

**GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Regular Meeting**

**May 8, 2019**

**County Courthouse**

**Bessemer, MI 49911**

**5:00 p.m.**

**No Personnel Committee meeting**

**AGENDA**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** (April 24, 2019 regular meeting)

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**COMMITTEE SUMMARY REPORTS:**

1. Dal Pra Educational Award Committee ----- 04/18/19

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Lisa Hewitt, County Treasurer  
(RE: credit card for Heidi DeRosso)
2. Greg Ryskey, Director, Forestry & Parks Commission  
(RE: expiration of term)
3. Tracy Lektzian, UPCAP  
(RE: appoint to State Tax Tribunal)

**OTHER MATTERS:**

**ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES:**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

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**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 (April 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 Lorenson, supported by Bryns 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.

**COMMITTEE SUMMARY REPORTS:**

1. Finance, Budgeting & Auditing Committee ---03/27/2019
2. Personnel & Negotiations Committee -----03/27/2019

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

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Airport Manager Mike Harma  
(RE: FY19 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter appropriation release)

**A motion** was made by Bonovetz, supported by Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to release the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter appropriations as requested.

2. James Loeper, Emergency Management/9-1-1 Coordinator  
(RE: U.P. 9-1-1 Authority appointment)

**A motion** was made by Bonovetz, supported by Peterson and carried by unanimous voice vote to appoint Heidi DeRosso to the U.P. 9-1-1 Authority as the county representative.

3. Pat Mullen, Chair, Duluth Chamber of Commerce Military  
Affairs Committee  
(RE: 148<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing support)

**A motion** was made by Lorenson, supported by Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to adopt a resolution in support of the 148<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing.

**TRIAL BALANCE/CASH BALANCE:**

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

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**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 Peterson, supported by Orlich to pay the claims along with the pre-paids and make them a part of the minutes.

**Roll Call:**

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

**No: (0) None**

**Motion carried.**

**TABLED MATTERS:**

1. 9-1-1 Surcharge resolution

**A motion** was made by Bonovetz, supported by Lorenson and carried by unanimous voice vote to take the item off the table.

Jim Loeper, 9-1-1 Coordinator discussed the reasons for the recommendation by the 9-1-1 Committee to increase the surcharge up to \$1.50 per device. As discussed at the April 10, 2019 meeting AT&T will sometime in the future no longer support or use copper lines in the county which are used now to provide 9-1-1 service communications. Other matters discussed included the road repairs to allow access to the tower in Marenisco Township and providing updated encryption capable law enforcement radios. Loeper answered several questions from the Board.

After the discussion, **a motion** was made by Lorenson, supported by Byrns to set the County 9-1-1 surcharge at \$1.50 per device as presented in the resolution.

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT MONTHLY 9-1-1 SURCHARGE WITHIN GOGEBIC COUNTY**

WHEREAS, under the Emergency 9-1-1 Service Enabling Act (P.A. 379 2008, as amended) the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners approved the final 911 service plan on January 9th, 2002 to benefit the citizens of Gogebic County by providing a uniform and well known emergency telephone number; and

WHEREAS, the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners continues to believe that 911 service will benefit the citizens of Gogebic County; and  
WHEREAS, the State of Michigan enacted Public Act 379 to further support 9-1-1 service in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Public Act 379 allows for the creation of a county-based local 9-1-1 surcharge on all communications service providers that can access 9-1-1 and provides for the collection, disbursement, use, and audit of said funds; and

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WHEREAS, Gogebic County has deemed that a monthly county-based surcharge of \$1.50 be placed on all communications service providers **beginning July 1, 2019** as allowed under Public Act 379 is necessary to defray the costs of being ready to process and of actually processing 9-1-1 calls placed within Gogebic County, and;

WHEREAS, Gogebic County on November 4th, 2014 an election was held within Gogebic County (MCL 484.14701b) (1) & (b) with a vote of yes 3571 and no 1301 and

WHEREAS, Public Act 379 expires December 31st, 2020, the monthly county-based surcharge will remain in effect until that time, or is otherwise changed by county resolution and/or law; and

FURTHER, that pursuant to Public Act 379, the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners has modified the 9-1-1 Plan on July 14th, 2010 to reflect the changes in the 9-1-1 surcharges collected by Gogebic County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the county-based 9-1-1 surcharge on communications devices as permitted under P.A. 379 of 2008.

**Roll Call:**

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

**No: (1) Bonovetz**

**Motion carried.**

**OTHER MATTERS**

Commissioner Peterson wanted to thank the Road Commission employees, staff and new manager for their work during a very tough winter.

Commissioner Bonovetz mentioned that on the WUPPDR Board Gogebic County has four slots available and he is the only representative, and he feels other municipalities could benefit by filling those slots. **A motion** was made by Bonovetz, supported by Byrns and carried by unanimous voice vote to recommend the Chairman appoint Charley Loper, Bessemer City manager to fill one of the slots available to Gogebic County on the WUPPDR Board.

Jim Loeper invited the Board to his retirement party on Friday, April 26, 2019 beginning at 5:00 p.m. at the Pit Stop in Bessemer.

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

Larry Grimsby, Erwin Township Supervisor and member of the 9-1-1 Committee mentioned he was happy with the appointment of Heidi DeRosso as the 9-1-1 Coordinator to replace Jim Loeper.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion** was made by Laabs, supported by Bonovetz and carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn to the call of the chair. The meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

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Dan Siirila, Chairman

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Gerry R. Pelissero, Clerk

# COMMITTEE MEETINGS

## SUMARY REPORT

1. **Dr. Steven Fortunato Dal Pra and Colleen Dal Pra Educational Award Committee, 4/18/19**
  - a. **A motion to approve the 62 recipients for the scholarship process for the 2019/20 academic year as presented by the respective schools.**

A meeting of the Gogebic County Dr. Steven Fortunato Dal Pra and Colleen Dal Pra Educational Award Committee was held on Thursday, April 18, 2019, at 4:30 P.M., Courthouse, Bessemer, Michigan.

Present: Bonovetz, C. Lupino, J. Lupino, Murphy, Oliver

Absent: none

Also Present: Juliane Giackino, Administrator

Chair Bonovetz called the meeting to order at 4:30 P.M.

Mr. J. Lupino indicated that he and C. Lupino reviewed the applications and were pleased on the way the students completed the applications. They were thorough and detailed.

Ms. Murphy indicated that Mr. Tim Kolesar, former Superintendent of Ironwood Area Schools, sat with each individual senior and assisted them on completing the Dal Pra Application. He also explained the scholarship process to them. All but one student filled out the application.

The Administrator indicated that the Wakefield-Marenisco list had the recipients highlighted. That did not come through on the photocopier. She indicated which names should be omitted from the list.

A motion by Mr. Oliver, supported by Mr. J. Lupino to approve the applicants as presented. Yeas 5, Nays 0, Absent 0. Motion carried.

The Alternative school program had 3 scholarships to award, but only 1 had applied. A brief discussion ensued on awarded the extra two elsewhere. The committee members felt they were not going to do that at this point. There was a total of 62 scholarships.

The Administrator also had listed the dates and times of the assemblies under "Other Matters".

The Lupinos' indicated they would be able to present at all of the assemblies/programs.

There were no further "Other Matters".

There were no "Public Comments".

A motion by Ms. Murphy, supported by Mr. Oliver to adjourn. Motion carried.

The Administrator reminded the members that the Treasurer had provided two reports for them to review regarding the trusts.

**Joe Bonovetz, Chairman**  
**Dr. Steven Fortunato Dal Pra & Colleen Dal Pra Educational Award Committee**



LISA HEWITT  
County Treasurer

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PATTY IKOLA  
Chief Deputy  
CARRIE BULL  
Deputy

To: Gogebic County Board of Commissioners

From: Lisa Hewitt

Date: May 3, 2019

RE: Request Credit Card for Heidi DeRosso

Dear Chairman and Gogebic County Commissioners:

I am requesting a credit card for Heidi DeRosso, Emergency Management Coordinator. If approved the credit limit will be \$2,000.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Lisa Hewitt, Treasurer  
Gogebic County





## Gogebic County Forestry and Parks Commission

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Bob Orlich – Vice Chairman  
Paul Grbavcich - Commissioner  
Dan Siirila - Commissioner  
Mark Whitley - Commissioner



Greg Ryskey – Director  
Corey Magdziak – Forester  
Amy Hamel – Administrative Assistant

April 23, 2019


Mr. Gerry Pelissero  
County Clerk  
Courthouse  
Bessemer, MI 49911

Dear Gerry:

Please advise the County Board of Commissioners that the term of Kevin Haustein on the Forestry and Parks Commission will be ending as of June 30, 2019. We request that the Commission proceed with the procedure to advertise and fill the vacancy.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Greg Ryskey  
Director

## Gerry Pelissero

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**From:** Tracy Lektzian <lektziant@upcap.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 19, 2019 10:37 AM  
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**Cc:** Jonathan Mead  
**Subject:** Letter of Recommendation  
**Attachments:** Ltr of Recommendation D Maturen \_ Whitmer.pdf

On behalf of the UP Association of County Commissioners, please find the letter of recommendation for former Representative David Maturen on the appointment to the Tax Tribunal Board.

Sincerely,

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***Tracy Lektzian***

***Office Manager***

**Upper Peninsula Commission for Area Progress (UPCAP)**

**P.O. Box 606**

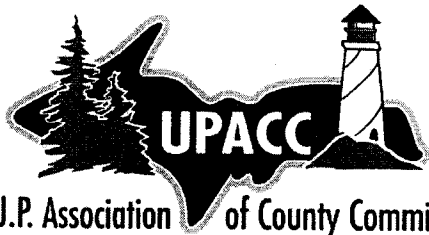
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April 19, 2019

Governor Gretchen Whitmer  
PO Box 30013  
Lansing, MI 48909

Dear Governor Whitmer,

It is our understanding that consideration for appointments to the Tax Tribunal Board are being made at this time for an at-large member. On behalf of the UP Association of County Commissioners, which represents the 15 counties of the Upper Peninsula, we would like to recommend the appointment of David Maturen, former Representative from the 63<sup>rd</sup> District.

Mr. Maturen is an excellent candidate based on his experience with valuation and taxation as a business owner of a Portage-based real estate appraisal firm. He holds a Michigan Certified General Real Estate Appraiser license, a Real Estate Broker license, and the SR/WA designation from the International Right of Way Association. Prior to starting his own business, Dave worked for 13 years for the Property Tax Division of the State Treasury Department and is a former member and officer on the Michigan Board of Real Estate Appraisers and the Appraisal Foundation in Washington D.C.

Furthermore, as a legislator, Mr. Maturen served on Financial Liability Reform (2017-2018), Natural Resources (2017-2018), Tax Policy (2015-2016 and 2017-2018/VC), and Transportation and Infrastructure (2015-2018) Committees.

Based on his vast experience and expertise, along with numerous statewide accolades, we believe appointing David Maturen to the Tax Tribunal would be to the benefit of Michigan residents, small business owners and local government.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Mead  
UPACC Secretary