

**GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**February 8, 2017**

**County Courthouse**

**Bessemer, MI 49911**

**5:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. by Vice-Chairman Siirila.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken.

**ROLL CALL:**

**Present: (5) Laabs, Oliver, Orlich,  
Siirila, Wasley**

**Absent: (2) Bonovetz, Peterson**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** (January 25, 2017 regular meeting minutes)

**A motion** was made by Oliver, supported by Laabs 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 one addition to Appointments: the recommendation from the Personnel & Negotiations Committee for the Forestry and Parks Commission vacancy.

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

There were none.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Mike Harma, Airport Manager  
(RE: Appropriation release)

**A motion** was made by Oliver, supported by Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to release the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Appropriation as requested.

2. Nick Jacobs, Corporate Counsel  
(RE: Quit Claim Deeds)

Road Commission Engineer/Manager, Darren Pionk, discussed the property transactions that are needed to complete culvert work on Lake Road in Ironwood Township. Gogebic County would be transferring property to the Gogebic County Road Commission for the installation of two culverts. Pionk mentioned the County Board has two options. Option #1 is to sell the property for fair market value and option #2 is to sell the property for \$1.00 and other valuable consideration. The fair market value of the property where culvert #47 would be installed is \$688.00, and the fair market value of the property where culvert #4 would be installed is \$692.50. Brief discussion took place and then **a motion** was made by Laabs, supported by Wasley to donate each property for \$1.00 and other valuable consideration and to authorize the Chairman's signature on the quit claim deeds and the grading easements.

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**Roll Call:**

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

**No: (0) None**

**Motion carried.**

3. William D. Rice, U.P.RC&D Chairman  
(RE: 2017 dues and appointees)

**A motion** was made by Wasley, supported by Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the 2017 dues payment of \$350.00 and to submit the appointee list from Gogebic County to the Council as presented. Jim Finley is the County appointee and Joe Bonovetz will be the alternate.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

Agenda Addition: Recommendation from the Personnel and Negotiations Committee meeting of earlier today.

**A motion** was made by Wasley, supported by Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to appoint Paul Grbavcich of Ironwood to the Forestry and Parks Commission for the term expiring on June 30, 2018.

**OTHER MATTERS:**

County Administrator Juliane Giackino mentioned the FY 2107 Agreement paperwork between Gogebic County and the MSU Extension was misplaced by MSU. They are requesting that the County re-sign the agreement and submit the paperwork again to MSU. Vice-Chairman Siirila will sign the document.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (5 minute limit)**

Randall Kashich commented on the advertisement by the County Board of Commissioners in the Daily Globe seeking applicants for Community Mental Health Board.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion** was made by Laabs, supported by Wasley and carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn to the call of the Chair. The meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

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Dan Siirila, Vice-Chairman

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Gerry R. Pelissero, Clerk