

**GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**September 14, 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** (August 24 and August 31, 2016 meeting minutes)

**A motion** was made by Kangas, supported by Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the August 24th meeting minutes as presented.

**A motion** was made by Peterson, supported by Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the August 31st meeting minutes with one correction. The Thursday budget workshop will be held on the 15<sup>th</sup> not Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup>.

**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 one addition to Other Matters: Sheriff Matonich on filling a vacancy.

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

There were none.

**APPEARANCES:**

1. MSU District 1 Director, Paul Putnam  
(RE: Memorandum of Understanding)  
(Late Arrival)

Mr. Putnam arrived at 5:08 and briefly discussed the 2016-17 Memorandum of Understanding between MSU and the County. The MOU for 2016-17 has a 1% increase from last year. The full agreement will be placed on the September 28, 2016 regular Board agenda. Putnam was invited to attend the budget workshop, which will follow tonight's meeting to answer any questions regarding the MOU.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Matthew Torreano, MDNR  
(RE: Letter of Support)

**A motion** was made by Kangas, supported by Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to send a letter of support for the gift of land from Keweenaw Land Association to MDNR in association with the Iron Belle trail.

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2. Stacy Preiss, Ontonagon County Clerk  
(RE: White Pine Power Plant)

**A motion** was made by Laabs, supported by Kangas and carried by unanimous voice vote to send a letter to support for the continued operation of the White Pine Power Plant.

**OTHER MATTERS**

Agenda addition:

Sheriff Matonich's request to fill a vacancy.

Sheriff Matonich requested to fill a vacancy in his department now that the arbitration with a former employee has been decided in the County's favor. **A motion** was made by Kangas, supported Peterson and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the hiring.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (5 minute limit)**

There was none.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion** was made by Oliver, supported by Wasley and carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn to the call of the Chair. The meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

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Joe Bonovetz, Chairman

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Gerry R. Pelissero, Clerk