

GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Minutes

August 28, 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 (August 14, 2019 meeting minutes)

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Peterson, supported by Lorenson and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the agenda as presented along with three recommendations from the Finance committee meeting of earlier today will be added to Other Matters.

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

There were none.

COMMITTEE SUMMARY REPORTS:

1. Finance, Budgeting & Auditing Committee ---07/24/2019
2. Finance, Budgeting & Auditing Committee ---08/13/2019
3. Ambulance Committee -----08/15/2019

A motion was made by Lorenson, supported by Peterson and carried by unanimous voice vote to receive and place on file all three reports and to authorize any County Board member the use of a county email address with the assistance of setup from the IT director. Should any Board member wishing to get one a later date, that too is approved as well.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Patti Hagstrom, GCRC
(RE: ACT 51 report)

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

TRIAL BALANCE/CASH BALANCE:

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

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CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS:

A motion was made by Orlich, supported by Byrns to pay the claims as presented 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.

OTHER MATTERS

1. Set the date for a public hearing on a USDA Rural Development Grant. (Per Sheriff Pete Matonich)

A motion was made by Peterson, supported by Lorenson and carried by unanimous voice vote to set a public hearing for Wednesday September 11, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. to seek public input on a USDA Grant for funding of sheriff department vehicles.

Agenda Additions:

1. General Fund Budget Amendments

A motion was made by Lorenson, supported by Laabs to amend the General Fund FY19 budget by \$132,040.00 to both revenues and expenditures.

REVENUES:

Current Taxes/MOE	101-000-408.00
Increase by \$24,500.00	to \$119,263.00
Commercial Forest Reserve	101-000-429.00
Increase by \$17,500.00	to \$71,200.00
National Forest Reserve	101-000-430.00
Increase by \$16,800.00	to \$599,543.00
Federal Grant Emer Serv Houghton	101-000-508.00
Increase from \$0.00 to	\$ 4,420.00
Sheriff Road Patrol	101-000-581.00
Increase by \$8,300.00	to \$39,425.00
LVD Contribution 2% Funds	101-000-581.01
Increase by \$9,600.00	to \$18,101.00
Circuit Court Services	101-000-608.00
Increase by \$2,250.00	to \$ 9,250.00
Equalization Depart Fees	101-000-613.05
Increase by \$4,700.00	to \$ 8,300.00
Probation Fees	101-000-618.00
Increase by \$6,100.00	to \$19,300.00
Sheriff Sales	101-000-644.00
Increase by \$11,820.00	to \$13,200.00
Jail Day Coll/ DC	101-000-656.01
Increase by \$1,500.00	to \$ 4,500.00
Interest/Fees	101-000-665.00
Increase by \$11,300.00	to \$ 51,700.00

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Other Revenue-CDBG Defederalized Funds **101-000-688.01**
Increase from \$0.00 to \$ 13,250.00
TOTAL: **\$ 132,040.00**

EXPENDITURES:

Elections Printing & Binding **101-262-900.00**
Increase by \$7,000.00 to \$13,000.00
Sheriff Dept Overtime **101-301-713.00**
Increase by \$25,000.00 to \$65,000.00
Snowmobile Law Enforcement Salaried **101-332-702.00**
Increase by \$4,500.00 to \$19,539.00
Emergency Management Supplies **101-426-752.00**
Increase by \$4,422.00 to \$9,722.00
Indigent Fees/Probate Court **101-900-820.03**
Increase by \$45,000.00 to \$110,000.00
Medical Examiners **101-900-843.00**
Increase by \$17,800.00 to \$33,800.00
Insurance & Bonds **101-900-845.00**
Increase by \$12,468.00 to \$82,468.00
North Care Network **101-901-965.02**
Increase by \$7,250.00 to \$24,307.00
Gogebic Co. (MCF) MOE **101-901-965.03**
Increase by \$8,600.00 to \$103,363.00
TOTAL: **\$132,040.00**

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

2. Release of quarterly (April thru June 2019) PA 2 Funds to Northcare Network

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Lorenson and carried by unanimous voice vote to release the PA 2 funds to Northcare Network in the amount of \$8,307.00.

3. Attorney Agreement with Ironwood Township, Ironwood Area Schools and the ISD.

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Byrns to enter into an agreement (pending Corporate Counsel approval) with the Ironwood Township, Ironwood Area Schools and Gogebic Ontonagon ISD to hire the Clark Hill Law firm to work together in seeking the bond proceeds from tax funds not received by each entity. Once Corporate Counsel Nick Jacobs reviews the agreement and gives his approval, the county will proceed.

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Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

Commissioner Bonovetz discussed the MAC conference he recently attended. The County resolution in support of Line 5 was added to the MAC platform and was supported by the Association.

PUBLIC COMMENT (5-minute limit)

Randy Kashish discussed the education of his daughter, or lack thereof, by the ISD. He also asked why the County is working with the Ironwood Area Schools on the tax/bond money issue.

Drain Commissioner Dan Wood gave an update on the MDOC's plans to dismantle the Ojibway Correctional Facility's sewage system. He mentioned that the township has asked that an injunction be placed to stop any dismantling of the facility's sewage system, including the lagoon.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Lorensen, supported by Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn to the call of the chair. The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Dan Siirila, Chairman

Gerry R. Pelissero, Clerk