

GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Minutes

July 12, 2017

County Courthouse

Bessemer, MI 49911

5:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. Chairman Peterson. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: (0) None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (June 28, 2017 regular meeting minutes)

A motion was made by Siirila, supported by Wasley 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.

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

There were none.

APPEARANCES: There were none.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Jonathan Mead, Executive Director, UPCAP
(RE: 2018 Annual Implementation Plan)

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Oliver and carried by unanimous voice vote to authorize the Chairman's signature on the resolution as presented and then forward the resolution to UPCAP.

OTHER MATTERS:

Commissioner Bonovetz discussed getting an opinion from Corporate Counsel Nick Jacobs regarding any possible conflict of interest regarding Federal or State DOT funds at the Airport with Mike Harma becoming a part-time employee of Air Choice One. Harma informed the Airport Board he is going through pilot training for Air Choice One at their meeting on Monday July 10. A **motion** was made by Bonovetz, supported by Laabs to seek an opinion from Corporate Counsel on the matter. Discussion was then held on Harma's hours that he is obligated to work as airport manager and when he might be flying for the airline. After discussion, the voice vote was taken 7 yes and 0 no votes; the motion carried.

Commissioner Siirila suggested scheduling a Personnel and Negotiations Committee meeting to be held prior the first meeting in August. The purpose would be to discuss health insurance plans, to look at negotiations and to plan FY 2018 budget workshops. **A motion** was made by Siirila, supported by Bonovetz and carried by unanimous voice vote to set the meeting for 4 p.m. on August 9, 2017.

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Commissioner Laabs asked about a possible closure of an ATV/Snowmobile trail in the Wakefield area. Siirila mentioned that Forestry and Parks heard about a Facebook posting regarding this subject and there are no plans by the County or the DNR for any trail closures.

ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES:

Administrator Juliane Giackino gave her monthly update which included the following subjects:

- The Letter of Intent for WUPPDR to move forward with County recreation plan has been signed.
- Health Insurance: she will meet representatives of 44 North on different health insurance plans. The Aetna renewal effective October 1, 2017 currently shows a 19.3% increase.
- Revolving Loan Fund: she is still working with representatives of the State. \$70,000 is in the County Revolving Loan Fund.
- Fire Alarm System: she is hopeful that three companies will provide quotes.
- Generator Project: the next phase is set for July 31 and August 1st and 2nd. This phase includes the connection to the courthouse and the ditching in the alley.

PUBLIC COMMENT (5 minute limit)

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Siirila, supported by Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn to the call of the Chair. The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

George Peterson III, Chairman

Gerry R. Pelissero, Clerk