

GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Minutes

May 24, 2017

County Courthouse

Bessemer, MI 49911

5:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

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 (May 10, 2017 regular meeting)

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Wasley and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the minutes as presented and place them on file.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Orlich, supported by Bonovetz and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the agenda as presented along five additions to other matters: two recommendations from the Finance committee meeting of earlier today, one recommendation from the Economic Development and Capital Improvements committee meeting of earlier today and two resolutions from the Upper Peninsula County Commissioners Conference.

**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 -----04/26/2017

A motion was made by Oliver, supported by Orlich and carried by unanimous voice vote to accept the report and place it on file.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. County Treasurer Sue Pertile
(RE: County's right to purchase property)

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote that the County will exercise their rights to purchase the properties, contingent on the waiver from the local units and transfer them to the Gogebic County Land Bank Authority for the minimum bid of the taxes owed and recording costs. Nine total properties will be transferred.

N9897 S. Barber Road, Bessemer	01-22-102-600	\$2,016.00
Snow Summit Drive, Wakefield	01-49-000-300	\$ 880.00
Airport road near Norlund, Ironwood	03-02-049-900	\$ 990.00
Sundance Dr., Wakefield	05-30-004-000	\$ 785.00
W. Longyear St., Bessemer	51-02-004-400	\$1,660.00
N10722 Division Lane, Bessemer	51-15-501-000	\$2,820.00
1310 Hancock St. Wakefield	53-05-004-300	\$ 885.00
349 E. Pine St., Ironwood	52-27-227-120	\$3,244.00
Plymouth Road Wakefield	53-14-503-000	\$ 725.00

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2. County Treasurer Sue Pertile
(RE: IT Department credit card)

A motion was made by Laabs, supported by Oliver and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve a credit card for Brandon Tauer in the IT department with a \$2,000 credit limit.

3. Joe Stevens, MAC Director, Region 1
(RE: support for EAS Program)

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

TRIAL BALANCE/CASH BALANCE

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

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS

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

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS

Agenda Additions:

Finance, Budgeting & Auditing Committee recommendations:

A motion was made by Oliver, supported by Wasley and carried by unanimous voice vote to adopt the amended Resolution for Deficit Elimination Plan and authorize the chairman's signature on the document.

A motion was made by Laabs, supported by Siirila and carried by unanimous voice vote to place the 2012 tax sale proceeds in the FY2017 General Fund budget, the total amount is \$26,233.02.

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Economic Development & Capital Improvements Committee recommendation.

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Laabs to authorize the Administrator to spend up to \$20,000 for safety improvements to the Courthouse Building. Faub key or swipe cards for entrances to the west side of building will be purchased and a new emergency alarm system for each office will be part of the safety project.

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

UPCAP/UPCC resolutions

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Siirila and carried by unanimous voice vote to adopt a similar resolution to protect the MI Choice program in Michigan.

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to adopt a similar resolution to preserve the public mental health system in Michigan.

Commissioner Orlich asked if the Board should send a letter to our State Legislators regarding funding for the Department of Corrections FY 2018 budget. **A motion** was made by Orlich, supported by Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to send a letter of support for full funding for the D.O.C.

PUBLIC COMMENT (5 minute limit)

Randy Kasich appeared and again asked about the CMH Board appointments and where the CMH Board meeting notices are published. He would like to attend their meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Siirila, supported by Wasley 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