

GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Minutes

September 13, 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 Vice-Chairman Siirila.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: (1) Peterson

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (August 23, 2017 meeting minutes)

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Oliver and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the agenda as presented along with three items added to Other Matters: 2017 Fair update, MERS retirement discussion and Airport update.

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

There were none.

APPEARANCES:

1. Jim Loeper, Emergency Management/911 Coordinator
(RE: FY 2017 EMPG Grant Agreement)

Heidi DeRosso, assistant to Jim Loeper informed the Board the FY 2017 EMPG agreement was approved and needs a signature from the Board of Commissioners. **A motion** was made by Oliver, supported by Wasley to authorize the Vice-Chairman to sign the grant agreement.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Juliane Giackino, County Administrator
(RE: Western Michigan Health Insurance Pool Agreement)

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to adopt the resolution for membership into the Western Michigan Health Insurance Pool for a three year period.

2. Linda L. Jackson, Forest Supervisor
(RE: Forest Wide Designated Motorized Use Project)
**** Plan is available in Clerk's office ****

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

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RESOLUTIONS:

1. Tim Lynott, Highland Copper, Manager Finance and Administration (RE: resolution in support of Copperwood Project)

A motion was made by Oliver, supported by Wasley and carried by unanimous voice vote to adopt the resolution as presented in support of Copperwood Resources Inc.'s Copperwood Project in Gogebic County.

2. Sue Pertile, County Treasurer
(RE: Resolution opposing SB386)

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to adopt the resolution opposing Senate Bill 386.

3. Genesee County
(RE: Great lakes Restoration Initiative)

A motion was made by Laabs, supported by Wasley and carried by unanimous voice vote adopt a similar resolution.

OTHER MATTERS:

Agenda Additions:

Fair update from Commissioner Wasley, the 2017 Fair saw a lot of rain on Saturday and Sunday. The attendance was down due to the weather on the weekend and also Friday night because of the first football game of season in Hurley. The Fair revenues will be down because of the weekend's weather. In 2018, the Fair will be held August 9th through the 12th and that gets the event back to its customary second week of August. A new carnival company has been hired from Phillips, Wisconsin, K and M Rides & Amusements and they have a signed to two year contract. The people that are aware of the date change back to the second week of August have been very positive. Wasley will let the Board know at the last Finance meeting approximately how the overall finance result of the 2017 Fair was.

Commissioner Bonovetz mentioned he was approached by a representative of MERS, Municipal Employees Retirement System in Michigan. Discussion took place whether the County would benefit from having MERS administer the County pension plan. County Administrator Juliane Giackino will try to set up a meeting.

Commissioner Oliver gave an update on the Airport negotiations with the union. He mentioned they have tentative contract agreement, with some questions arising regarding the employees cost of hospitalization.

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ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES:

Discussion took place on the FY2018 General Fund budget and when a final budget workshop would be held. It was decided to hold a Budget workshop on Wednesday September 20, 2017 at 7 p.m. The Board continued discussions on the FY 2018 budget, union negotiations with the AFSCME union is scheduled for next week Tuesday the 19th and Wednesday the 20th at 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT (5 minute limit)

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Wasley and carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn to the call of the Chair. The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Dan Siirila, Vice-Chairman

Gerry R. Pelissero, Clerk