

GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Minutes

August 26, 2020

County Courthouse

Bessemer, MI 49911

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

Absent: (0) None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (August 12, 2020 Public Hearing and Regular meeting minutes)

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

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Laabs, supported by Orlich to approve the agenda as presented along with the following recommendations from the finance meeting: release the PA 2 funds to Northcare Network, approve the 9-1-1 dispatching offer from Negaunee Regional Dispatch and allow the Walmart bill and stamp order for the sheriff department to be paid as pre-paids.

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

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

There were none.

COMMITTEE SUMMARY REPORTS:

1. Finance, Budgeting & Auditing Committee---07/22/2020

A motion was made by Peterson, supported by Bonovetz to receive the report, and place it on file.

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

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COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Equalization Director Kathy Jo Koval
(RE: Designated Assessor & Winter LEVY L-4029)

Equalization Director Koval discussed the new overview of the Audit Process and Designated Assessor program. A joint committee must be created to hire a Designated Assessor to oversee and replace if necessary, the municipality's assessor. The committee will consist of city managers, township supervisors and Koval and a County Board appointee. Dan Siirila volunteered to represent the County.

Secondly, Koval asked the Board to approve and authorize signatures on the County L-4029 for the winter tax rate. The tax rate is 2.7237 and includes the following millage:

M.O.E. at .2000
MCF Building and Site at .3980
Senior Programs at .6000
Animal Control at .1990
Transit at .3316
Ambulance at .9951

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Peterson to adopt the Tax rate at 2.7237 and authorize the chairman and clerk to sign the state form.

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

2. Circuit Court Judge Michael K. Pope
(RE: County Jury Board appointments)

A motion was made by Peterson, supported by Laabs to appoint Paula Partanen, Susan Mitchem and Lynn Ormes to the jury board.

Roll Call:

**YES: (7) Laabs, Byrns, Lorensen, Bonovetz,
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No: (0) None

Motion carried.

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3. City of Bessemer
(RE: Public Hearing)

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Laabs to receive the communication, and place it on file.

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

4. Range Suicide Prevention Council Proclamation

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Orlich to adopt the Proclamation as presented.

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

TRIAL BALANCE/CASH BALANCE:

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

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE CONTROL:

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported Peterson to approve the reports as presented.

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS:

A motion was made by Orlich, supported by Byrns to pay the claims as presented along the prepaids and make them apart of the minutes.

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Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS

Agenda Additions:

1. 9-1-1 Dispatch Agreement

A motion was made by Lorensen, supported by Bonovetz to approve a three year contract with Negaunee Regional Dispatch beginning in 2021 at \$68,232, 2022 at \$69,596, 2023 at \$70,988 in addition the County will be paying \$5,000 each year into a tech fund for NRD.

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

2. PA 2 Funds release

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Laabs to release 50% of the PA 2 funds received for the second quarter of 2020. The County will release \$5,384.50 to the Northcare Network.

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

3. Sheriff Department Walmart bill and Post office bill as pre-paids.

A motion was made by Peterson, supported by Bonovetz to approve the bills to be paid as pre-paids.

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT (5-minute limit)

Brandon Tauer of the County wanted to thank and recognize the Iron County Dispatch Center for services over life of their contracts providing 9-1-1 dispatch service for the County.

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ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Orlich, supported by Peterson to adjourn to the call of the Chair. The meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

Dan Siirila, Chairman

Gerry R. Pelissero, Clerk