

GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Public Hearing
April 22, 2020
County Courthouse
Bessemer, MI 49911
5:00 P.M.

COUNTY OF GOGEBIC

PUBLIC HEARING

The Gogebic County Board of Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing On Wednesday, April 22, 2019 at 5:00 P.M. for the purpose of discussing (2) proposed grants with USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT for the purchase of a Truck with a Plow and a Admin Vehicle USDA funding totals \$26,800 for the first purchase and \$18,000 for the second grant. The hearing will take place in the Gogebic County Circuit Courtroom at 200 N. Moore St., Bessemer, MI. The telephone number for the County Administrator's Office is (906) 667-0411. Comments will also be received in writing or in person at the County Clerk's Office, County of Gogebic, 200 N. Moore St. Bessemer, MI 49911 until 3:00 P.M. on April 22, 2020.

You can also send comments to: board@gogebiccountymi.gov

GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

April 22, 2020

County Courthouse

***** NO Finance Meeting *****

Live stream on Facebook.com/gogebiccountycourthouse

Bessemer, MI 49911

Immediately following 5:00 p.m. public hearing

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (April 8, 2020 meeting minutes)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

COMMITTEE SUMMARY REPORTS:

(None for consideration)

APPEARANCES:

1. County 9-1-1 Coordinator Heidi DeRosso
(RE: 9-1-1 Operating Surcharge effective 7/1/2020)

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. County Equalization Director Kathy Jo Koval
(RE: 2020 County Equalization report)
2. Mike Harma, Airport Manager
(RE: 3rd Quarter Appropriation Release)

TRIAL BALANCE/CASH BALANCE:

GENERAL FUND REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE CONTROL:

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS:

OTHER MATTERS

Discussion on Employee pay extension due to COVID-19
(Currently approved to April 24, 2020)
USDA RURAL Development Grant

PUBLIC COMMENT (5-minute limit)

ADJOURNMENT

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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: (7) Bonovetz, Byrns, Laabs, Lorensen (via video)
Siirila (Orlich, Peterson via phone)**

Absent: (0) None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (March 25, 2020 regular meeting)

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Laabs to approve the minutes as presented.

ROLL CALL:

**Present: (7) Bonovetz, Orlich, Peterson, Laabs,
Byrns, Lorensen, Siirila**

Absent: (0) None

Motion carried

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Laabs, supported by Byrns to approve the agenda as presented.

ROLL CALL:

**Present: (7) Orlich, Peterson, Laabs, Byrns,
Lorensen, Bonovetz, Siirila**

Absent: (0) None

Motion carried

**CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COUNTY BOARD ON AGENDA ITEMS
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There were none.

COMMUNICATIONS:(none received)

OTHER MATTERS:

Discussion on Employee pay extension due to COVID-19

A motion was made by Laabs, supported by Bonovetz to extend the employee pay for two additional weeks to April 24, 2020. The motion from the March 25, 2020 meeting extended pay to April 10, 2020.

ROLL CALL:

**Present: (7) Peterson, Laabs, Byrns, Lorensen,
Bonovetz, Orlich, Siirila**

Absent: (0) None

Motion carried

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Spending limits during COVID-19

Brief discussion took on spending limits. The Board encouraged department heads to stay within their allocated budgets and try to save money within their budgets if possible.

ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES:

Administrator Juliane Giackino discussed the Michigan Works pension issue. Due to COVID-19 all State supplemental budget funds that aren't directly related to the needs of the State to combat the outbreak were removed from the supplemental budget. The pension issue funds were allocated to the County in the supplemental budget, prior to COVID-19 according to Senator Ed McBroom.

County Emergency Management Coordinator Heidi DeRosso updated the Board on the COVID-19 response in the County and U.P. She meets via phone almost daily with the other EM's in the U.P.

Sheriff Pete Matonich voiced his displeasure with the State of Michigan's decision to pay their essential employees hazard pay but will not allow hazard pay for County, City or Township essential employees. The Board advised the Administrator to contact MAC and our Legislators on this issue.

PUBLIC COMMENT (5-minute limit)

Lawrence Dale of Ironwood sent an email through the online feed and expressed his concerns about COVID-19 in Gogebic County and he asked if the former Ojibway Correctional Facility could be used in case our local hospital is overcrowded. Heidi DeRosso mentioned that Chippewa, Marquette and Delta Counties have been identified as alternate care sites for the U.P. in case of overcrowding.

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 5:25 p.m.

Dan Siirila, Chairman

Gerry R. Pelissero, Clerk

Gerry Pelissero

From: Heidi DeRosso
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 11:48 AM
To: Gerry Pelissero
Subject: 4-22-20 County Board Meeting

Gerry,

Can you please put me on the agenda for the County Board meeting on April 22, 2020 regarding the 911 surcharge recommendation for the Annual Report to the Legislature.

Thank you!

Heidi DeRosso
Gogebic County
Emergency Management/911 Coordinator
200 N. Moore St
Bessemer, MI 49911
(906) 667-1118



GOGEBIC COUNTY

EQUALIZATION DEPARTMENT

Director: Kathy Jo Koval Deputy: Tina Marie Romosz

April 14, 2020

Mr. Gerry Pelissero
County Clerk

RE: 2020 Equalization

Dear Mr. Pelissero:

Kindly include Equalization on the agenda for the April 22, 2020 County Board of Commissioner's meeting.

We will be confirming the 2020 County Equalized Value and the State Equalized Value.

Thank you.

Kathy Jo Koval

Director - MAAO

Mike Harma
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April 15, 2020

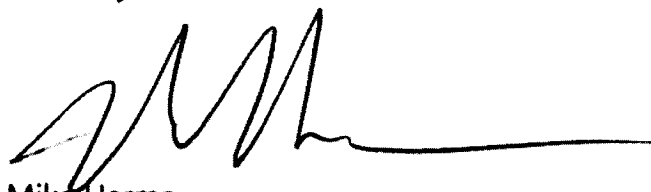
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Board of Commissioners,

On behalf of the Gogebic-Iron County Airport Board, I am requesting the FY2020 third quarter appropriations be transferred to the Airport Capital Outlay Fund and Airport Operating Fund. The motion to request was passed at the April 13, 2020 Gogebic-Iron County Airport Board meeting.

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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