

GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

November 13, 2019

County Courthouse

Bessemer, MI 49911

5:00 p.m.

***** Personnel Meeting at 3:45 p.m. *****

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (October 23, 2019 meeting minutes)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Robert Brown, City of Wakefield Manager
(RE: Adoption city resolution 266)
2. Gogebic County Fair Board Chairman Jim Lorenson
(RE: release of FY20 County Appropriation)

OTHER MATTERS:

ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES:

PUBLIC COMMENT (5-minute limit)

ADJOURNMENT

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 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 (October 9, 2019 meeting minutes)

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the agenda as presented along with one addition to communications.

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(5-minute limit)**

There were none.

COMMITTEE SUMMARY REPORTS:

1. Finance, Budgeting & Auditing Committee ----09/25/2019
2. Dal Pra Educational Award Committee-----10/07/2019

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. Kathy Jo Koval, Equalization Director
(RE: 2019 Apportionment)

Ms. Koval presented the 2019 Apportionment report to the Board. The report showed the apportionment of taxes per municipality. The total taxable value is \$538,083,071.00. **A motion** was made by Bonovetz, supported by Peterson and carried by unanimous voice vote to adopt the 2019 apportionment plan resolution as presented and authorize the Chairman and Clerk to sign the resolution.

2. Mike Harma, Airport Manager
(RE: release of FY20 1st and 2nd Quarter Appropriations)

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to release the First and Second Quarter appropriations.

3. Mike Harma, Airport Manager
(RE: MDOT contract No. 2019-1040)

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Lorenson and carried by unanimous voice vote to adopt the resolution for contract No. 2019-1040 and authorize the Chairman's signature on the contract.

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4. Gerry Pelissero, County Clerk-Register
(RE: Second meeting of December date)

A motion was made by Peterson, supported by Byrns and carried by unanimous voice vote to set the second meeting on December 26 at 2:00 p.m. and the Finance meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m.

5. James Lorenson, Fair Chairperson
(RE: advertising for Board positions)

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Orlich and carried by unanimous voice vote to advertise for the upcoming terms on the Fair Board.

Agenda Addition:

6. Tom Cremonte, Senior Risk Control, MMRMA
(RE: Jail Operations)

A motion was made by Lorenson, supported by Bonovetz and carried by unanimous voice vote to send a letter of commendation to Sheriff Matonich, Jail Administrator Jay Kangas and the corrections officers for being named as one of the best jails in Michigan. MMRMA and MDOC recently visited the jail as a project to identify operational and facility concerns in county jails.

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.

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS:

A motion was made by Laabs, supported by Lorenson to pay the claims as presented including the Verizon bill for \$1,433.43 along with the pre-paids and make them a part of the minutes.

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

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OTHER MATTERS

There was none.

PUBLIC COMMENT (5-minute limit)

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Orlich, supported by Lorenson 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



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October 28, 2019

Juliane Giackino , County Administrator

Gogebic County

200 N. Moore Street

Bessemer, MI 49911

Greetings,

On October 14, 2019, the City Council, of the City of Wakefield, adopted Resolution 266. The Resolution exempted certain property owned by Forward Wakefield Development Corporate from Ad Valorem taxation for economic purpose. Before acting on Resolution 266, and in accordance with the General Property Tax Act 206 of 1893, Section 211.7tt(4), the City Clerk, the City Assessor, and the legislative body of each taxing unit, was notified in writing on September 26, 2019.

A Public Hearing was held on October 14, 2019. No representatives from affected legislative bodies were present, and the City Clerk did not receive any written declarations of support or opposition on the proposed Resolution from affected legislative bodies.

Per the General Property Tax Act 206 of 1893, Section 211.7tt(4), the City hereby provides a copy of Resolution 266, as adopted by the City Council, to all affected taxing units. The Resolution is not effective unless approved within 60 days after receipt by the State Tax Commission.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

Warmest regards,

Robert. A. Brown Jr.

City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 266

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WAKEFIELD,
MICHIGAN EXEMPTING CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY FORWARD
WAKEFIELD DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FROM AD VALOREM TAXATION
FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES.**

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Council Member Tarro and supported by Council Member Anderosn.

- WHEREAS,** The General Property Tax Act 206 of 1893 is the primary but not exclusive source of statutory law concerning property taxation; and
- WHEREAS,** Michigan Compiled Law (MCL) 211.7 et seq addresses Taxation of Real and Personal Property, including Real Estate Exemptions for non-profit corporations; and
- WHEREAS,** Forward Wakefield Development Corporation is a recognized 501(c)3 tax exempt organization as defined by the Internal Revenue Service; and
- WHEREAS,** Forward Wakefield Development Corporation is focused on economic development; and
- WHEREAS,** MCL 211.7tt allows a local tax collecting unit the ability to exempt from the collection of taxes under this act specifically identified as real or personal property owned by an economical development group; and
- WHEREAS,** Forward Wakefield Development Corporation owns real property at 500 Lakeshore Drive, Wakefield, MI 49968 with assigned Parcel Identification number 53-18-001-600; and
- WHEREAS,** Forward Wakefield Development Corporation requests a real property tax exemption for a period of three (3) years; and
- WHEREAS,** Forward Wakefield Development Corporation is an economic development group as defined by MCL 211.7(8); and
- WHEREAS,** Forward Wakefield Development Corporation has submitted a development plan; and
- WHEREAS,** The governing body of the City of Wakefield, after conducting a public hearing as provided by law, has determined that the property owned by Forward Wakefield Development Corporation should be granted tax exemption for economic development purposes.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Wakefield, Michigan:

Section 1. Grant of Exemption: In accordance with MCL 211.7 et seq and by this Resolution, the real property described in *Attachment A* to the Resolution is hereby exempted from ad valorem taxations for a term of three (3) calendar years, commencing December 31 immediately succeeding the adoption of this resolution and approval by the State Tax Commission and shall continue in effect until December 30, 2022.

Section 2. Acquired Notice of Change in Use or Transfer of Ownership. Forward Wakefield Development Corporation shall notify the City of Wakefield in writing within 30 days after any substantive change in the use of the property exempted pursuant to this Resolution, or any change in ownership of the property.

Section 3. Copies of Documents. A copy of this Resolution, and copies of other proofs of compliance with requirements of 211.7 et seq shall be provided to the owner of the property and Gogebic County.

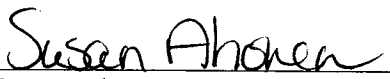
Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and signature as provided by law.

AYES: Council Members- Anderson, Tarro, Granato, Wiita, and White
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

This resolution declared adopted this 14 day of October, 2019.

State of Michigan)
)
County of Gogebic)

I, Susan Ahonen, City Clerk of the City of Wakefield, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 266 was duly adopted by the Wakefield City Council at a type of meeting held in the Wakefield Municipal Building in the City of Wakefield, Michigan on the 14 day of October, 2019, and that the meeting to approve this resolution was held in compliance with all applicable City Ordinances and regulations.



Susan Ahonen, City Clerk



GOGEBIC COUNTY FAIR

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November 5, 2019

Gerry Pelissero
Gogebic County Clerk
200 N. Moore St.
Bessemer, MI 49911

Dear Mr. Pelissero:

Please consider this our request to have the county appropriation of \$17,500 for the 2020 fiscal year transferred to our account per a motion passed at the November 4, 2019 Gogebic County Fair Board meeting.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,



James A. Lorensen
Chairperson