

**GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Regular Meeting**

**February 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, Bryns, Laabs, Lorenson  
Orlich, Peterson, Siirila**

**Absent: (0) None**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** (February 12, 2020 meeting minutes)

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

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

There were none.

**COMMITTEE SUMMARY REPORTS:**

1. Finance, Budgeting & Auditing Committee -----01/22/2020

**A motion** was made by Bonovetz, supported by Peterson and carried by unanimous voice vote to receive and place on file the report.

**COMMUNICATIONS (none received)**

**TRIAL BALANCE/CASH BALANCE:**

**A motion** was made by Lorenson, supported by Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the trial balance/cash balance and the revenue and expenditure control reports as presented.

**GENERAL FUND REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE CONTROL:**

**CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS:**

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

**Roll Call:**

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

**No: (0) None**

**Motion carried.**

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**OTHER MATTERS:**

Sheriff Pete Matonich informed the Board he his developing a plan to purchase an ARGO vehicle to help his department get to difficult locations in emergency situations. Last summer, an ARGO was used to get to a plane crash in Ontonagon County. The ARGO was instrumental in the search for the downed plane. He mentioned that he will be seeking grants and other funding avenues to come up with approximately \$30,000 for the purchase. He was informed the County was approved for a \$10,000 grant from T.C. Energy (formerly TransCanada).

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

Larry Grimsby, Erwin Township Supervisor, thanked Equalization Director Kathy Jo Koval for the Board of Review training, which for the first time was held in Gogebic County.

Paul Putnam, MSU Extension District One Director, gave a brief update to the Board and mentioned a forestry outreach specialist position he would like promoted. He gave the job description to County Administrator Juliane Giackino and she have it posted on the County web site.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion** was made by Orlich, supported by Bonovetz and carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn to the call of the Chair. The meeting adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

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Dan Siirila, Chairman

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Gerry R. Pelissero, Clerk