetz and carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn to the call of the Chair. The meeting adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

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Dan Siirila, Chairman

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Gerry R. Pelissero, Clerk