

GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Minutes

October 28, 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: (6) Bonovetz, Byrns, Laabs, Lorenson
Orlich, Siirila**

Absent: (1) Peterson

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (October 14, 2020 regular meeting minutes)

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Lorenson, supported by Bonovetz, and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the agenda as presented along with one addition from the Finance, Budgeting & Auditing Committee meeting of earlier in the day, the 9-1-1 grant application through Homeland Security.

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

There were none.

COMMITTEE SUMMARY REPORTS:

1. Finance, Budgeting & Auditing Committee ---09/23/2020
2. Dal Pra Educational Award Committee -----10/05/2020
3. Personnel & Negotiations Committee -----10/14/2020

A motion was made by Lorenson, supported by Laabs, and carried by unanimous voice vote to receive reports one through three and place them on file.

APPEARANCES:

1. Circuit Court Judge Michael Pope and District Court Judge Anna Talaska

(RE: update to SJI grant progress and implementation)

Circuit Court Judge Pope along with District Judge Talaska updated the Board on the SGI grant process and implementation plans. Also appearing via ZOOM was Brenda J. Wagenknecht-Ivey, from the consulting firm that was assisting the Courts with the grant analysis. Judge Pope and Judge Talaska each spoke on the mission, core values and vision for the courts of Gogebic and Ontonagon County. Strategic Initiatives were set in place for 2020-21 and beyond. The main goals are to enhance services, improve operational efficiencies, and limit the cost of implementing the plan. Ms. Wagenknecht-Ivey discussed the survey results that were part of the initial planning process and answered a few questions from the Board.

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2. Equalization Director Kathy Jo Koval
(RE: Apportionment 2020)

Equalization Director Kathy Jo Koval presented the 2020 Apportionment Report to the Board. MCL 211.37 requires the County Board of Commissioners to adopt a resolution approving the Apportionment Plan in October each year. **A motion** was made by Bonovetz, supported by Lorenson to adopt the 2020 Apportionment Plan, and adopt the resolution as presented.

Roll Call:

**YES: (6) Laabs, Byrns, Lorenson, Bonovetz,
Orlich, Siirila**

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission
(RE: Town of Land O'Lakes comprehensive plan)

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

TRIAL BALANCE/CASH BALANCE:

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

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS:

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

Roll Call:

**YES: (6) Byrns, Lorenson, Bonovetz,
Orlich, Laabs, Siirila**

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

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OTHER MATTERS

Agenda additions:

1. Recommendation from the Finance, Budgeting & Auditing Committee from earlier today.

A motion was made by Lorenson, supported by Byrns to approve an application through Homeland Security for a Regional Rapid Response Team. The Grant equals \$14,250 and is 100% reimbursed.

Roll Call:

**YES: (6) Lorenson, Bonovetz, Orlich,
Laabs, Byrns, Siirila**

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

Chairman Siirila mentioned he renewed the County Emergency Disaster Declaration due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

PUBLIC COMMENT (5-minute limit)

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Orlich, supported by Byrns, and carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn to the call of the Chair. The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Dan Siirila, Chairman

Gerry R. Pelissero, Clerk