

GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Minutes

March 27, 2019

County Courthouse

Bessemer, MI 49911

5:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. by Chairman Siirila. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: (1) Bonovetz

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (March 13, 2019 regular meeting)

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Lorenson, supported by Peterson to approve the agenda as presented along with the following additions:

An appearance by Circuit Court Judge Michael Pope, and recommendations from the Personnel and Negotiations Committee and Finance Budgeting & Auditing Committee meetings 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. Finance, Budgeting & Auditing Committee -----02/27/2019
2. Finance, Budgeting & Auditing Committee -----03/13/2019

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.

3. Personnel & Negotiations Committee -----03/13/2019

A motion was made by Peterson, supported by Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to appoint Robert Lynn, Kenneth Wegmeyer, Margaret Rayner and Donald Pezzetti to the Community Mental Health Board.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Excel Energy
(RE: Hydroelectric Projects questionnaire)

A motion was made by Lorenson, supported by Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to receive the communication and place it on file and refer the questionnaire to the Forestry and Parks Commission to complete the survey if they wish.

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RESOLUTIONS:

1. Ontonagon County
(RE: Support of HB 4227 Creation of Committee on Michigan's Mining Future)

A motion was made by Orlich, supported by Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to adopt a similar resolution in support of HB 4227.

TRIAL BALANCE/CASH BALANCE:

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

GENERAL FUND REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE CONTROL:

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

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS:

A motion was made by Peterson, supported by Lorenson to pay the claims as presented along with the pre-pays and make them a part of the minutes.

ROLL CALL:

YES: (6) Laabs, Byrns, Lorenson, Orlich, Peterson, Siirila

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS

Agenda Additions:

Circuit Court Judge Michael Pope made a presentation on the relocation of the Probate Court and the Michigan Probation and Parole offices. The move also included renovations in the former Probate Courtroom that will now house John Begalle and Jill Kahilla. Judge Pope discussed that he and Circuit Court Sue Mitchem completed an educational program provided by the Michigan Supreme Court.

Personnel & Negotiations Committee Recommendations:

A motion was made by Peterson, supported by Lorenson and carried by five yea - one nay vote to hire Heidi DeRosso as the County Emergency Management Coordinator upon the retirement of Jim Loeper.

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A motion was made by Lorenson, supported by Laabs to amend the Ambulance Service Budget to reflect the payments that are due to Beacon Ambulance. The additional funds will come from the Forestry and Parks Commission.

ROLL CALL:

YES: (6) Byrns, Lorenson, Orlich, Peterson, Laabs, Siirila

No: (0) None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Lorenson, supported by Orlich to reimburse Watersmeet Township for the months of January, February and March 2019 for their ambulance contract with Aspirus Wausau in the amount of \$10,750.00

ROLL CALL:

YES: (6) Lorenson, Orlich, Peterson, Laabs, Byrns, Siirila

No: (0) None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Peterson, supported by Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to reject the tentative agreement between the County and the POAM sheriff department deputies.

Sheriff Pete Matonich invited all to attend a coffee and cake reception at the department in appreciation of Deputy George Beninghaus this Thursday March 28th from noon to 2 p.m. George will retire following his shift on Thursday after 36 years with the department.

PUBLIC COMMENT (5-minute limit)

Randy Kashish appeared and congratulated Jim Lorenson on his appointment to the Board of Commissioners. He also mentioned he will be traveling to Lansing next week and would appreciate any names the Board could provide him in Special Education with the State Department of Education he could contact while in Lansing.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Orlich, supported by Peterson and carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn to the call of the Chair. The meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

Dan Siirila, Chairman

Gerry R. Pelissero, Clerk