

GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Minutes

August 23, 2017

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 Peterson. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken.

ROLL CALL:

**Present: (6) Bonovetz, Laabs, Orlich,
Peterson, Siirila, Wasley**

Absent: (1) Oliver

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (August 9, 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 Bonovetz, supported by Siirila and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the agenda as presented along with four recommendations from the Finance 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. Economic Development & Capital Improvements Comm. ---7/26/17
2. Finance, Budgeting & Auditing Committee -----7/26/17
3. Personnel & Negotiations Committee -----8/09/17
4. Personnel & Negotiations Committee -----8/15/17

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Nick Jacobs, Prosecuting Attorney/Corporate Counsel
(RE: Legal Opinion: Airport Manager)

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

2. Equalization Director Tom Novascone
(RE: retirement)

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

3. Amy Hamel, Forestry and Parks Administrative Assistant
(RE: Land Exchange)

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Laabs to approve of the land exchange between Gogebic County and Steiger's Timber Operations and authorize the Chairman's signature on the deed(s). The exchange is 120 acres of Gogebic County land for 200 acres of Steiger Timber Operations land.

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Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Suicide Prevention Week

A motion was made by Laabs, supported by Wasley and carried by unanimous voice vote to adopt the resolution and declare the week of September 10 through September 16, 2017 Suicide Prevention Week.

TRIAL BALANCE/CASH BALANCE

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Siirila 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 Siirila 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) Laabs, Wasley, Bonovetz
Orlich, Siirila, Peterson**

No: (0) None

Motion carried

OTHER MATTERS

Agenda Additions:

Recommendations from the Finance, Budgeting & Auditing Committee
08/23/17

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Siirila to amend the Remonumentation budget as presented.

REVENUES	Budget Amendment	
	Original Budget	Amended Budget
Michigan Survey-Reмон.		
101-000-575.00	50,866.00	55,127.00
EXPENDITURES		
PEER GROUP		
101-245-701.02	3,150.00	1,350.00
County Rep Fees/Wages		
101-245-701.03	0.00	4,515.00
Grant Administrator Fees/Wages		
101-245-701.06	0.00	3,721.00

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Administrative		
101-245-702.09	5,642.00	0.00
Administration Supplies & Indirect Costs		
101-245-702.10	364.00	280.00
Supplies & Materials		
101-245-750.00	1,000.00	1,149.00
Contractual Services		
101-245-805.02	40,710.00	44,112.00
Total	50,866.00	55,127.00

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Laabs to amend the FY2017 Forestry Budget to include \$50,000 of additional revenue for the County FY2017 General Fund Budget.

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Laabs to advertise for bids for the Gogebic County Audit beginning with the FY2107 Audit.

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Bonovetz supported by Siirila to release the PA 2 Funds to the Northcare Network in the amount of \$7,092.00.

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried

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PUBLIC COMMENT (5 minute limit)

Tim Lynott, Financial officer from Highland Corporation gave an update of the Copperwood Project. He mentioned Highland will be presenting a resolution similar to the one that was adopted by the County Board in 2009 seeking funding for road improvements on County Road 519 from the State of Michigan. Lynott said they will be moving their offices from White Pine to an office in Wakefield. They hope to be up running in that office by Monday August 28.

Darren Pionk, Road Commission Engineer/Manager gave an update on the Lake Road projects. The projects are funded by the Emergency Relief funds recently approved by the State.

Commissioner Bonovetz mentioned the U.S. Forest Service will be increasing their lifetime pass fee from \$10.00 to \$80.00 in the near future and additional fee increases are planned for 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Wasley, supported by Siirila and carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn to the call of the Chair. The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

George Peterson III, Chairman

Gerry R. Pelissero, Clerk