

**GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Regular Meeting**

**March 11, 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, Bryns, Laabs, Lorenson  
Orlich, Siirila**

**Absent: (1) Peterson**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** (February 26, 2020 meeting minutes)

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**A motion** was made by Byrns, supported by Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the agenda as presented along with one item added to Other Matters.

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

There were none.

**COMMITTEE SUMMARY REPORTS:**

1. Ambulance Committee -----01/16/2020
2. Dal Pra Scholarship Award Committee---01/27/2020

**A motion** was made by Lorenson, supported by Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to receive the Ambulance Committee report as presented and approve motions A and B from the Dal Pra Scholarship Award Committee.

- A. The person eligible for the Dal Pra Scholarship shall not be enrolled in any form of early middle college.
- B. To award 58 scholarship at \$2,500 each whereby Wakefield-Marenisco Schools would receive 8, Ironwood Area Schools would receive 25, Bessemer Area Schools would receive 17, Watersmeet Schools would receive 2 and the Alternative School would receive up to 6.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. City of Bessemer  
(RE: Public Hearing notice)

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

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2. Mike Harma, Airport Manager  
(RE: MDOT Contracts for ARFF Training)

**A motion** was made by Bonovetz, supported by Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to adopt the resolution as presented along with authorizing the Chairman's signature on the contracts with MDOT.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

1. Community Mental Health Board  
Julie Hautala, CEO letter of recommendation  
(Four Positions, Four applications)

**A motion** was made by Lorenson, supported by Bonovetz and carried by unanimous voice vote to appoint four people to the CMH Board. George Beninghaus, Valerie Swanberg, Colleen Kichak and Dan Siirila were appointed for three-year terms.

**OTHER MATTERS:**

Agenda Addition:

Clerk Gerry Pelissero informed the Board with the passing of the 9-1-1 Operational Surcharge proposal on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 the Board should remove the question for the May 5, 2020 Election Ballot. **A motion** was made by Bonovetz, supported by Lorenson and carried by unanimous voice vote to remove the proposal from the May 5, 2020 ballot. Because of the removal, Gogebic County will not be holding an election in May.

Chairman Siirila asked members of the Airport Board about the new Hangar that may be built on the current property, which led to a lengthy discussion on the matter.

**ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES:**

Administrator Juliane Giackino discussed the development of personnel policies for County employees, which would include the unions, airport, appointed officials and court employees. The Forestry Commission has a policy and she is using that as a guide for development.

She also updated on the elevator at the courthouse, which needs to be replaced, another unclaimed body issue was handled last week.

Commissioner Lorenson thanked Heidi DeRosso and the 9-1-1 Committee for their efforts in the passing of the 9-1-1 Operating Surcharge proposal.

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The Finance meeting for March 25, 2020 will start at 4:00 p.m. instead of 4:30 p.m. A meeting with MEDC members will be held on March 26, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. if all parties are available for that date and time.

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

There was none.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion** was made by Orlich, supported by Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn to the call of the Chair. The meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

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Dan Siirila, Chairman

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Gerry R. Pelissero, Clerk