

GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

February 26, 2020

County Courthouse

Bessemer, MI 49911

5:00 p.m.

***** Finance Meeting at 4:30 p.m.**

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (February 12, 2020 meeting minutes)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

COMMITTEE SUMMARY REPORTS:

1. Finance, Budgeting & Auditing Committee -----01/22/2020

COMMUNICATIONS (none received)

TRIAL BALANCE/CASH BALANCE:

GENERAL FUND REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE CONTROL:

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS:

OTHER MATTERS

PUBLIC COMMENT (5-minute limit)

ADJOURNMENT

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5:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Siirila at 5:00 p.m. 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 (January 22, 2020 meeting minutes)

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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(5-minute limit)**

There were none.

COMMITTEE SUMMARY REPORTS:

1. Ambulance Committee -----02/05/2020

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Peterson to extend the ambulance service agreement between the County and Aspirus Wausau Hospital for a two year period with the only change to include a 11% increase, new cost will be \$63,825 in the first year and no increase the second year and to request the County Board come up with a policy to fund a shortage of millage money, should it be necessary.

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Lorenson, supported by Peterson and carried by unanimous voice vote to accept the language in policy regarding providing financial assistance to non-ambulance emergency first responders.

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COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Sheriff Pete Matonich
(RE: 2019 yearly report)

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Lorensen and carried by unanimous voice vote to accept the report as presented.

2. Treasurer Lisa Hewitt
(RE: Strike of Delinquent Personal Property taxes)

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Lorensen and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve \$2,587.39 to be stricken from the 2014 personal property tax rolls and authorize the Chairman to sign the Waiver and Consent Form.

3. Circuit Court Judge Michael Pope
(RE: SJI grant confirmation)

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to amend the County FY20 General Fund budget to show the revenues and expenditures for this grant.

4. Greg Ryskey, County Forestry and Parks Director
(RE: potential land acquisition)

Mr. Ryskey was present at the meeting and discussed the process for the Flannery Forestlands land purchase through the Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund. Members of the Flannery family were present and shared their desire to work with the County through the purchase process.

A motion was made by Lorensen, supported by Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to authorize the Forestry and Parks Commission move forward with Grant application and thank the Flannery Family for their willingness to help the County.

OTHER MATTERS:

1. Joint Resolution (Western Upper Peninsula Manpower Consortium)

A motion by Bonovetz, supported by Lorensen and carried by unanimous voice vote to authorize the Chairman's signature on the resolution.

APPOINTMENTS:

1. Transit Board, one at-large position
(One applicant: David Pawlak)

A motion was made by Peterson, supported by Orlich and carried by unanimous voice vote to appoint David Pawlak to the Transit Board.

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ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES:

County Administrator Juliane Giackino updated the Board on the Medical Examiner issue. Dr. Christanelli has accepted a job in Wisconsin but is still willing to provide his services to the County. New legislation was introduced by Senator McBroom which could change the Mine Inspector requirements and which counties would be required to have a Mine Inspector. Eric Guenard of the MEDC work group contacted her about a potential work session with Board on the EDC funds and staffing.

Commissioner Bonovetz presented a House of Representatives Resolution commemorating the 40th Anniversary of the founding of the Michigan Counties Workers' Compensation Fund. Gogebic County is one out of the 10 charter members.

Commissioner Lorenson would like a possible Personnel and Negotiations Committee meeting setup to discuss the use of Comp time by County employees.

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 5:35 p.m.

Dan Siirila, Chairman

Gerry R. Pelissero, Clerk

A meeting of the Gogebic County Finance, Budgeting, and Auditing Committee was held on Wednesday, January 22, 2020, at 4:30 p.m., Courthouse, Bessemer, Michigan

Present: Orlich, Laabs, Bonovetz, Byrns, Siirila, Lorenson

Absent: Peterson

Also Present: Juliane Giackino, Administrator; Gerry Pelissero, Clerk/Register of Deeds; Linda Dean, Friend of Court; Heidi DeRosso, Emergency Management/ 911 Coordinator; Kathy Jo Koval, Equalization Director; Pete Matonich, Sheriff

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

Claims and accounts were the first item on the agenda.

The Clerk indicated that the credit card bills came in on Tuesday. The Treasurer was out of the office this day and was asking the Board to consider adding the credit card bill to the pre-paid list for this month so there would be no late fees incurred.

Commissioner Lorenson indicated that he had used the county credit card in error but came down to make payment and rectified that issue immediately.

A motion by Mr. Siirila, supported by Mr. Lorenson to pay the claims as presented along with the prepaids and also to pay the credit card bill as a pre-paid this month. Ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was the Friend of the Court with the quarterly report for October, November and December's estimate. Ms. Dean indicated that the bottom line in her year to date balance for 12.31.2019 is in the black by approximately \$2,500.

A motion by Mr. Lorenson, supported by Mr. Siirila to receive and place on file the quarterly report from the Friend of the Court for October, November and December of 2019. Ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was the Treasurer regarding a credit card for Sergeant Jackovich.

The County Treasurer was requesting the County Board's approval for Sergeant Trevor Jackovich who replaced Jay Kangas as Jail Administrator.

A motion by Mr. Siirila, supported by Mr. Orlich to approve the credit card for Sergeant Jackovich in the amount of \$2,000. Ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1. Motion carried.

Under "Other Matters", the Administrator indicated that the USEDA Grant needs discussion. The four items as listed in the Strategic Plan need to be prioritized. This needs to be done before the State will submit an offer letter to the County regarding the grant.

Commissioner Lorenson indicated that the plan has not yet been made a public document and therefore did not feel comfortable discussing in an open meeting. The other committee members agreed.

Several of the committee members felt that they were not part of the planning process and would like to have discussions in the near future from the steering committee and some of them felt that they were the ones that should be prioritizing these four items that came out of the strategic plan.

No action was taken at this time.

There were no further Updates on Agency/Committee or Board appointments.

There were no further "Other Matters".

There were no "Public Comments".

A motion by Mr. Byrns, supported by Mr. Lorenson to adjourn at 4:40 p.m. Motion carried.

**Joe Bonovetz, Vice Chairman
Finance, Budgeting & Auditing Committee**