

**GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**January 25, 2017**

**County Courthouse**

**Bessemer, MI 49911**

**5:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. by Chairman Peterson Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**Absent: (1) Orlich**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** (December 28, 2016 regular meeting and January 11, 2017 re-organizational meeting minutes)

**A motion** was made by Siirila, supported by Oliver and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the minutes as presented.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**A motion** was made by Bonovetz, supported by Siirila and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the agenda as presented along with three additions. A recommendation from the Finance, Budgeting & Auditing Committee meeting of earlier today for the Road Commission Appointment, plus a letter of support for WUPPDR's REAP Program, and the extension of the AFSCME contract.

**CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COUNTY BOARD ON AGENDA ITEMS**

**(5 minute limit)**

There were none.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS - SUMMARY REPORTS:**

1. Personnel & Negotiations Committee -----12/28/2016
2. Finance, Budgeting & Auditing Committee---12/28/2016

**A motion** was made by Oliver, supported by Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to receive reports one and two and place them on file.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. City of Bessemer  
(RE: Preparation of City Master Plan)

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

2. Luan Jacobson, Community Development Coordinator, G-OCAA  
(RE: Thank you)

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

3. Timothy K. McGuire, Executive Director, MAC  
(RE: Auto Insurance Resolution)

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

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**APPOINTMENTS:**

1. Gogebic County Transit, one at large position(one applicant) Jim Mildren, Director of the Gogebic County Transit, mentioned that two seats on the transit Board were to be appointed. One was a Chairman of the County Board appointment, Commissioner Bonovetz was appointed by the Chairman, and the at large position to be appointed by the County Board of Commissioners. **A motion** was made by Bonovetz, supported by Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to appoint Dave Pawlak to the at large position. Pawlak's term begins 2/1/2017 and runs for three years.

**Agenda Addition:**

Road Commission appointment recommendation from Finance Committee. **A motion** was made by Bonovetz, supported by Siirila and carried by unanimous voice vote to appoint Kevin Haustein to the Gogebic County Road Commission for the term expiring 12/31/2022.

**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 Oliver, supported by Wasley to pay the claims and pre-paids of the General Fund as presented and make them a part of the minutes.

**Roll Call:**

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

**No: (0) None**

**Motion carried.**

**OTHER MATTERS**

**Agenda Additions:**

**A motion** was made by Laabs, supported by Bonovetz and carried by unanimous voice to send a letter of support for the WUUPDR application to the USDA Rural Development Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) FY 2017.

**A motion** was made by Wasley, supported by Laabs to extend the AFSCME contract to September 30, 2017.

**Roll Call:**

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

**No: (0) None**

**Motion carried.**

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**PUBLIC COMMENT (5 minute limit)**

There was none.

**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 5:14 p.m.

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George Peterson III, Chairman

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Gerry R. Pelissero, Clerk