

**GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**January 22, 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: (6) Bonovetz, Byrns, Laabs,  
                  Lorenson, Orlich, Siirila**

**Absent: (1) Peterson**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** (January 8, 2020 meeting minutes)

**A motion** was made by Orlich, 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 along with one addition to Other Matters: a credit card request for Sgt. Trevor Jackovich.

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

There were none.

**COMMITTEE SUMMARY REPORTS:**

1. Finance, Budgeting & Auditing Committee----12/26/2019
2. Ambulance Committee -----01/16/2020

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

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Sheriff Peter Matonich  
    (RE: Recognition award)

Sheriff Matonich awarded Deputy Jessie Yesney with a recognition plaque for his life saving actions. On October 20, 2019 Deputy Yesney was first on the scene of a reported heart attack (Bryon Flohaug). Yesney immediately began CPR and using a portable AED. Because of his actions Flohaug was able to breathe again, Yesney continued CPR until the ambulance was able to get to scene and then complete the transfer to the Hospital. Flohaug was at the meeting and has made a complete recovery.

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2. Clerk Gerry R. Pelissero  
(RE: Ballot Proposal for May)

**A motion** was made by Bonovetz, supported by Lorenson and carried by a **five yes - one no** vote to place the ballot proposal on the May election if necessary.

#### **911 OPERATION SURCHARGE**

For the period beginning on July 1, 2020 and continuing through the month of June in the year 2025, shall Gogebic County be authorized to assess a monthly operational surcharge of up to three dollars (not to exceed \$3.00) on the monthly billings of landline, wireless and voice over internet protocol (VOIP) service suppliers within the geographic boundaries of Gogebic County to be used exclusively for the funding of 911 emergency telephone call answering and dispatch service within Gogebic County, including facilities, equipment and operations?

3. Steve Pallin Transit director  
(RE: Transit Board appointment)

**A motion** was made by Bonovetz, supported by Orlich and carried by unanimous voice vote to re-advertise for the one at large seat. The one application by Dave Pawlak was received after the January 10, 2020 deadline.

#### **TRIAL BALANCE/CASH BALANCE:**

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

#### **CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS:**

**A motion** was made by Lorenson, supported by Byrns to pay the claims as presented along with pre-pays and authorize the credit card invoices be paid by the next due date.

#### **Roll Call:**

**YES: (6) Laabs, Byrns, Lorenson,  
Bonovetz, Orlich, Siirila**

**No: (0) None**

**Motion carried.**

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**OTHER MATTERS**

Agenda Addition:

Credit card for Sgt. Trevor Jackovich

**A motion** was made by Lorenson, supported by Orlich and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve a credit card for Sgt. Trevor Jackovich in the amount of \$2,000.

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

Kathy Jo Koval, Equalization Director, informed the Board she will be providing State of Michigan required Board of Review training to the members of city and township Board of Reviews in February.

**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 5:14 p.m.

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Dan Siirila, Chairman

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Gerry R. Pelissero, Clerk