

GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Regular Meeting  
June 10, 2020 (live on Facebook.com/gogebiccourtthouse)  
County Courthouse  
Bessemer, MI 49911  
5:00 P.M.

**AGENDA**

CALL TO ORDER  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

**APPEARANCES:**

1. Paul Putnam, MSU Extension Director District 1

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Mike Harma, Airport Manager  
(RE: MDOT contracts SubGrant IWD 11720)
2. John Frello, County Veterans Service Officer  
(RE: Emergency Relief Grant)

**OTHER MATTERS:**

**ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES:**

PUBLIC COMMENT (5-minute limit)

ADJOURNMENT

**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 Lorenson, 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, Lorenson, 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, Lorenson, Bonovetz,  
Orlich, Peterson, Siirila**

**No: (0) None**

**Motion carried.**

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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, June 4, 2020 11:23 AM  
**To:** Gerry Pelissero  
**Subject:** agenda

**Importance:** High

Per Paul Putnam of MSUE, he has requested to be placed on the board agenda for 6/10/2020.

Thank you

*Juliane M. Giackino*

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June 4, 2020

Mr. Gerry Pelissero, Clerk  
Gogebic County Courthouse  
200 North Moore St.  
Bessemer, MI 49911

Dear Mr. Pelissero:

The Gogebic-Iron County Airport is requesting approval of the following agreements by the Gogebic County Board at their June 10, 2020 meeting.

Enclosed please find the following:

- Two (2) copies of SubGrant # IWD-11720 between the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), acting as a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Block Grant Program Participant and the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners (SPONSOR) for the collection of funds under the FAA CARES Act Grant #3-26-SBGP-117-2020.

Sincerely,



Mike Harma  
Airport Manager -IWD

Gogebic-Iron County Airport Board

Joe Bonovetz, Chairman • Pat Hanson • Brandon Snyder • Tom Laabs • James Lorenson

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## Gogebic County Council of Veterans Affairs

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### Officers

Jack Lillar, Chairman  
H. Bill Neumann, Vice-Chairman  
Donald E. Ormes, Secretary  
John Rundquist, Treasurer

**Service Officer**  
John J. Frello

June 5, 2020

To: Gogebic County Commissioners

Re: County Veterans Service Fund Grant – Emergency Relief

We were informed that subject grant was approved by the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency in the amount of \$25,000. Funds will be used to provide emergent, and direct / indirect financial assistance to County veterans and their eligible family members who are experiencing a financial setback due to the negative economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Funds are available through September 30.

Please let me know if you have questions.

Sincerely,

John J. Frello  
County Veterans Service Officer