

GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

September 27, 2017

County Courthouse

Bessemer, MI 49911

Immediately following the General Fund Public Hearing

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m. by 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 (September 13, 2017 regular meeting)

A motion was made by Orlich, 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 along with recommendations from Finance, Budgeting & Auditing Committee of earlier today, approval of the AFSCME Courthouse union contract and discussion on the HOPE animal shelter funding.

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

There were none.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS - SUMMARY REPORTS:

1. Personnel & Negotiations Committee -----08/23/2017
2. Finance, Budgeting & Auditing Committee --08/23/2017
3. Finance, Budgeting & Auditing Committee --09/20/2017

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

ADOPTION OF FY2018 GOGEBIC COUNTY APPROPRIATIONS ACT

A motion was made by Oliver, supported by Siirila to adopt the FY2018 Gogebic County Appropriations Act.

Roll Call:

**YES: (5) Siirila, Oliver, Wasley
Orlich, Peterson**

No: (2) Bonovetz, Laabs

Motion carried.

ADOPTION OF FY2018 GOGEBIC COUNTY GENERAL FUND BUDGET

A motion was made by Oliver, supported by Wasley to adopt the FY2018 Gogebic County General Fund Budget, Revenues and Expenditures equaling \$6,902,026.00.

Roll Call:

**YES: (5) Oliver, Wasley
Orlich, Siirila, Peterson**

No: (2) Bonovetz, Laabs

Motion carried.

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ADOPTION OF THE FY2018 SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

A motion was made by Oliver, supported by Wasley to adopt the FY2018 Special Revenue Funds as presented.

REVENUES	BUDGET
Federal Grants	\$230,000
Taxes	\$ 0
State Grants	\$ 97,628
Local Contributions	\$ 0
Services	\$231,000
Interest and Rents	\$ 0
Other	\$591,000
TOTAL	\$1,149,628

EXPENDITURES

Judicial	\$ 28,000
Public Safety	\$353,200
Health and Welfare	\$504,000
Recreation and Culture	\$695,100
Capital Outlay	\$ 17,100
Miscellaneous	\$ 15,100
TOTAL	\$1,612,500

\$462,872

Transfers In \$0

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Phil Strong, Coleman Engineering
(RE: Amendment to MDNRTF Agreement)

Paul Anderson of Coleman Engineering was present to discuss the need for the amendment. The contractor of the project, Ruotsala Construction, was required to repair a portion of the trail and there was an elevation issue with the big bridge in Bessemer that required additional work not originally a part of the project. The delay in funding from is due to negotiations with contractor. Gogebic County is owed about \$32,000.00 from the grant.

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Anderson mentioned the issue won't be resolved by the end of September and they will be back for an additional amendment in October. He expects the County will receive the full funding from the grant, but unfortunately it will take longer than originally expected. **A motion** was made by Bonovetz, supported by Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to authorize the Chairman's signature on the amendment and to adopt the resolution as presented.

2. MSU Extension Agreement FY2018

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Oliver and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the Agreement between Gogebic County and Michigan State University Extension for Extension Services.

Public Act 152 Requirement

A motion was made by Oliver, supported by Wasley to opt out of PA 152 for FY 2018.

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

Strategic 5 year plan discussion

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Siirila and carried by unanimous voice vote to table the discussion for a later date.

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 Bonovetz, supported by Wasley and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the reports as presented.

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS

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

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

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OTHER MATTERS

Agenda Additions: Recommendations from the Finance Committee
09/27/17

A motion was made by Oliver, supported by Wasley to amend the General Fund budget by \$182,000 as presented.

REVENUES:

Fund Balance Forward	101-000-401.00
Decrease from \$150,000 to	\$0.00
National Forest Reserve	101-000-429.00
Increase by \$10,000 to	\$559,924.00
Local Comm Stabilization Share Tax	101-000-441.00
Increase from \$0.00 to	\$10,000.00
State Grant PROFC	101-000-564.01
Increase from \$13,000 to	\$27,700.00
LVD Contribution 2% Monies	101-000-580.00
Increase from \$0.00 to	\$22,600.00
Sheriff Sales	101-000-644.00
Increase from \$0.00 to	\$9,500.00
Interest Earned	101-000-665.00
Decrease by \$66,000 to	\$14,000.00
Investment Income	101-000-665.01
Increase from \$0.00 to	\$90,000.00
Appropriations from Other	101-000-676.00
Increase by \$350,000 to	\$500,000.00
Appropriations from DTRF	101-000-676.02
Decrease from \$401,515 to	\$251,515.00
General Reimbursements	101-000-686.00
Increase from \$28,000 to	\$52,000.00
Other Revenue-CDBG Defederalized Funds	101-000-689.00
Increase from \$0.00 to	\$17,200.00
TOTAL:	\$182,000.00

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EXPENDITURES:

District Court Salaried and Part Time	101-136-702.00
Increase by \$17,315 to	\$152,833.00
Probate Court Jury Fees	101-148-804.00
Increase by \$2,500 to	\$3,500.00
Equalization Salaried and Part Time	101-225-702.00
Increase by \$4,000 to	\$37,160.00
Building & Grounds Equipment	101-265-977.00
Increase by \$22,600.00 to	\$28,100.00
Sheriff Overtime	101-301-704.00
Increase by \$29,000 to	\$59,000.00
Sheriff FICA	101-301-715.00
Increase by \$7,000 to	\$82,008.00
Sheriff Food	101-301-740.00
Increase by \$15,000 to	\$70,000.00
Sheriff Telephone	101-301-850.00
Increase by \$ 3,000 to	\$11,000.00
Sheriff Vehicle	101-301-978.00
Increase by \$20,500 to	\$55,230.00
Snowmobile Enf. Salaried and Part Time	101-306-702.00
Increase by \$2,500 to	\$16,000.00
Sheriff P.A. 416 Hospitalization	101-316-716.00
Increase by \$3,500 to	\$11,500.00
Sheriff P.A. 416 Gas, Oil & Grease	101-316-748.00
Increase by \$1,500 to	\$3,089.00
Indigent Fees/Probate Court	101-900-808.03
Increase by \$48,585 to	\$88,585.00
Community Action Agency	101-901-965.09
Increase from \$0.00 to	\$5,000.00
TOTAL:	\$182,000.00

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

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Agenda Additions (cont.)

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Wasley to forgive the liability to the DTRF for the Child Care Fund (\$19,015.25) and Fair Fund (\$16,930.00).

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Oliver, supported by Bonovetz to add addition appropriations to the General Fund from the DTRF to Child Care, Fair and Friend of the Court so these funds will not be in deficit by the end of FY 2017. The amount will be approximately \$80,000.00 between the three funds.

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

HOPE Animal Shelter funding discussion.

Commissioner Laabs was disappointed the County didn't approve a request from the HOPE Director for additional funds over and above what revenue is generated from the Animal Control Millage. Lengthy discussion was held on the matter and included the Western UP Health Department's request for a \$1,600 increase in appropriation for FY2018, which also was denied. The Board decided to move on with the meeting's agenda and come back to the subject.

Circuit Court MAACS Pilot Program

A motion was made by Oliver, supported by Siirila and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the 32nd Circuit Court to enter into the pilot program through the Michigan Appellate Assigned Counsel System.

AFSCME Courthouse Union Contract

A motion was made by Siirila, supported by Wasley to approve and authorize signatures on the AFSCME Contract, which is a one year contract beginning October 1, 2017.

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

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The Board then returned to the discussion of HOPE and WUPDHD. Commissioner Bonovetz provided information on the appropriations from Counties to the Health Department. The information included the rights of the health department to change fees or reduce programs if a county doesn't meet its 100% appropriation request. Baraga County recently went through this situation. After more discussion, **a motion** was made by Wasley, supported by Bonovetz to fund the Western U.P Health Department to 100% of their requested appropriation, \$129,062 an increase of \$1,598.00.

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

Discussion then went to HOPE funding. Commissioner Laabs pointed out that HOPE has been operating with funds from the Animal Control Millage, which is .02 of a mill since 1998. The cost of operating the shelter has increased over the years and the County General Fund has not contributed any additional funds other than the fees disbursed through the millage. HOPE did request an additional \$3,191.00 for FY2018 budget, but that amount was removed. After further discussion, **a motion** was made by Bonovetz, supported by Siirila to give a general fund appropriation to the HOPE Animal Shelter in the amount of \$3,191.00.

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT (5 minute limit)

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Siirila and carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn to the call of the Chair. The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

George Peterson, III, Chairman

Gerry R. Pelissero, Clerk