

GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Minutes

November 30, 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: (6) Bonovetz, Kangas, Laabs,
Orlich, Peterson, Wasley**

Absent: (1) Oliver

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (November 9, 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 Orlich, 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. Personnel & Negotiations Committee -----11/02/2016

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

APPEARANCES:

1. Charly Loper, Bessemer City Manager

Ms. Loper introduced herself to the Board, said she looks forward to working on issues with the County and that if there are any questions please contact her at the City.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Gogebic County Chapter of MTA
(RE: Road Commission)

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

2. Scott Parrott, Director, DHHS
(RE: vacancy on DHHS Board)

A motion was made by Kangas, supported by Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to advertise to fill the vacancy.

3. Scott Parrott, Director, DHHS
(Re: FY 2017 appropriation release)

A motion was made by Wasley, supported by Peterson and carried by unanimous voice vote to release the FY17 appropriation \$2,500.00.

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4. Jim Gribble, Chairman County Fair Board
(RE: FY 2017 appropriation release)

A motion was made by Wasley, supported by Peterson and carried by unanimous voice vote to release the FY17 appropriation, \$15,000.00.

TABLED MATTERS:

1. District Court Probation position

A motion was made by Laabs, supported by Kangas and carried by unanimous voice vote to take the item off the table. Judge Massie then addressed the Board regarding his request to fill the probation officer position in the 98th District Court on a part-time basis 17.5 hours per week. In previous meetings the Board asked for an opinion from Corporate Counsel Nick Jacobs as to whether or not the County Board could fill this position without any benefits. Massie did discuss the letter from Jacobs with the Board and how it related to this hiring process. He expressed a real need for the position to be filled ASAP. **A motion** was made by Peterson, supported by Laabs to approve the District Court probation officer be hired at 17.5 hours per week with pro-rated benefits based on 17.5 hours per week.

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

2. Auto Insurance Resolution

Orlich discussed the resolution and the need to get the information out to our legislators, all Michigan Counties and local U.P. Newspapers.

A motion was made by Orlich, supported by Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to take the item off the table. **A motion** was then made by Orlich, supported by Wasley to adopt the resolution urging reductions in automobile insurance costs in Michigan.

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS:

1. Fair Board (three positions, three applicants)

A motion was made by Kangas, supported by Wasley and carried by unanimous voice vote to appoint Tom Auvinen, Tom Fiala and Shelley Suckow to the Gogebic County Fair Board. Auvinen and Suckow were appointed to three years terms and Fiala to a two year term.

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2. Land Bank Vacancy

Since the Land Bank County Board position is a Chairman's appointment this vacancy will be filled in January of 2017, when the newly elected County Commissioners officially take office. No Board action was taken.

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 Orlich, supported by Laabs to pay the claims as presented along with the pre-paids and make them a part of the minutes.

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS

Commissioner Kangas asked when interviews could be arraigned to fill the road commission seats. Discussion was held and **a motion** was made by Laabs, supported by Peterson to set up a Personnel and Negotiations Committee to interview the six applicants for Wednesday December 14th at 4:00 p.m. with the regular Board meeting to immediately follow the committee meeting but no sooner than 5:00 p.m., which is the regular meeting time.

Agenda Additions:

Gogebic Ontonagon Community Action Agency FY17 appropriation. **A motion** was made by Kangas, supported by Laabs to approve a \$5,000 FY 17 appropriation to GOCAA based on the agreement 50/50 split of the DE Federalized funds between GOCAA and the County.

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

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A motion was made by Peterson, supported by Laabs to approve the 2017 EAP Employee Assistant Program agreement between Great Lakes Recovery Centers and the County.

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT (5 minute limit)

Randall Kashich appeared before the Board briefly to once again express his concerns about a County appointee on the CMH Board, and to clarify a story that appeared in the Daily Globe related to his motorhome.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Laabs, supported by Wasley and carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn to the call of the Chair. The meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

Joe Bonovetz, Chairman

Gerry R. Pelissero, Clerk