

GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Minutes

August 10, 2016

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 Bonovetz. Following the Pledge of Allegiance roll call was taken.

ROLL CALL:

**Present: (7) Bonovetz, Kangas, Laabs, Oliver,
Orlich, Peterson, Wasley**

Absent: (0) None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (July 27, 2016 regular meeting minutes)

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Oliver, supported by Wasley and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the agenda as presented along with three additions. A recommendation from the Personnel and Negotiations Committee meeting of earlier today, MSU Extension staff update and Little Girls Point Spring discussion.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COUNTY BOARD ON AGENDA ITEMS

(5 minute limit)

There were none.

APPEARANCES:

1. Gabridge and Company
(RE: 2015 Audit Presentation)

Neil Hammerbacker presented the 2015 Audit report. His presentation included a disclaimer because the Road Commission's audit has been not received by the State as of today, our audit is still considered not fully received by the State. For the first time since GASB 67 and GASB 68, the pension liability appears in the Audit. The County's pension liability has an impact on the financial impact on the all funds within the audit.

The County's General Fund has a fund balance of \$264,697.00 an increase of approximately \$56,000.00 from 2014.

The Special Revenue Funds will have to be adopted with more detail for all revenues and expenditures.

Hammerbacker answered a few questions regarding the pension liability and how it is reported in the audit. It was made clear that no funds ended 2015 in deficit.

A motion was made by Peterson, supported by Kangas and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the 2015 Gogebic County Audit report as presented.

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COMMUNICATIONS:

1. County Clerk Gerry Pelissero
(RE: Tax Limitation Proposal Language)

A motion was made by Oliver, supported by Peterson and carried by unanimous voice vote to place the Tax Limitation Proposal on the November 8, 2016 General Election ballot.

PROPOSAL FOR RENEWAL OF SEPARATE TAX LIMITATIONS

SHALL SEPARATE TAX LIMITATIONS BE RENEWED OR CONTINUED FOR A PERIOD OF FOUR (4) YEARS (2017-2020 INCLUSIVE) FOR THE COUNTY OF GOGEBIC AND THE TOWNSHIPS AND THE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT WITHIN THE COUNTY, THE AGGREGATE OF WHICH SHALL NOT EXCEED NINE (9) MILLS FOR THE COUNTY, THE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND A TOWNSHIP AS FOLLOWS:

GOGEBIC COUNTY	- 6.68 MILLS
GOGEBIC-ONTONAGON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT	- 0.32 MILLS
TOWNSHIPS:	
Bessemer Township	- 1.63 MILLS
Erwin Township	- 1.00 MILLS
Marenisco Township	- 2.00 MILLS
Wakefield Township	- 1.63 MILLS
Watersmeet Township	- 1.77 MILLS
Ironwood Township	- Chartered

2. Neil Beckman, Chairman, Brownfield Redevelopment Authority
(RE: Board positions)

A motion was made by Oliver, supported by Kangas and carried by unanimous voice vote to advertise to fill the three expiring terms on the Authority.

OTHER MATTERS

Agenda Additions:

1. Recommendation from the Personnel and Negotiations Committee

A motion was made by Oliver, supported by Peterson and carried to take the item off the table. (Tabled at the July 27, 2016 regular meeting)

A motion was made by Kangas, supported by Oliver to adjust Mr. Novascone's salary to \$62,500 when he officially takes over Mr. Noren's position upon Mr. Noren accepting the contract for Data Processing Services, all with Judge Massie's approval. On 10/1/17 Mr. Novascone's salary is adjusted to \$67,500.00.

Roll Call:

**YES: (6) Oliver, Wasley, Orlich,
Peterson, Kangas, Bonovetz**

No: (1) Laabs

Motion carried.

MSU Extension Staff Update:

Megan Martell, Anita carter and Ashley Hampston provided updates on the programs and services offered through the MSU Extension.

Little Girls Point Spring discussion:

Commissioner Kangas discussed the spring water recently tested positive for coliform, which resulted in two people getting sick. The illnesses occurred about the same time as the flash flood incident on July 11th. The Road Commission and Ironwood Township officials have been monitoring the situation and sent in new samples to be tested. Test results are expected soon and action will follow.

Commissioner Peterson mentioned a letter seeking 2016 2% monies should be sent out to the LVD Tribe by the end of the month.

PUBLIC COMMENT (5 minute limit)

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Peterson, supported by Orlich and carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn to the call of the Chair. The meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Joe Bonovetz, Chairman

Gerry R. Pelissero, Clerk