

GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Minutes

June 10, 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, Lorenson
Orlich, Peterson, Siirila**

Absent: (0) None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (May 27, 2020 meeting minutes)

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Laabs, and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the minutes as presented.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Lorenson, supported by Peterson, and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the agenda as presented along with the 2020 Summer Tax Rate request for Gogebic County and the removal of the appearance by Paul Putnam.

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

There were none in person or offered from the online feed option.

APPEARANCES:

1. Paul Putnam, MSU Extension Director District 1
(appearance will be held on June 24, 2020)

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Mike Harma, Airport Manager
(RE: MDOT contracts Sub Grant IWD 11720)

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Laabs to authorize the Chairman's signature on the FAA CARES ACT #3-26-SBGP-117-2020.

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

2. John Frello, County Veterans Service Officer
(RE: Emergency Relief Grant)

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

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Roll Call:

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

Motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS:

Agenda Additions:

Equalization Director Kathy Jo Koval presented the State L-4029 form to adopt the summer County tax rate at 6.6473 and she requested authorization for the Chairman and Clerk to sign the State form.

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Lorensen to set the county tax rate at 6.6473 and authorize the Chairman and Clerk to sign the L-4029.

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

Commissioner Bonovetz informed the Board that Canadian National is looking to lease or sell portions of their railroad systems for the first time.

Commissioner Peterson discussed a public thank you to all county-wide first responders, frontline and essential workers during the COVID-19 pandemic. **A motion** was made by Peterson, supported by Laabs to publish a thank you in the local papers.

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES:

Administrator Juliane Giackino mentioned she is planning on getting the budget worksheets out to department heads next week. She received an offer for extending the audit services with Gabridge and Company for the next three years and there is a retirement in the District Court that may require a Personnel Committee meeting.

Chairman Siirila gave a brief update on the Ironwood Township Bond money litigation. He thanked Treasurer Lisa Hewitt for her work during the all-day mediation hearing last week.

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PUBLIC COMMENT (5-minute limit)

There was none in person or offered from the online feed option.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Orlich, supported by Bonovetz to adjourn to the call of the Chair. The meeting adjourned at 5:20 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