

GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 13, 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 (April 22, 2020, regular meeting minutes plus the Public Hearing minutes and April 29, 2020 meeting minutes)

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Laabs to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2020 Public hearing and the regular minutes plus make corrections to the April 29, 2020 minutes; corrections to the ballot language of the proposals need to reflect the millage years in each proposal. In the MCF building and site proposal the **2015** will be changed to **2019**, in the transit proposal the years within the text of the proposal will be **2021-2024** and in the GOCAA proposal the years listed should read **2020-2023** and the **2015** will be changed to **2019** in the final sentence.

Roll Call:

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

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Laabs, supported by Lorenson 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 were none in person or via the online email option.

GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**Regular Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2020**

Page Two

COMMUNICATIONS:

(none received)

OTHER MATTERS:

FY20 and FY21 budget impacts of COVID-19

County Administrator Juliane Giackino mentioned she met with Clerk Gerry Pelissero and Treasurer Lisa Hewitt on Monday and reviewed the revenues and expenditures to date for FY20 budget and feel this year's budget is still in line and department heads have reviewed their budgets and everyone is planning on staying within their budgets or in most cases will come in under budget by the end of fiscal year.

As far as FY21 budgets and the impact of COVID-19, more information will be available later this month when the State Treasury holds a revenue estimating conference. The Courts and the Treasurer provided information to the board via emails prior to the meeting and brief discussion took place on those suggestions and plans.

Discussion on Employee pay extension due to COVID-19
(Currently approved to May 15, 2020)

A motion was made by Lorenson, supported by Laabs to continue the employee pay as adopted in the FY20 budgets and revisit this if necessary.

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES:

Administrator Giackino updated the Board on the recent teleconference with the counties involved in the MIWorks pension liability issue. The FY19 Audit presentation will be held via ZOOM on May 27, 2020 at 4:15 pm as part of the regular Finance Committee meeting.

A motion was made by Laabs, supported by Bonovetz to send a letter to Governor Whitmer thanking her for efforts to keep Michigan safe during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2020

Page Three

PUBLIC COMMENT (5-minute limit)

There were none received in person or via the online email option.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Dan Siirila, Chairman

Gerry R. Pelissero, Clerk