

GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

April 10, 2019

***** No Personnel Committee meeting *****

County Courthouse

Bessemer, MI 49911

5:00 p.m.

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (March 27, 2019 meeting minutes)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COUNTY BOARD ON AGENDA ITEMS

(5-minute limit)

COMMITTEE SUMMARY REPORTS:

1. Personnel & Negotiations Committee ----04/03/2019

APPEARANCES:

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Jim Loeper, 9-1-1 Coordinator
(RE: Annual surcharge)

OTHER MATTERS:

Treasurer Lisa Hewitt

RE: Ironwood Township funds owed to County

ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES:

PUBLIC COMMENT (5-minute limit)

ADJOURNMENT

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. by Chairman Siirila. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken.

ROLL CALL:

**Present: (6) Bryns, Laabs, Lorensen
Orlich, Peterson, Siirila**

Absent: (1) Bonovetz

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (March 13, 2019 regular meeting)

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Lorensen, supported by Peterson to approve the agenda as presented along with the following additions:

An appearance by Circuit Court Judge Michael Pope, and recommendations from the Personnel and Negotiations Committee and Finance Budgeting & Auditing Committee meetings 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 -----02/27/2019
2. Finance, Budgeting & Auditing Committee -----03/13/2019

A motion was made by Peterson, supported by Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to receive and place on file reports one and two.

3. Personnel & Negotiations Committee -----03/13/2019

A motion was made by Peterson, supported by Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to appoint Robert Lynn, Kenneth Wegmeyer, Margaret Rayner and Donald Pezzetti to the Community Mental Health Board.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Excel Energy
(RE: Hydroelectric Projects questionnaire)

A motion was made by Lorensen, supported by Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to receive the communication and place it on file and refer the questionnaire to the Forestry and Parks Commission to complete the survey if they wish.

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RESOLUTIONS:

1. Ontonagon County
(RE: Support of HB 4227 Creation of Committee on Michigan's Mining Future)

A motion was made by Orlich, supported by Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to adopt a similar resolution in support of HB 4227.

TRIAL BALANCE/CASH BALANCE:

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

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS:

A motion was made by Peterson, supported by Lorenson to pay the claims as presented along with the pre-pays and make them a part of the minutes.

ROLL CALL:

YES: (6) Laabs, Byrns, Lorenson, Orlich, Peterson, Siirila

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS

Agenda Additions:

Circuit Court Judge Michael Pope made a presentation on the relocation of the Probate Court and the Michigan Probation and Parole offices. The move also included renovations in the former Probate Courtroom that will now house John Begalle and Jill Kahilla. Judge Pope discussed that he and Circuit Court Sue Mitchem completed an educational program provided by the Michigan Supreme Court.

Personnel & Negotiations Committee Recommendations:

A motion was made by Peterson, supported by Lorenson and carried by five yeas - one nay vote to hire Heidi DeRosso as the County Emergency Management Coordinator upon the retirement of Jim Loeper.

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A motion was made by Lorenson, supported by Laabs to amend the Ambulance Service Budget to reflect the payments that are due to Beacon Ambulance. The additional funds will come from the Forestry and Parks Commission.

ROLL CALL:

YES: (6) Byrns, Lorenson, Orlich, Peterson, Laabs, Siirila

No: (0) None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Lorenson, supported by Orlich to reimburse Watersmeet Township for the months of January, February and March 2019 for their ambulance contract with Aspirus Wausau in the amount of \$10,750.00

ROLL CALL:

YES: (6) Lorenson, Orlich, Peterson, Laabs, Byrns, Siirila

No: (0) None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Peterson, supported by Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to reject the tentative agreement between the County and the POAM sheriff department deputies.

Sheriff Pete Matonich invited all to attend a coffee and cake reception at the department in appreciation of Deputy George Beninghaus this Thursday March 28th from noon to 2 p.m. George will retire following his shift on Thursday after 36 years with the department.

PUBLIC COMMENT (5-minute limit)

Randy Kashish appeared and congratulated Jim Lorenson on his appointment to the Board of Commissioners. He also mentioned he will be traveling to Lansing next week and would appreciate any names the Board could provide him in Special Education with the State Department of Education he could contact while in Lansing.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Orlich, supported by Peterson and carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn to the call of the Chair. The meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

Dan Siirila, Chairman

Gerry R. Pelissero, Clerk

Committee Meeting Summary Report

- 1. Personnel & Negotiations Committee/Committee of the Whole
- April 3, 2019*

A motion by Lorensen supported by Peterson to recommend to the full board to approve the POAM contract changes as presented including a 3-year contract.

A meeting of the Gogebic County Personnel & Negotiations Committee/Committee of the Whole was held on Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at 11:00 a.m., Courthouse Bessemer MI

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

Absent: Orlich

Also Present: Amanda Parker, Confidential Secretary; Jorge Cruz, Deputy

Chairman Siirila called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

The first item on the agenda was the Chairman regarding the POAM contract.

A motion by Laabs supported by Bonovetz to move into closed session at 11:01 for the purpose of discussing the POAM contract.

Roll call vote requested.

Ayes: Lorenson, Laabs, Bonovetz, Peterson, Byrns, Siirila

Absent: Orlich

Nays: none

Motion carried.

A motion by Lorenson supported by Bonovetz to move back into open session at 11:37 am.

Roll call vote requested.

Ayes: Lorenson, Laabs, Bonovetz, Peterson, Byrns, Siirila

Absent: Orlich

Nays: none

Motion carried.

A motion by Lorenson supported by Peterson to recommend to the full board to approve the POAM contract changes as presented including a 3-year contract.

Roll call vote requested.

Ayes: Lorenson, Laabs, Bonovetz, Peterson, Byrns, Siirila

Absent: Orlich

Nays: none

Motion carried.

Bonovetz indicated he would like to see on paper what the changes in the contract will cost the county over the length of the contract. Laabs agreed.

Peterson questioned how much it would save the county to increase the employee health insurance contribution to 20% from 10%.

Lorenson asked what the average percentage increase would be for the changes in the contract.

The Confidential Secretary stated she would prepare that information and would have it to them before the next full board meeting.

There were no further "Other Matters".

There were no "Public Comments".

A motion by Lorenson supported by Bonovetz to adjourn. Motion carried.

Dan Siirila, Chairman
Personnel & Negotiations Committee/Committee of the Whole



GOGEBIC COUNTY

EQUALIZATION DEPARTMENT

Director: Kathy Jo Koval Deputy: Tina Marie Romosz

March 29, 2019

Mr. Gerry Pelissero

County Clerk

RE: 2018 Equalization

Dear Mr. Pelissero:

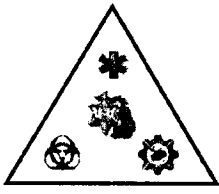
Kindly include Equalization on the agenda for the April 10, 2019 County Board of Commissioner's meeting.

We will be confirming the 2019 County Equalized Value and the State Equalized Value.

Thank you.

Kathy Jo Koval

Director - MAAO



For Emergency
Call 911

Gogebic County Emergency Management/911
James Loeper
100 West Iron Street
Bessemer, Michigan 49911
Phone: 906.667.1118
Fax: 906.663.4090

MEMO

TO: Gerry Pelissero
FROM: James Loeper, Emergency Management/911 Coordinator
DATE: April 3, 2019
Re: County Board Meeting

Gerry,

I am requesting to be put on the agenda for the April 10, 2019 County Board meeting regarding the 911 surcharge.

Thank You!

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT MONTHLY 9-1-1 SURCHARGE WITHIN GOGEBIC COUNTY

WHEREAS, under the Emergency 9-1-1 Service Enabling Act (P.A. 379 2008, as amended) the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners approved the final 911 service plan on January 9th, 2002 to benefit the citizens of Gogebic County by providing a uniform and well known emergency telephone number; and

WHEREAS, the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners continues to believe that 911 service will benefit the citizens of Gogebic County; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan enacted Public Act 379 to further support 9-1-1 service in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Public Act 379 allows for the creation of a county-based local 9-1-1 surcharge on all communications service providers that can access 9-1-1 and provides for the collection, disbursement, use, and audit of said funds; and

WHEREAS, Gogebic County has deemed that a monthly county-based surcharge of \$1.50 be placed on all communications service providers **beginning July 1, 2019** as allowed under Public Act 379 is necessary to defray the costs of being ready to process and of actually processing 9-1-1 calls placed within Gogebic County, and;

WHEREAS, Gogebic County on November 4th, 2014 an election was held within Gogebic County (MCL 484.14701b) (1) & (b) with a vote of yes 3571 and no 1301 and

WHEREAS, Public Act 379 expires December 31st, 2020, the monthly county-based surcharge will remain in effect until that time, or is otherwise changed by county resolution and/or law; and

FURTHER, that pursuant to Public Act 379, the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners has modified the 9-1-1 Plan on July 14th, 2010 to reflect the changes in the 9-1-1 surcharges collected by Gogebic County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the county-based 9-1-1 surcharge on communications devices as permitted under P.A. 379 of 2008.

STATE OF MICHIGAN

(County of Gogebic)

I, Gerry Pelissero, Clerk of the County of Gogebic, and of the County Board of Commissioners, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the resolution adopted by the Board at its regular meeting on April 10, 2019.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the County Of Gogebic this 10th day of April 2019 at Bessemer, Michigan

Clerk, Gerry Pelissero