

GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Minutes

June 14, 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, Oliver,
Orlich, Peterson, Wasley**

Absent: (1) Siirila

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (May 24, 2017 regular meeting)

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

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 with two topics added to Other Matters by the Chairman.

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

There were none.

COMMITTEE SUMMARY REPORTS:

1. Personnel and Negotiations Committee----05/31/2017
 - a. **A motion** was made by Oliver, supported by Bonovetz and carried by a Five (5) yea - One (1) nay voice vote to approve the request by Clerk Pelissero to fill the vacancy of the Chief Deputy clerk as soon as possible within the union and then out to the public if necessary.
 - b. **A motion** was made by Bonovetz, supported by Laabs to begin the process of the Compensation and Classification Study with MGT Consulting Group at a cost not to exceed \$26,715. Discussion was held on what the study will provide and how the County will proceed once completed. The total cost could be reduced by utilizing teleconferences and other technology. Of concern was should the County wait to fill vacancies that have occurred or may occur prior to the study being completed.

Roll Call:

**Yes: (5) Bonovetz, Orlich, Laabs,
Oliver, Peterson**

No: (1) Wasley

Motion carried.

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- c. **A motion** was made by Oliver, supported by Bonovetz that effective 10/1/17 all retirees would be changed over to the base health plan offered to all current employees, the future group of retirees entitled to health insurance would not have a monetary contribution upon retirement for their health insurance premiums should one be applied to the active employees.

Roll Call:

**Yes: (5) Orlich, Laabs, Oliver,
Bonovetz, Peterson**

No: (1) Wasley

Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Sue Pertile, County Treasurer
(RE: Waiver and Consent to Strike Delinquent Personal Property Taxes)

A motion was made by Oliver, supported by Wasley to strike the 2011 delinquent personal property taxes from the tax rolls for the Cities of Bessemer, Ironwood and Wakefield plus the Charter Township of Ironwood and Watersmeet Township.

Roll Call:

**Yes: (6) Laabs, Oliver, Wasley, Bonovetz,
Orlich, Peterson**

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS:

Agenda Additions:

Chairman Peterson had two items as reminders to discuss.

1. Every effort should be made to make sure all offices are open during the lunch hour. The main goal is to serve the public and keep offices open.
2. All employees should stay on task and serve the public. A recent incident occurred involving a joke placed in all mail boxes. The Board is concerned that some people may have too much free time and are not staying on task.

Commissioner Laabs mentioned he received a few calls regarding the Oman's Creek Boat launch and sand accumulation causing problems for boaters.

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Commissioner Bonovetz mentioned that the minimum required membership on Health Department Board may change due to recent quorum issues. County representation may be reduced by one per County.

Questions were asked about the Safety Committee recommendations on entrance closures. Bonovetz requested the first Board meeting of the month have an Administrator's update placed on the agenda.

Treasurer Sue Pertile mentioned the MSHDA Step Forward Program has been renewed; the program helps taxpayers with their delinquent tax payments.

Sheriff Matonich mentioned the new generator is being installed and should be set to go tomorrow, Thursday, June 15.

PUBLIC COMMENT (5 minute limit)

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

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

George Peterson III, Chairman

Gerry R. Pelissero, Clerk