

GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2020

County Courthouse

Bessemer, MI 49911

5:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:22 p.m. by Chairman Siirila. The meeting started late because the personnel meeting ran longer than expected.

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 (June 24, 2020 meeting minutes)

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

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

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

There was none.

APPEARANCES:

1. Heidi DeRosso, Emergency Management/911 Coordinator
(RE: Emergency Preparedness Grant)

Heidi DeRosso presented to the Board the HEMP Grant for a total of \$1,500.00. **A motion** was made by Lorenson, supported by Byrns to approve the Grant application, and authorize the Chairman's signature on the application.

Roll Call:

**YES: (6) Laabs, Byrns, Lorenson, Bonovetz,
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No: (0) None

Motion carried.

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2. Lawrence Dale (request for the June meeting was received after the agenda deadline)
(RE: Infrastructure Projects)

Mr. Dale did not appear, so no action was taken.

COMMUNICATIONS: (none received)

OTHER MATTERS:

Commissioner Bonovetz mentioned Enbridge is seeking approval for three permits for the Straits of Mackinac tunnel they are proposing to build. A letter of support for the applications was discussed. **A motion** was made by Bonovetz, supported by Laabs to send a letter to the Army Corps of Engineers seeking approval for the permit application by Enbridge to the Corps.

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

Commissioner Orlich mentioned people should be in contact with their Auto Insurance agent regarding the changes to the Michigan No Fault Insurance PIP coverages.

ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES:

Juliane Giackino mentioned that Jim Loeper will be another person available to help with the ME investigator position. A meeting on County Economic Development will be set soon with the City of Ironwood and other municipalities from the County.

PUBLIC COMMENT (5-minute limit)

Justin Kasieta, State Representative from Greg Markkanen's office appeared and mentioned the MiWorks pension issue funding will once again be considered during budget talks.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Orlich, supported by Bonovetz to adjourn to the call of the Chair.

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Dan Siirila, Chairman

Gerry R. Pelissero, Clerk