

**GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**December 9, 2020**  
**County Courthouse**  
**Bessemer, MI 49911**  
**5:00 P.M.**

**AGENDA**

**CALL TO ORDER**  
**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**  
**ROLL CALL**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** (November 24, 2020 meeting minutes)

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**APPEARANCES:**

1. Melissa Wangler, Northern Michigan Regional Manager, MIDC  
(RE: MIDC Standard 5 approved)

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Gerry R. Pelissero, County Clerk-Register  
(RE: Re-organizational meeting)

**OTHER MATTERS:**

**ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES:**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

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**3:30 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Chairman Siirila. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken.

**ROLL CALL:**

**Present: (7) Bonovetz, Byrns, Laabs, Lorenson(via phone)  
Orlich, Peterson, Siirila**

**Absent: (0) None**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** (November 10, 2020 regular 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 Bonovetz, supported by Peterson, and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the agenda as presented along with four recommendations from the Finance meeting of earlier today.

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

There were none.

**COMMITTEE SUMMARY REPORTS:**

1. Finance, Budgeting & Auditing Committee-----10/27/2020
2. Finance, Budgeting & Auditing Committee ----10/28/2020
3. Personnel & Negotiations Committee -----11/10/2020

**A motion** was made by Peterson, supported by Laabs, and carried by unanimous voice vote to receive and place on file reports one, two and three.

**Agenda Additions:**

**A motion** was made by Peterson, supported by Bonovetz to approve the Credit cards (\$9,071.07), Holiday Fleet invoice(\$2,379.83) and the Walmart invoice(\$719.25) to be paid as prepaids in the first week of December.

**Roll Call:**

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

**No: (0) None**

**Motion carried.**

**A motion** was made by Bonovetz, supported by Byrns, and carried by unanimous voice vote to release the July to September PA 2 funds to the Northcare Network in the amount of \$2,620.79.

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**A motion** was made by Bonovetz, supported by Laabs to approve of the request from DHHS for the County Appropriation to the DHHS for \$4,117.74.

**Roll Call:**

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

**No: (0) None**

**Motion carried.**

**A motion** was made by Bonovetz, supported by Peterson, and carried by unanimous voice vote to designate the 2% funds received from the LVD Band of Chippewa Indians of Watersmeet to help the Search and Rescue Team purchase a newer pickup truck.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Richard Bouvette, Marenisco Township Supervisor  
(RE: Support for the township)

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

2. Heidi DeRosso, Emergency Management/9-1-1 Coordinator  
(RE: License Agreement)

**A motion** was made by Bonovetz, supported by Byrns, and carried by unanimous voice vote to adopt the resolution and approve the agreement with the State of Michigan, public safety communication system license.

3. Kathy Jo Koval, Equalization Director  
(RE: Designated Assessor)

This item was removed from the agenda.

**TRIAL BALANCE/CASH BALANCE:**

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

**GENERAL FUND REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE CONTROL:**

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

**CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS:**

**A motion** was made by Orlich, supported by Bonovetz to pay the claims as presented along with the pre-paids and make them a part of the minutes.

**Roll Call:**

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

**No: (0) None**

**Motion carried.**

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**OTHER MATTERS:**

Resolution Honoring Jim Saari

Mr. Saari was present at the meeting and was presented with a resolution thanking him for his support of the County's retirement system pension liability dispute with the State of Michigan.

Clerk Gerry Pelissero informed the Board the Veterans grant application was approved. A letter from Veterans Affairs officer John Frello was distributed.

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

There was none.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion** was made by Orlich, supported by Bonovetz, and carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn to the call of the Chair. The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

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Dan Siirila, Chairman

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Gerry R. Pelissero, Clerk

## Gerry Pelissero

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**From:** Juliane Giackino  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 3, 2020 1:59 PM  
**To:** Gerry Pelissero  
**Subject:** FW: In case you missed it-Standard 5

Agenda. She will be on remotely.

*Juliane M. Giackino*

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LARA's Director approved MIDC Standard 5, enabling the state's public defense systems to operate independently from the judiciary. You can read the joint press release from the Governor and the Michigan State Court Administrative Office here. The standard was approved on October 29, 2020, which means that a plan for compliance with this standard will be due to the MIDC no later than **Tuesday April 27, 2021**. Systems will submit a plan for compliance with the MIDC's Standards in a **single comprehensive application and cost analysis**. The MIDC staff will be revising forms and documents to assist in this process now, and will make those available on the MIDC's website early in 2021. Many systems already have independence from the judiciary in place and will not need to make any significant changes. For those systems needing to modify their plans to incorporate independence, it might be helpful to understand the context for the need for this standard. The National Association for Public Defense published a policy statement on independence earlier this year and is a good starting point for review.

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Michigan Indigent Defense Commission  
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**GERRY R. PELISSERO**

County Clerk-Register of Deeds

**CHIEF DEPUTY**

Donna M. Frello

December 4, 2020

Chairman Dan Siirila  
Gogebic County Board of Commissioners  
200 N Moore St.  
Bessemer, MI 49911

RE: Re-organizational Meeting

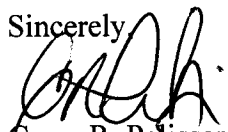
Dear Chairman, and Commissioners,

With the recent General Election now certified in the County and by State, it's time to consider when the County Board will set their re-organizational meeting. This should be done as soon as possible in January of the new year.

A Chairman and Vice-Chairman will be elected at this meeting.

If you have any questions, let me know.

Sincerely,



Gerry R. Pelissero

Gogebic County Clerk-Register of Deeds