

GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Minutes

April 26, 2017

County Courthouse

Bessemer, MI 49911

5:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. by Chairman Peterson. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: (0)

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (April 12, 2017 regular meeting minutes)

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Siirila, supported by Oliver and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the agenda as presented along with the addition of approval of an actuarial study under Other Matters.

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 3/22/17
2. Health & Welfare Committee 4/17/17

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Siirila and carried by unanimous voice vote to receive reports one and two and place them on file.

3. Dal Pra Educational Award Committee 4/20/17

A motion was made by Oliver, supported by Bonovetz and carried by unanimous voice vote to receive report three and place on file.

APPEARANCES:

1. 2017 Equalization Report

Kathy Jo Koval, Deputy Director of Equalization, presented the 2017 Equalization report to the Board; she mentioned the County equalized value is \$665,029,752. She then discussed the classifications which are included in that total. Ms. Koval and Mr. Novascone answered various questions from the Board. Ms. Koval mentioned there will be an additional \$47,880 in revenue available to the County due to the increase in taxable value.

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Siirila and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the Agricultural classification at \$1,237,081.

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A motion was made by Wasley, supported by Siirila and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the Commercial classification at \$56,283,546.

A motion was made by Laabs, supported by Bonovetz and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the Industrial classification at \$12,752,637.

A motion was made by Siirila, supported by Wasley and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the Residential classification at \$500,782,745.

A motion was made by Orlich, supported by Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the Timber Cutover classification at \$26,115,230.

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Siirila and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the Personal classification at \$67,858,513.

A motion was made by Laabs, supported by Siirila to approve the Gogebic County 2017 Equalization report as presented with the total CEV at \$665,029,752.

Roll Call:

**YES: (7) Orlich, Siirila, Laabs, Oliver,
Wasley, Bonovetz, Peterson**

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Oliver and carried by unanimous voice vote to authorize the Chairman and the Clerk's signature on the State L-4024 form, which summarizes the equalization report.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Community Mental Health, Missy Lane, Administrative Asst.
Re: Memorandum and copy of Community Mental Health Authority Board By-laws.

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

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TRIAL BALANCE/CASH BALANCE

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

GENERAL FUND REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE CONTROL

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

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS

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

Roll Call:

**YES: (7) Siirila, Laabs, Oliver, Wasley,
Bonovetz, Orlich, Peterson**

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS

A motion was made by Oliver, supported by Wasley to authorize an Actuarial study, cost not to exceed \$2,000, for the purpose of providing information in retirement plan decisions.

Roll Call:

**YES: (7) Laabs, Oliver, Wasley, Bonovetz,
Orlich, Siirila, Peterson**

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT (5 minute limit)

1) Randy Kashich inquired if the Board was familiar with the state ethics policies and emphasized his availability to discuss concerns if so desired.

Commissioner Wasley questioned why the new generator was propane instead of natural gas. The reason is propane is more reliable in the event a natural gas line should blow.

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 5:41 p.m.

George Peterson III, Chairman

Susan M. Mitchem, Deputy Clerk