

GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Minutes

September 25, 2019

County Courthouse

Bessemer, MI 49911

Immediately following the Public Hearing 5:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 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 (September 11, 2019 public hearing and regular meeting minutes)

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Lorenson, supported by Bonovetz and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the agenda along with four 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. Finance, Budgeting & Auditing Committee----08/28/2019
2. Finance, Budgeting & Auditing Committee----09/04/2019
3. Finance, Budgeting & Auditing Committee----09/11/2019
4. Ambulance Committee -----09/19/2019

A motion was made by Lorenson, supported by Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to receive all four reports and place them on file.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Circuit Court Judge Michael Pope
(RE: Jury Board recommendation)

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to appoint Lynn Ormes to the County Jury Board to replace Cheryl Ruppe who resigned effective September 30, 2019. Ms. Ormes will complete the un-expired to December 31, 2020.

2. Equalization Director Kathy Jo Koval
(RE: Winter tax levy)

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Byrns to approve and confirm the county winter tax levy of 2.7233 and authorize the chairman and clerk to sign the State form L-4029. The winter tax levy includes the following millage rates: .1900 for M.O.E., .4000 for the MCF Building & Site, .6000 for Senior Programs, .2000 for Animal Control, .3333 for the County Transit and 1.0000 for the Ambulance Millage.

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Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

3. Emergency Management/911 Coordinator Heidi DeRosso
(RE: EMPG and MOU for Emergency Alert to the public)

A motion was made by Lorenson, supported by Byrns and carried by unanimous voice vote to authorize the chairman to sign the EMPG initial work agreement.

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Peterson and carried by unanimous voice vote to authorize the chairman to sign MOU for emergency alerting to the public.

4. Michigan Association of Counties
(RE: nonpartisan offices)

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

ADOPTION OF FY 2020 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Lorenson to adopt the FY2020 County General Appropriations Act.

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

ADOPTION OF FY 2020 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

A motion was made by Lorenson, supported by Bonovetz to adopt the FY2020 General Fund Budget. Revenues and Expenditures are equal at \$7,100,283.00.

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

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ADOPTION OF FY 2020 SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

A motion was made by Peterson, supported by Byrns to adopt the FY2020 Special Revenue Funds as presented.

REVENUES	BUDGET
Federal Grants	\$ 202,000
Taxes	\$ 0
State Grants	\$ 679,700
Local Contributions	\$1,013,900
Services	\$ 224,100
Interest and Rents	\$ 0
Other	\$ 569,400
TOTAL	\$2,689,100

EXPENDITURES

Judicial	\$ 29,000
Public Safety	\$ 391,200
Health and Welfare	\$1,344,00
Recreation and Culture	\$ 700,000
Capital Outlay	\$ 3,300
Miscellaneous	\$ 80,000
TOTAL	\$2,547,500
Difference	\$ 141,600

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

Public Act 152 Requirement

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Laabs to opt out of Public Act 152 for FY2020.

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

TRIAL BALANCE/CASH BALANCE:

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

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS:

A motion was made by Lorenson, supported by Laabs to pay the claims along with pre-paids as presented and make them apart of the minutes.

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS

Agenda Additions:

1. Great Lakes Recovery Employee Assistance Program

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Lorenson and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve of the program for FY2020.

2. General Fund Budget Amendments FY19

A motion was made by Lorenson, supported by Laabs to amend the FY19 General Fund Budget totaling \$45,600.00 as presented.

REVENUES:

Commercial Forest Reserve	101-000-429.00
Increase by \$ 4,000.00	to \$75,200.00
State Grant Co-Op Reimb	101-000-564.00
Increase by \$11,000.00	to \$49,000.00
State Revenue Sharing	101-000-574.00
Increase by \$ 5,000.00	to \$347,182.00
LVD Contribution 2% Funds	101-000-581.01
Increase by \$ 7,400.00	to \$25,501.00
Circuit Court Costs	101-000-602.00
Increase by \$ 3,000.00	to \$24,500.00
Probation Court Services	101-000-608.01
Increase by \$ 1,100.00	to \$ 5,100.00
Info Tech Services	101-000-614.00
Increase by \$ 1,500.00	to \$16,400.00
Probation Fees	101-000-618.00
Increase by \$ 1,200.00	to \$20,500.00
Cremation Fees	101-000-619.00
Increase by \$ 1,200.00	to \$11,000.00
Jail Day Coll/DC	101-000-656.01
Increase by \$ 1,200.00	to \$ 5,700.00
Interest/Fees	101-000-665.00
Increase by \$ 9,000.00	to \$60,700.00

Amendments TOTAL: \$ 45,600.00

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EXPENDITURES:

Clerk Salaried and Perm Part time	101-215-702.00
Increase by \$6,420.00 to \$158,320.00	
State Remonumentation Contractual	101-245-801.01
Increase by \$13,180.00 to \$ 93,438.00	
98th District Court	101-286-702-00
Increase by \$2,000.00 to \$169,431.00	
Sheriff Dept Supplies	101-301-752.00
Increase by \$12,000.00 to \$35,500.00	
Sheriff Dept Vehicle	101-301-981.00
Increase by \$12,000.00 to \$42,000.00	

Amendments TOTAL: \$ 45,600.00

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

3. Resolution to address collection of payments or refunds on taxes/treasurer's receivables under/over \$3.00

A motion was made by Peterson, supported by Byrns and carried by unanimous voice vote to adopt the resolution as presented.

**RESOLUTION TO ADDRESS THE COLLECTION OF PAYMENTS
OR REFUNDS ON TAXES/TREASURER'S RECEIVABLES UNDER/OVER \$3.00**

WHEREAS, The General Property Tax Act P.A. 206 of 1893 (as amended) requires the Treasurer of Gogebic County to collect Delinquent Real and Personal Property Taxes.

WHEREAS, many taxpayers and Mortgage Companies, etc. pay their taxes and services by personal or bank check via U.S. Postal Service.

WHEREAS, on several occasions, the Treasurer has received checks for an incorrect amount, both deficient and excess of the amount due.

WHEREAS, this has resulted in refund checks totaling less than \$3.00 and/or a request to the taxpayer to submit the balance due, often amounting to less than \$3.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Gogebic County Treasurer will not request a secondary payment due of any tax amounts totaling \$3.00 or less, once the primary payment has been received.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approves the underpayments to be taken from the interest being earned.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Gogebic as follows:

1. That overpayments of taxes totaling \$3.00 or less shall be handled by the Treasurer in accordance with generally accepted regional tax collection practices.

2. The resolution shall take effect on October 1, 2019.
Resolution adopted.

Agenda addition (cont.)

Close out of Delinquent Tax Funds

A motion was made by Lorenson, supported by Bonovetz and carried by unanimous voice vote to close the 2016 Delinquent Tax Fund account and roll the full balance into the Delinquent Tax Fund.

Quarterly Circuit Court Update

Circuit Court Judge Michael Pope gave his quarterly report to the Board. He mentioned that the Federal Grant he applied for to conduct a court study has been approved but has not been finalized. He then presented information via slideshow on the Drug Court. He discussed the goal and the incentives of the drug court and he spoke on the success rate of the program.

PUBLIC COMMENT (5-minute limit)

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Orlich, supported by Bonovetz and carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn to the call of the Chair. The meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

Dan Siirila, Chairman

Gerry R. Pelissero, Clerk