

**GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Regular Meeting**

**October 23, 2019**

**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** (October 9, 2019 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 ----09/25/2019
2. Dal Pra Educational Award Committee-----10/07/2019

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Kathy Jo Koval, Equalization Director  
(RE: 2019 Apportionment)
2. Mike Harma, Airport Manager  
(RE: release of FY20 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Appropriations)
3. Mike Harma, Airport Manager  
(RE: MDOT contract No. 2019-1040)
4. Gerry Pelissero, County Clerk-Register  
(RE: Second meeting of December date)
5. James Lorensen, Fair Chairperson  
(RE: advertising for Board positions)

**TRIAL BALANCE/CASH BALANCE:**

**GENERAL FUND REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE CONTROL:**

**CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS:**

**OTHER MATTERS**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

**GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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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: (4) Bryns, Laabs, Orlich, Siirila**

**Absent: (3) Bonovetz, Lorensen, Peterson**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** (General Fund Public Hearing and September 25, 2019 regular meeting minutes)

**A motion** was made by Laabs, supported by Bryns 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 along with two additions to Other Matters.

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

There were none.

**APPEARANCES:**

1. MAC Executive Director Steve Currie  
Director Currie discussed the State budget, the vetoed programs by Governor Whitmer and how they could impact Counties. Over \$1 billion in budget cuts were made by the Governor. Negotiations are planned for the coming weeks to reallocate funds to PILT, Jail Reimbursements to Counties and Secondary Road Patrol programs. Currie spoke on the legislative issues that will be coming up in next legislative session. MAC will work to see the appropriation grant of \$971,000 for Gogebic County is restored, these funds were a remedy to the MI Works Manpower pension issue. Currie answered a few questions from the Board.

2. Rich Rossway, Director of Constituent Services  
For 110th State Representative Greg Markkanen  
Mr. Rossway discussed the budget cuts and vetoes by the Governor and talked about the pension issue that Rep Markkanen has been working since he took office 10 months ago; they hope to get these funds reintroduced in a supplemental budget. Markkanen continues to work to repurpose the Ojibway Correctional Facility in Marenisco Township. Rossway suggested a Board resolution to the Governor requesting the pension grant funds be restored.

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**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Paul Anderson, Coleman Engineering  
(RE: Iron Belle Trail local match resolution)

Mr. Anderson appeared at the meeting to discuss any questions on the resolution. Chairman Siirila mentioned he discussed the resolution earlier today with Corporate Counsel Nick Jacobs. Siirila said Jacobs didn't see any issues with adopting the resolution. **A motion** was made by Laabs, supported by Byrns and carried by unanimous voice vote to adopt the resolution as presented.

2. Jonathon Mead, President & CEO UPCAP  
(RE: Governor Veto of entire 298 section of DHHS budget)

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

3. Susan Ahonen, City of Wakefield Clerk  
(RE: Public Hearing notice)

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

**OTHER MATTERS:**

Agenda Additions:

1. Greg Ryskey, Forestry and Parks Director  
(RE: recommendation of appointee)

**A motion** was made by Orlich, supported by Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to appoint John Matonich to the un-expired term on the Forestry and Parks Commission. The term will expire June 30, 2022.

2. Four-Year Terms for County Commissioners

**A motion** was made by Byrns, supported by Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to adopt the resolution as presented in support of four-year County Commissioner terms of office.

**ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES:**

Juliane Giackino updated the Board on the Employee Assistance Program usage in past years. She mentioned the MEDC and EDA Federal program for economic growth in the County and informed the Board that Gogebic Community College is working on a Workforce Development program.

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**A motion** was made by Laabs, supported by Byrns and carried by unanimous voice vote to send a letter or resolution to Governor Whitmer requesting the grant funds to the County be restored.

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

There was none.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion** was made by Orlich, supported by Byrns and carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn to the call of the Chair. The meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

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Dan Siirila, Chairman

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Gerry R. Pelissero, Clerk

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

### SUMMARY REPORT

1. Finance, Budgeting & Auditing Committee, 9/25/19

No recommendations

2. Dr. Steven Fortunato Dal Pra & Colleen Dal Pra Educational Award  
Committee, 10/7/19

No Recommendations

A meeting of the Gogebic County Finance, Budgeting, and Auditing Committee was held on Wednesday, September 25, 2019 at 4:30 p.m., Courthouse, Bessemer, Michigan.

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

Absent: none

Also Present: Juliane Giackino, Administrator; Lisa Hewitt, Treasurer; Kathy Jo Koval, Equalization Director; Brandon Tauer, IT/Courthouse Security; Jill Kahila, District Court Probation Officer; Pete Matonich, Sheriff; Heidi DeRosso, Emergency Management/911 Coordinator; Andrew Westeen Assistant Emergency Management/911 Coordinator; Linda Dean, Friend of the Court; Mary Ahnen, District Court Magistrate

Chairman Peterson called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Claims and accounts were the first item on the agenda.

A motion by Mr. Lorenson, supported by Mr. Byrns to recommend to the Board to pay the claims as presented along with the prepaids. Ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was from Great Lakes Recovery Centers regarding the Employee Assistance Program renewal. The Administrator stated that this is the program that the employees currently have. It is at the same rate. She also indicated that she reached out to the Lac View Desert Tribal services for a quote and did not receive anything back at this point in time.

A motion by Mr. Lorenson, supported by Mr. Byrns to recommend to the Board to approve the renewal of the Employee Assistance Program with Great Lakes Recovery Centers for the program beginning October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020. Ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was the Clerk regarding budget amendments.

Clerk Pelissero indicated there were several budget amendments that needed attention per the auditor's recommendations. The amendments totaled \$45,600.

A motion by Mr. Bonovetz, supported by Mr. Siirila to approve the budget amendments as presented in the total amount of \$45,600 in both revenues and expenditures. Ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was a resolution from the County Treasurer regarding the collection of payments or refunds on taxes and/or Treasurer's receivables under or over \$3.00.

The Treasurer indicated that she will not request a secondary payment due of any tax amounts totaling \$3.00 or less once the primary payment has been received. This was changed from prior.

A motion by Mr. Byrns, supported by Bonovetz to recommend to the board to approve the resolution to address the collection of payments or refunds on taxes and/or Treasurer's receivables under or over \$3.00. Ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0. Motion carried.

Under "Other Matters", Commissioner Bonovetz indicated that he would like to see in the budget, the amount that the Health Department was decreased by for the next fiscal year returned to the budget. He indicated that he felt that with the lawsuit pending on the Michigan Works issue that he felt it would be more appropriate to work with those other counties. The amount was \$956.

A motion by Mr. Bonovetz, supported by Mr. Lorensen to recommend to the Board to replace the funding to Western U.P. District Health for fiscal year 2019-2020 in the amount of \$956. The revenues would have to be increased as well. Ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bonovetz also stated that the Michigan Works monies in the amount of \$971,000 is currently in the State budget pending the approval of the Governor.

The Administrator stated that she had a received a call from Senator McBroom to that effect last week.

Also, under "Other Matters", Treasurer Hewitt spoke to the closing of the 2016 DTRF and rolling that balance forward into the DTRF.

A motion by Mr. Bonovetz, supported by Mr. Laabs to close the 2016 DTRF and roll that into the DTRF. Ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bonovetz extended a good job out to the Administrator and the other department heads for making the budget process run so smoothly.

The Administrator indicated that all the other department heads were very cooperative and easy to work with on the budget process.

There were no further "Other Matters".

There were no "Public Comments".

A motion by Mr. Lorensen, supported by Mr. Orlich to adjourn. Motion carried.

**George Peterson III, Chairman  
Finance, Budget, and Auditing Committee**

A meeting of the Gogebic County Dr. Steven Fortunato Dal Pra & Colleen Dal Pra Educational Award Committee was held on Monday, October 7, 2019, at 4:30 P.M., Courthouse, Bessemer, Michigan.

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Juliane Giackino, Administrator; Lisa Hewitt, Treasurer; Mike Spalding, Woodtrust Asset Management; Laura Kuhnert, Woodtrust Asset Management

Chair Bonovetz called the meeting to order at 4:37 P.M.

The first item on the agenda was the representatives from Woodtrust Asset Management regarding the review of the two trusts.

Mr. Spalding began by distributing an informational packet regarding the education trust which included the Financial Market Review, Relationship Review and the Institutional Manager Program. Within those categories, Mr. Spalding gave some detail to the investment themes, the bond market review, asset class return projections and the importance of diversification within the portfolio. Mr. Spalding touched briefly on the asset allocation summary, and the historical cash flow summary.

A short question and answer period ensued.

It was the consensus that the trusts are doing well, and the committee is handling the trusts conservatively.

The Woodtrust Representatives had several documents that needed the signatures of Ms. Lupino and the County Treasurer.

The next item on the agenda was the Treasurer's update as of September 30, 2019. The number were the same as that of Woodtrust.

The Administrator indicated under "Other Matters" there was an incident whereby the recipient's check was cashed by a parent and spent elsewhere.

A brief discussion took place.

The members felt that there is not anything they could do other than hope that it does not happen in the future.

There were no further "Other Matters".

There were no "Public Comments".

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

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





GOGEBIC COUNTY

**EQUALIZATION DEPARTMENT**

Director: Kathy Jo Koval      Deputy: Tina Marie Romosz

October 7, 2019

Gogebic County Clerk

ATT: Gerry Pelissero

RE: 2019 Apportionment

Dear Gerry,

Please include Equalization on the agenda for the October 23rd meeting so we can confirm and approve the Gogebic County Apportionment for 2019.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathy Jo Koval". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kathy Jo Koval

Equalization

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October 15, 2019

Gogebic County Board of Commissioners  
Gogebic County Courthouse  
200 N. Moore St.  
Bessemer, MI 49911

Board of Commissioners:

On behalf of the Gogebic-Iron County Airport Board, I am requesting the FY2020 first and second quarter appropriations be transferred to the Airport Capital Outlay Fund and Airport Operating Fund.

Thank you for your continued support of the Gogebic-Iron County Airport.

Sincerely,

Mike Harma  
Airport Manager -IWD

Gogebic-Iron County Airport Board

Joe Bonovetz, Chairman • Pat Hanson • Brandon Snyder • Tom Laabs • James Lorenson

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October 15, 2019

Mr. Gerry Pelissero, Clerk  
Gogebic County Courthouse  
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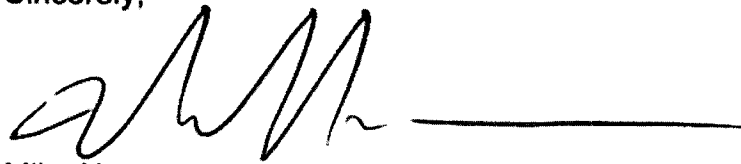
Dear Mr. Pelissero:

The Gogebic-Iron County Airport is requesting approval of this contract by the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners at their October 23, 2019 meeting.

Enclosed please find the following:

- Two (2) copies of Michigan Department of Transportation Contract No. 2019-1040 between the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners (SPONSOR) for the purpose of fixing the rights and obligations of the parties to Rehabilitate Runway 9/27 (6,501' x 100') and Reconstruct Runway Lighting HIRL 9/27 Including RWY 9 Reils, Windcone & Segmented Circle – Construction.
- A Resolution for the above-mentioned contract to be adopted and a Certificate to be completed by the County Clerk.

Sincerely,



Mike Harma  
Airport Manager –IWD

Gogebic–Iron County Airport Board

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EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS,  
AT GOGEBIC COUNTY, MICHIGAN, HELD ON \_\_\_\_\_.

The following resolution was introduced, read in full, considered and adopted:

### **RESOLUTION**

RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (MDOT) FOR THE PURPOSE OF FIXING THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES AT THE GOGEBIC-IRON COUNTY AIRPORT, UNDER CONTRACT NO. 2019-1040.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: REHABILITATE RUNWAY 9/27 (6,501' x 100') AND RECONSTRUCT RUNWAY LIGHTING HIRL 9/27 INCLUDING RWY 9 REILS, WINDCONE & SEGMENTED CIRCLE – CONSTRUCTION FOR MDOT CONTRACT NO. 2019-1040 AND FEDERAL PROJECT NO. E-26-0050-3019.

BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Board of Commissioners, Gogebic County, Michigan:

Section I.                               That the County of Gogebic, Michigan, shall enter into a contract between the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners for the Rehabilitation of Runway 9/27 and Runway Lighting Reconstruction and such contract shall be set forth herein below;

Section II.                               That the Chairman of the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners, Mr. Siirila, is hereby authorized and directed to execute said contract in two (2) copies on behalf of the County of Gogebic, Michigan, and that Gerry Pelissero, the Clerk of the County of Gogebic, Michigan, is hereby authorized and directed to impress the official seal and to attest to said execution;

Section III.                               That the contract referred to herein below shall be as follows:

**OFFICE OF COUNTY CLERK-REGISTER  
COUNTY OF GOGEBIC**

200 NORTH MOORE STREET  
BESSEMER, MICHIGAN 49911  
CLERK (906) 663-4518  
REGISTER OF DEEDS (906) 667-0381  
FAX (906) 663-4660  
e-mail: [gpelissero@gogebiccountymi.gov](mailto:gpelissero@gogebiccountymi.gov)

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**GERRY R. PELISSERO**

County Clerk-Register of Deeds

**CHIEF DEPUTY**

Donna M. Frello

October 14, 2019

Board Chairman Dan Siirila  
200 N. Moore St.  
Bessemer, MI 49911

RE: Second meeting in December


Dear Chairman,

As we look at the meeting schedule for December, the Board's second meeting of the month is set for Wednesday December 25<sup>th</sup>. With the Christmas holiday you will need to move the meeting.

I'm suggesting Thursday December 26<sup>th</sup> at the regular time. This would allow for two working days after the meeting to allow for the bills to be processed and to close out the calendar year.

We can discuss the options at the October 23, 2019 meeting.

Sincerely,

  
Gerry R. Pelissero  
Gogebic County Clerk



# GOGEBIC COUNTY FAIR

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October 15, 2019



Gogebic County Board of Commissioners  
200 N. Moore St.  
Bessemer, MI 49911

Gentlemen:

The Gogebic County Fair Board currently has one open at-large position and another at-large position that will become open effective December 1, 2019. Each are three-year terms and would end December 1, 2022.

We are requesting your approval to fill these two positions and advertise for applicants for same.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James A. Lorensen".

James A. Lorensen  
Chairperson