

GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Special Meeting Minutes

September 29, 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: (5) Bonovetz, Kangas, Laabs,
Orlich, Wasley**

Absent: (2) Oliver, Peterson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COUNTY BOARD ON AGENDA ITEMS

(5 minute limit)

There were none.

Special meeting purpose: Public Act 152 Requirement

County Administrator Juliane Giackino explained that at the beginning of each fiscal year the County has to Opt in or Opt out of PA 152. The County has three options:

1. Opt In with the Hard Cap option
2. Opt In by applying 20% of premium cost to the employees covered under a health care plan.
3. Opt Out

A motion was made by Laabs, supported by Wasley to opt out of PA 152 for fiscal year 2016-17.

Roll Call:

**YES: (5) Kangas, Laabs, Wasley
Orlich, Bonovetz**

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS

Giackino discussed the health insurance change from Blue Cross Blue Shield to Aetna. A few employees raised concerns that when visiting the Aetna Physician list on the Aetna web site, their physician wasn't an approved provider. She will be in contact with 44 North regarding the employees concerns. All the paper work has been signed to begin health care coverage with Aetna beginning on October 1st. She will continue to work with 44 North and Aetna of Friday September 30th.

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Kangas brought up raises for the Elected and Appointed Officials for 2016-17. Bonovetz mentioned he wants to get together in October to look into this plus begin negotiation planning for the AFSCME union contract that will expire at the end of 2016. The E&A's received 75% of the raise approved for 2016 because of the change to the October 1st fiscal year.

PUBLIC COMMENT (5 minute limit)

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Wasley, supported by Orlich and carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn to the call of the Chair. The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Joe Bonovetz, Chairman

Gerry R. Pelissero, Clerk