

GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Minutes

December 28, 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 (December 14, 2016 regular Board meeting)

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Laabs, supported by Wasley and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the agenda as presented along with two recommendations from the Finance committee meeting of earlier today.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COUNTY BOARD ON AGENDA ITEMS

(5 minute limit)

There were none.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS - SUMMARY REPORTS:

1. Finance, Budgeting & Auditing Committee -----11/30/16
2. Economic Development & Capital Improve. -----12/08/16
3. Personnel & Negotiations/Negotiating Team -----12/13/16
4. Personnel & Negotiations Committee -----12/14/16

A motion was made by Peterson, supported by Wasley and carried unanimous voice vote to receive reports one through four and place them on file.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. John Turkal, City of Bessemer Planning Commission Chairman
(RE: Medical Marijuana Facilities)

Mr. Turkal addressed the Board on the new legislation regarding Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing in Michigan. (PA 281 of 2016) Turkal provided information that the City of Bessemer's Planning Commission has been researching to comply with the new law. Cities and Townships will be required to adopt local ordinances and there will some taxes for gross receipts from the facilities. The Board asked Sheriff Pete Matonich for input, and he mentioned the law doesn't become effective until December 2017; there will be lots of time to thoroughly look at the law. **A motion** was made by Oliver, supported by Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to receive the communication and place it on file.

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RESOLUTIONS:

1. Mike Harma, Airport Manager
(RE: Support of ARFF resolution)

A motion was made by Oliver, supported by Kangas to adopt the resolution as presented.

ROLL CALL:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS:

1. DHHS Board, expiration of term 10/31/2019 (one position, one applicant)

A motion was made by Orlich, supported by Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to appoint Robert Sharon to DHHS Board. His term will expire on 10/31/2019.

2. Road Commission

Personnel & Negotiations Committee Chairman Kangas discussed the fact that the committee recently completed four interviews for the vacancy on Road Commission Board due to the death of Don Bennetts in October, and it was recommended by the committee to appoint John Matonich. **A motion** was made by Kangas, supported by Oliver and carried by unanimous voice vote to appoint John Matonich to the Road Commission to fill the unexpired term, which will expire on December 31, 2020.

TRIAL BALANCE/CASH BALANCE

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

GENERAL FUND REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE CONTROL

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

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS

A motion was made by Oliver, supported by Wasley to pay the claims and the pre-pays as presented and make them a part of the minutes.

ROLL CALL:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

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Agenda Additions:

Finance, Budgeting & Auditing Committee recommendations:

A motion was made by Oliver, supported by Wasley to release the PA Two funds for July, August and September 2016 to Northcare Network in amount of \$4,014.30.

ROLL CALL:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Oliver, supported by Kangas to approve travel vouchers totaling up to \$2,000.00 to provide transportation services for local veterans. The travel will be reimbursed to the County by funds in the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency Grant. The total grant award was \$3,000.00.

ROLL CALL:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS

The County Board Re-Organizational Meeting was set for 1/4/17 at 4:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT (5 minute limit)

Randy Kashich mentioned he will continue to fight for better education in Ironwood Schools and fight for his children.

Chairman Bonovetz presented outgoing County Commissioner Leroy Kangas with a plaque of appreciation for his 28 years as County Board member.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Kangas, supported by Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

Joe Bonovetz, Chairman

Gerry R. Pelissero, Clerk