

GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2019

County Courthouse

Bessemer, MI 49911

Immediately following the Public Hearing

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Siirila called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence of observed to remember 9-1-1 and for the loss of Paul Grbavcich a member of the Forestry and Parks Commission who recently passed away.

ROLL CALL:

**Present: (7) Bonovetz, Bryns, Laabs, Lorenson
Orlich, Peterson, Siirila**

Absent: (0) None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (August 28, 2019 meeting minutes)

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Lorenson 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 as presented along with two additions to Other Matters; to set the General Fund FY20 budget public hearing and to add the letter from Judge Anna Talaska and Michael Pope regarding mental health services in the County.

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

There were none.

APPEARANCES:

1. Heidi DeRosso, Emergency Management/9-1-1 Coordinator
(RE: EMPG Agreement)

Heidi DeRosso requested the Board's approval of the EMPG agreement. The grant totals \$23,855.00. **A motion** was made by Peterson, supported by Lorenson and carried by unanimous voice vote to authorize the Chairman's signature on the grant agreement.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. John Frello, Veterans Service Officer
(RE: FY20 County Veterans Service Fund Grant)

Mr. Frello discussed the grant program and what the grant will provide for the veterans. If awarded the grant funds would be used for advertising the veterans office service, to provide better outreach to vets and support peacetime veterans, who are not covered currently through the office. Frello will keep the Board updated as the process continues. The deadline to apply is November 1, 2019.

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2. Greg Ryskey, Forestry and Parks Director
(RE: F & P Commission vacancy)

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to advertise for the vacancy.

3. Scottie Barton, Governor's Director of Constituent Services
(RE: Line Five Resolution)
4. Governor Gretchen Whitmer
(RE: FY20 State Budget)

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Peterson and carried by unanimous voice vote to receive and place on file communications three and four.

5. Rudy Grbavcich, Brownfield Redevelopment Authority
(RE: request to set a public hearing)

A motion was made by Laabs, supported by Lorenson and carried by unanimous voice vote to allow the Gogebic County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority to hold the required public hearing for a property at 508 S Moore St. Bessemer.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Marquette County
(RE: non-partisan County Commissioner issues)

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

OTHER MATTERS:

Agenda Additions:

1. **A motion** was made by Lorenson, supported by Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to set the General Fund FY20 Budget public hearing for September 25, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Judge Talaska and Judge Pope letter regarding mental health Services in the County. Judge Talaska briefly spoke on the letter.

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

Chairman Siirila mentioned that the County received a check from the LVD tribe in Watersmeet as part of their 2% monies. **A motion** was made by Lorenson, supported by Bonovetz and carried by unanimous voice vote to send a letter of thanks to the LVD tribal Chairman.

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ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES:

Administrator Juliane Giackino discussed the Michigan Works pension issue, MAC Workers Compensation grant for the county, which was denied because our request didn't meet the requirements. She also spoke briefly on the Medical Examiner issue.

A motion was made by Lorenson, supported by Laabs to allow Sheriff Matonich to move forward with the grant process through the USDA Rural Development for department vehicles.

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

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.

Dan Siirila, Chairman

Gerry R. Pelissero, Clerk