

GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
March 11, 2020
County Courthouse
Bessemer, MI 49911
5:00 P.M.

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

COMMITTEE SUMMARY REPORTS:

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. City of Bessemer
(RE: Public Hearing notice)
2. Mike Harma, Airport Manager
(RE: MDOT Contracts for ARFF Training)

APPOINTMENTS:

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

OTHER MATTERS:

ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES:

PUBLIC COMMENT (5-minute limit)

ADJOURNMENT

GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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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, Bryns, Laabs, Lorenson
Orlich, Peterson, Siirila**

Absent: (0) None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (February 12, 2020 meeting minutes)

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Orlich, supported by Bryns and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the agenda as presented.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COUNTY BOARD ON AGENDA ITEMS

(5-minute limit)

There were none.

COMMITTEE SUMMARY REPORTS:

1. Finance, Budgeting & Auditing Committee -----01/22/2020

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Peterson and carried by unanimous voice vote to receive and place on file the report.

COMMUNICATIONS (none received)

TRIAL BALANCE/CASH BALANCE:

A motion was made by Lorenson, supported by Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the trial balance/cash balance and the revenue and expenditure control reports as presented.

GENERAL FUND REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE CONTROL:

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS:

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

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

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OTHER MATTERS:

Sheriff Pete Matonich informed the Board he his developing a plan to purchase an ARGO vehicle to help his department get to difficult locations in emergency situations. Last summer, an ARGO was used to get to a plane crash in Ontonagon County. The ARGO was instrumental in the search for the downed plane. He mentioned that he will be seeking grants and other funding avenues to come up with approximately \$30,000 for the purchase. He was informed the County was approved for a \$10,000 grant from T.C. Energy (formerly TransCanada).

PUBLIC COMMENT (5-minute limit)

Larry Grimsby, Erwin Township Supervisor, thanked Equalization Director Kathy Jo Koval for the Board of Review training, which for the first time was held in Gogebic County.

Paul Putnam, MSU Extension District One Director, gave a brief update to the Board and mentioned a forestry outreach specialist position he would like promoted. He gave the job description to County Administrator Juliane Giackino and she have it posted on the County web site.

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 5:16 p.m.

Dan Siirila, Chairman

Gerry R. Pelissero, Clerk

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

SUMMARY REPORT

1. Ambulance Committee, 1/16/2020

No Recommendations

2. Dr. Steven Fortunato Dal Pra & Colleen Dal Pra Educational Award Committee, 1/27/2020

- a. A motion that the person eligible for the Dal Pra Scholarship shall not be enrolled in any form of early middle college.
- b. A motion to award 58 scholarships 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.

A meeting of the Gogebic County Ambulance Committee was held on Thursday, January 16, 2020, at 3:30 P.M., Courthouse, Bessemer, Michigan.

Present: Lorensen, Hewitt, Koval, Matonich, DeRosso, Giackino

Absent: Chermside, Bonovetz, Santori Pusateri

Chairman Lorensen called the meeting to order at 3:37 P.M.

The first item on the agenda was the Chair regarding the Aspirus Ambulance renewal.

Chair Lorensen indicated that the increase they are requesting is approximately 11%. The new figure Aspirus is requesting is \$63,906.

Discussion took place regarding the considerable increase of 11% by Aspirus for coverage.

Ms. Koval indicated she had sent an email requesting information for comparison purposes. She provided that to the chair, who indicated he has never seen that prior to this meeting.

Chair Lorensen indicated that the increase was due to labor.

The Administrator stated she was given the same reason from Mr. Kirkley of Aspirus.

A brief conversation took place on service with Land O'Lakes, Wisconsin. The service area needs to be defined before they can consider a contract for such service.

Aspirus would like an answer as to their increase request this month.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the City of Ironwood and their concern of future ambulance service.

Chair Lorensen indicated he had to leave at this time. He excused himself at 4:09 P.M. He will request another meeting next week, possibly the 23rd.

There was no longer a quorum of the committee.

**Jim Lorensen, Chairman
Gogebic County Ambulance Committee**

A meeting of the Gogebic County Dr. Steven Fortunato Dal Pra & Colleen Dal Pra Educational Award Committee was held on Monday, January 27, 2020 at 4:00 p.m., Courthouse, Bessemer, Michigan.

Present: Bonovetz, Oliver, Murphy, Camille Lupino, John Lupino

Absent: none

Also Present: Juliane Giackino, Administrator

Chair Bonovetz called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. to discuss the 20/21 scholarship process.

The Administrator indicated that she called the schools and received the number of seniors at each school. The Wakefield-Marenisco School has 16, Ironwood Area school has 50, Bessemer Area School has 34, Watersmeet has 4, and the Alternative School has 12.

A discussion took place regarding the Alternative School and the students there, and the process.

The committee felt that they would like to continue giving the Alternative School scholarships as it gives the students there an opportunity to advance.

A lengthy discussion then ensued regarding high school students taking college courses or dual enrollment and how to award that accordingly to fit into this scholarship process. The committee felt that they needed to have something in writing and approved so that they will not be put in a situation where a student is taking college credits in high school (paid by the high school) but is still going to qualify for the scholarship monies. The committee felt that the guidance counselors in the various schools would be best to police that practice.

A motion by Mr. Oliver, supported by Mr. Lupino that the person eligible for this scholarship must not be enrolled in any form of early middle college. Ayes 5, nays 0, absent 0. Motion carried.

John and Camille Lupino indicated that they would contact the counselors to make them aware of the Committee's motion.

The committee felt that this is a change that would need to be made and put into the application.

The Administrator indicated that she would have to revise such.

The Committee then discussed the number of scholarships to award for this particular year. The Committee reviewed the interest earned and the number of seniors in the various schools. The scholarship amount was based on the earnings provided by WoodTrust Vice President, Mike Spalding, Portfolio Manager. This was similar to what was awarded in the prior scholarship year.

A motion by Mr. Oliver, supported by Ms. Murphy to award 58 scholarships at \$2,500 each where Wakefield-Marenisco would receive 8, Ironwood Area Schools would receive 25, Bessemer would receive 17, Watersmeet would receive 2 and the Alternative school would receive up to 6, for a total of up to 58. Ayes 5, nays 0, absent 0. Motion carried.

Ms. Murphy indicated that the fees were changing by a marginal increase and WoodTrust would continue to provide good service.

Mr. Oliver indicated that it is a good company and the trusts have earned money.

The Administrator then did reach out to Mr. Spalding who indicated that the fees were increased however the company did not want to lose the business as those trusts could easily be moved to another company.

The Committee also asked the question as it appears that the funds are still separate when in fact the committee had discussed at the last review to combine them into one.

Laura Kuhnert of WoodTrust was also on the line and indicated that for fee purposes they are combined. But it is two separate trusts showing two separate funds.

Getting to back to the fees charged, Mr. Spalding indicated that WoodTrust would not want to lose the business over the fee increase and the committee would merely have to state they did not want the fees increased and that would not be put into effect.

Ms. Lupino indicated that she did not want the fees increased and Mr. Bonovetz indicated that they would keep the business with WoodTrust.

A brief explanation was provided by Mr. Spalding on the investment performance of the trust.

The Treasurer had attached the financial report as of December 31, 2019.

The committee thanked Mr. Spalding and Ms. Kuhnert for being on the line to answer questions.

The committee then discussed the dates of the scholarship process. March 27th, the applications would be due to the counselor. April 3rd the applications would be due to the Administrator's office. The Committee would meet on April 20th at 4:00 for a meeting. The County Board would approve such applications on April 22nd at their regular meeting.

There were no "Other Matters".

There were no "Public Comments".

A motion by Mr. Oliver, supported by Ms. Murphy to adjourn at 4:59 p.m. Motion carried.

Joe Bonovetz, Chairman

Dr. Steven Fortunato Dal Pra & Colleen Dal Pra Educational Award Committee



Michigan

Bessemer

411 S. Sophie, Bessemer, MI 49911

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- Manager: (906)663-4311
- Fax: (906) 667-0467
- Michigan Relay TDD: 1-800-649-3777

Adam Zak

Mayor
February 25th, 2020

Potentially affected current taxing unit

Re: Request from Bessemer Plywood Corp for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to a new facility* to be acquired and installed within the Bessemer Industrial Development District No. 1

To whom it may concern:

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held by the Bessemer City Council on Monday, March 16th, 2020 beginning at 6:00 P.M., 411 S. Sophie St., Bessemer, MI, City Council Chambers.

The purpose of the hearing is to hear a request from Bessemer Plywood Corporation to request an Industrial Facilities Exemption for 12 years pursuant to Public Act 198 of 1974, as amended, for 1000 Yale Ave, Bessemer, MI 49911 Tax ID No: 51-17-000-700

Interested persons will have the opportunity to be heard at the time and place in this notice. No hearsay or individual surveys will be accepted as testimony; only written or oral presentation will be acknowledged. Written comments can be submitted to the Bessemer City Council, 411 S. Sophie St., Bessemer, MI 49911, prior to the scheduled Public Hearing. A copy of the application and other pertinent information is on file and available for public inspection in the City Manager's Office, City Hall, Bessemer, MI during normal business hours.

The City of Bessemer will, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities to allow equal participation in this meeting. Such aids may include qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments. We can also provide accommodation for those with mobility issues. Please contact James Trudgeon, Clerk at 906-667-0333 or james.trudgeon@bessemermi.org 48 hours prior to the meeting to get this set up.

Sincerely,

Charly Loper
City Manager

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Mike Harma
Manager
airport@gogebiccountymi.gov

E5560 Airport Road
Ironwood, Michigan 49938

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COUNTY AIRPORT

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Confidential Secretary
iwdairport@gogebiccountymi.gov

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March 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 contracts by the Gogebic County Board at their March 11, 2020 meeting.

Enclosed please find the following:

- Two (2) copies of Michigan Department of Transportation Contract No. 2020-0344 between the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners (SPONSOR) for the purpose of fixing the rights and obligations for Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) training provided by a training provider using a mobile fire training unit (TRAINING).
- A Resolution for the above-mentioned contract to be adopted and a Certificate to be completed by the County Clerk.

Sincerely,



Mike Harma
Airport Manager -IWD

Gogebic-Iron County Airport Board

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

www.flyfromironwood.com

EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS,
AT GOGEBIC COUNTY, MICHIGAN, HELD ON _____.

The following resolution was introduced, read in full, considered and adopted:

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS (SPONSOR) AND MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (MDOT) FOR THE PURPOSE OF FIXING THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES AT THE GOGEBIC-IRON COUNTY AIRPORT, UNDER CONTRACT NO. 2020-0344.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) training provided by a training provider using a mobile fire training unit (TRAINING).

BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Board of Commissioners, Gogebic County, Michigan:

Section I. That the County of Gogebic, Michigan, shall enter into a contract between the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners (SPONSOR) for Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) training provided by a training provider using a mobile fire training unit (TRAINING).

Section II. That the Chairman of the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners, Mr. Siirila, is hereby authorized and directed to execute said contract in two (2) copies on behalf of the County of Gogebic, Michigan, and that Gerry Pelissero, the Clerk of the County of Gogebic, Michigan, is hereby authorized and directed to impress the official seal and to attest to said execution;

Section III. That the contract referred to herein below shall be as follows:

CERTIFICATE

I, Gerry Pelissero, the duly appointed Clerk of the County of Gogebic, Michigan, do hereby certify that the attached extract from the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Gogebic County, Michigan, held on _____, 2020, is a true and correct copy of the original minutes relating to the matters set forth in said attached extract; and I do further certify that the copy of the resolution appearing in said attached extract is a true and correct copy of such resolution adopted at said meeting, on file and of record.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the County of Gogebic, Michigan, this _____ day of _____, 2020.

Gerry Pelissero, Gogebic County Clerk



103 West U.S. 2
Wakefield, MI 49968
Administration Department: (906) 229-6100
Outpatient Department: (906) 229-6120
Crisis Line: (800) 348-0032
Administration Fax: (906) 229-6190
Protected Health Info Fax: (906) 229-6191
Website: www.gccmh.org

MEMORANDUM

February 26, 2020

To: Gogebic County Board of Commissioners
From: Julie Hautala, CEO *JH*
Re: CMHA Board Appointments

On February 15, 2020, I received correspondence from Gerry Pelissero, Gogebic County Clerk-Register, along with copies of the four letters of application he received for Community Mental Health Authority Board Member positions. Per Mr. Pelissero's letter, as in the past, the Gogebic County Board is seeking recommendations and feedback from CMHA regarding the applicants, no later than March 6, 2020.

The Community Mental Health Authority Board had their monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 25, 2020 and a motion was made and supported to recommend to the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners the following:

- Reappointment of current CMHA Board Members:
 - George Beninghaus
 - Valerie Swanberg
 - Colleen Kichak
 - Dan Siirila

These terms are for three (3) years and begin April 1, 2020. We respectfully request that the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners make the appointments.

Please contact me at 229-6106 or jhautala@gccmh.org at your convenience should you require additional information.

Thank you.

"To enhance the quality of life for our community by offering comprehensive behavioral health services in a trauma-informed culture of care, promoting person-centered planning, integrated healthcare, recovery, and community inclusion."

**OFFICE OF COUNTY CLERK-REGISTER
COUNTY OF GOGEBIC**

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GERRY R. PELISSERO
County Clerk-Register of Deeds

CHIEF DEPUTY
Donna Frello

February 15, 2020

Julie Hautala, CEO
Community Mental Health
103 US 2
Wakefield, MI 49968

RE: CMH Board applicants

Dear Julie,

I've attached the applications for the Gogebic County Community Mental Health Authority Board, which were received by the February 14th deadline. As in the past the County Board is seeking recommendations and feedback on the applicants.

Please provide the information no later than March 6, 2020.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Gerry R Pelissero
Gogebic County Clerk-Register

February 3, 2020

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Mr . Gerald Pelissero
Gogebic County Clerk
200 N. Moore Street
Bessemer, MI. 49911


Re: Gogebic County Community Mental Health Board Position

Dear Gerry:

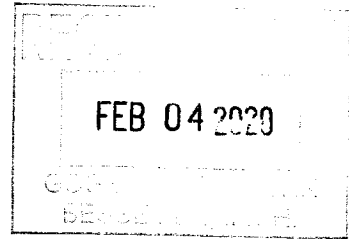
Please accept this letter as my application for the Board member position recently advertised in the Ironwood Daily Globe. I have been a board member for an excess of 10 years and would like to continue is this role for another term. I feel my experience and knowledge will add to my value for this responsibility.

Please contact me if there are any questions. Thank you.

Yours very truly,



Colleen Kichak
N10249 Crestview Road
Ironwood, MI. 49938
932-4189



February 3, 2020

Mr. Gerry Pelissero
County Clerk/Register of Deeds
200 North Moore Street
Bessemer, MI 49911

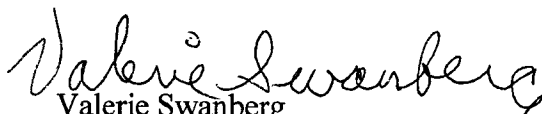
Dear Mr. Pelissero:

Please consider this letter as my request to be reappointed to the Gogebic Community Mental Health Authority Board. I have been a CMH Board member since March 2000 and would very much like to be reappointed to serve another 3-year term.

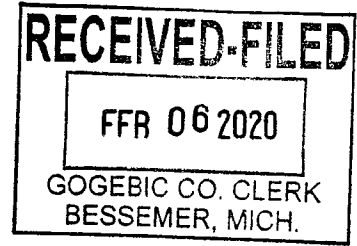
In addition to being a member of the CMH Board, I am a member of CMH's Anti-Stigma Committee, CMH's Consumer Advisory Council, CMH's Recipient Rights Advisory Council, and the NorthCare Network Customer Services Committee.

I enjoy being on the CMH Board and all the different committees and I hope to be reappointed.

Thank you very much.


Valerie Swanberg
515 E. Vaughn Street Apt. 123
Ironwood, MI 49938

February 6, 2020



Gogebic County Board of Commissioners
200 N Moore Street
Bessemer, Mi 49911

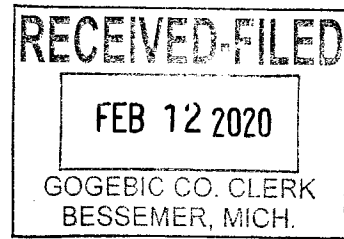
Dear Commissioner's,

I'm writing to ask to be reappointed to the Gogebic County Community Mental Health Board. I have served on the Mental Health board for over 20 years and currently serve as the vice chairman.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George L. Beninghaus".

George L Beninghaus
109 W Lead Street
Bessemer, Mi 49911



February 11, 2020

Gogebic County Courthouse
Gogebic County Clerk/Register, Gerry Pelissero
200 N. Moore Street
Bessemer, MI 49911

Dear Gerry:

I am a current member of the Gogebic County Community Mental Health Authority. I would like to continue serving in that capacity. Please consider this my request for reappointment to such Authority.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Siirila". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Dan Siirila
10275 Crestview Road
Ironwood, MI 49838