

GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Minutes

October 25, 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 (October 11, 2017 regular meeting minutes)

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Siirila and carried by unanimous voice vote to make two corrections in the minutes. The last sentence in the appearance section should read will be in the **U.P.** rather than **County** and in Other Matters, Mr. Bonovetz clarified the 36 apprenticeship jobs are throughout the **U.P.** not just in **Gogebic County**.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Siirila, supported by Wasley and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the agenda with one addition; approve the audit bid as recommended by the Finance Committee of earlier today.

**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----09/27/2017

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

2. Personnel & Negotiations Committee-----10/04/2017

- a. A motion** was made by Bonovetz, supported by Siirila to amend the General Fund budget to include the \$5,000 appropriation to Community Action Agency contingent on the 50/50 split of funds should they be under the \$35,000 mark which would make it allowable.

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

- b. A motion** was made by Wasley, supported by Siirila and carried by unanimous voice vote to appoint James Peterson to the Department of Health & Human Services Board, for a three year term beginning November 1, 2017.

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- c. **A motion** was made by Bonovetz, supported by Laabs and carried on a 5-1 voice vote to increase the per diems for the County Board members from \$25 in county and \$35 out of county to \$35 for in county and \$45 for out of county meetings effective 10/25/2017.

3. Dal Pra Educational Award Committee-----10/12/2017

4. Health & Welfare Committee -----10/16/2017

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

5. Technology Committee -----10/19/2017

- a. **A motion** was made by Wasley, supported by Bonovetz and carried by unanimous voice vote to purchase Office 365 and implement it through the County Departments.

- b. **A motion** was made by Bonovetz, supported by Siirila and carried by unanimous voice vote to provide the County Board members with e-mail addresses for communication of County business.

- c. **A motion** was made by Bonovetz, supported by Siirila and carried by unanimous voice vote to change the County web site domain name from gogebic.org to gogebiccomi.gov.

APPEARANCES:

- 1. Equalization Department
(RE: 2017 Apportionment Report)

Kathy Jo Koval from the Equalization Department presented the 2017 Apportionment report to the Board. The 2017 taxable value for Gogebic County is \$516,404,749.00. The increase from the 2016 is approximately \$7 million. The increase in taxable value will result in an increase in revenues for the General Fund of \$47, 887.00. Koval also presented the 2017 Tax Rate Request Form L-4029 for signature. The extra voted millage to be included on the winter taxes are M.O.E. at .1600, Transit at .3333, Senior Programs at .6000, Animal Control at .2000 and MCF Building and Site at .4000 for a total of 1.6933. **A motion** was made by Bonovetz, supported by Siirila to accept the 2017 Apportionment report as presented and to authorize the Chairman's signature on the L-4029 along with the Clerk's signature.

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

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COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Jeffery Randall, Bessemer Township Supervisor
(RE: Proposed Zoning Ordinance)

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

2. Patti Hagstrom, GCRC, Secretary
(RE: Generator installation assistance)

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

3. Sandra Lambert, Executive Assistant to the CEO
(RE: Northcare Network Intergovernmental Contract)

A motion was made by Siirila, supported by Bonovetz and carried by unanimous voice vote to authorize the Chairman to sign the intergovernmental contract.

TRIAL BALANCE/CASH BALANCE

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

GENERAL FUND REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE CONTROL

A motion was made by Wasley, supported by Bonovetz 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: (5) Laabs, Wasley, Bonovetz,
Orlich, Peterson**

No: (0) None

Abstain: (1) Siirila

Motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS:

Agenda Additions:

Audit Bids from Finance, Budgeting & Auditing Committee--10/25/2017

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Siirila to approve the Audit Bid of Gabridge and Company to complete the County Audit for the next three fiscal years at cost of \$19,680.00/year.

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

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Chairman Peterson acknowledged this was Treasurer Sue Pertile's last meeting prior to her retirement. The Board thanked her for her service to the County. Pertile thanked the Board and said she enjoyed her time as Treasurer.

Lisa Hewitt will be sworn in as the new County Treasurer on November 1, 2017. Pertile asked the Board for a motion to provide Hewitt with a county credit card with a limit of \$2,000.00. **A motion** was made by Siirila, supported by Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve a county credit card for Hewitt with a credit limit of \$2,000.00

Possible change of date for second meeting in November. Discussion took place if the meeting scheduled for the Wednesday prior to Thanksgiving should be rescheduled. After discussion, **a motion** was made by Siirila, supported by Bonovetz and carried by unanimous voice vote to move the second meeting of November to Tuesday, November 21, 2017. The Finance meeting will be held at 4:30 p.m. and the regular Board meeting will be at 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT (5 minute limit)

Ken Summers, who is a candidate for the 110th State Representative seat was in attendance to introduce himself to the Board.

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 5:30 p.m.

George R. Peterson, III, Chairman

Gerry R. Pelissero, Clerk