

**GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**November 24, 2020**

**County Courthouse**

**Bessemer, MI 49911**

**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