

**GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**May 27, 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 13, 2020 meeting minutes)

**A motion** was made by Bonovetz, supported by Byrns to approve the minutes with a correction to the May 13 meeting minutes.

Commissioner **Laabs** made the motion to send a letter to the Governor not Commissioner Lorenson. There was one correction to the summary report minutes as well.

**Roll Call:**

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

**No: (0) None**

**Motion carried.**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**A motion** was made by Orlich, supported by Lorenson to approve the agenda as presented along with two additions from the finance committee meeting.

**Roll Call:**

**YES: (7) Laabs, Byrns, Lorenson, Bonovetz,  
Orlich, Peterson, 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 from the live online feed option.

**COMMITTEE SUMMARY REPORTS:**

1. Economic Development and Capital Improve Comm. ---4/29/20

**A motion** was made by Lorenson, supported by Peterson to pursue bids for the roof on the lower garage at the Natural Resource Center building. One bid to include a traditional roof and the other one for metal roof.

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Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

2. Personnel & Negotiations Committee ----- 04/29/20

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

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Juliane Giackino, Gogebic County Administrator  
(RE: Adoption of COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan)

A motion was made by Orlich, supported by Byrns to adopt the County of Gogebic COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan as presented.

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

2. Missy Lane, CMHA Administrative Assistant  
(RE: CMHA By-laws for filing)

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Lorensen to receive the CMHA By-Laws and place them on file.

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

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**TRIAL BALANCE/CASH BALANCE:**

A motion was made by Lorenson, supported by Peterson to approve the reports as presented.

**Roll Call:**

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

**GENERAL FUND REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE CONTROL:**

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Laabs to approve the reports as presented.

**Roll Call:**

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

**CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS:**

A motion was made by Lorenson, supported by Bonovetz to pay the claims as presented along with the pre-paids and omit the Netflix payment on the credit card invoices. The charge is being disputed.

**Roll Call:**

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

**OTHER MATTERS**

Agenda Additions:

1. PA Two funds release

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Laabs to release the PA Two funds to the North Care Network in amount of \$8,235.00.

**Roll Call:**

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

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2. Transfer of \$150,000 from the DTRF to the County Trail Fund #403.

**A motion** was made by Lorensen, supported by Peterson to approve Treasurer Lisa Hewitt transfer the funds to the County Trail Fund 403. The funds will be disbursed when properly invoiced to the County Treasurer. The \$150,000 will be reimbursed by the State upon completion of Phase Three of the Iron Belle Trail. (Bessemer to Ramsay)

**Roll Call:**

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

**No: (0) None**

**Motion carried.**

Commissioner Bonovetz gave a brief update on the WUPPDR meeting he attended recently.

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

There was none in person or thru the live online feed option.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion** was made by Orlich, supported by Peterson to adjourn to the call of the Chair. The meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

**Roll Call:**

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

**No: (0) None**

**Motion carried.**

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Dan Siirila, Chairman

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Gerry R. Pelissero, Clerk