

GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Minutes

March 22, 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 Chairman Peterson. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: (1) Siirila

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (March 8, 2017 regular 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 Orlich, supported by Oliver and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the agenda as presented along with three recommendations from the Finance, Budgeting & Auditing Committee meeting of earlier today.

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

There was none.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS - SUMMARY REPORTS:

1. Finance, Budgeting & Auditing Committee -----02/22/17

2. Dal Pra Educational Award Scholarship Committee----02/27/17

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

3. Personnel & Negotiations Committee-----03/08/17

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to authorize Sheriff Matonich to fill a full time deputy position and that Deputy Brandon Tauer will become the full time IT/Security Officer effective 5/01/2017.

APPEARANCES:

1. Jim Finley, Soil Conservation District
(RE: update on UPRC&D)

Mr. Finley updated the Board on the UPRC&D meeting on 3/1/17, which he attended via teleconference. He mentioned invasive aquatic species was one of the topics and the Title II funding and the proposed federal budget cuts to such programs was discussed. He will keep the Board informed of these matters.

2. James Loeper, Emergency Management
(RE: FY 16-17 HMEP Grant Agreement)

Mr. Loeper requested the authorization of the Chairman's signature on the grant agreement. The County would receive \$1,150.00 as part of the 2016-17 HMEP Grant.

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A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to authorize the Chairman's signature on the agreement.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Mike Harma, Airport Manager
(RE: FY 2017 Third Quarter Appropriation release)

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Oliver and carried by unanimous voice vote to release the third quarter appropriation.

2. Mike Harma, Airport Manager
(RE: Terminal Apron Amendment)

A motion was made by Oliver, supported by Wasley and carried by unanimous voice vote to authorize the Chairman's signature on the amendment and adopt the resolution as presented.

3. Missy Lane, CMHA Administrator Assistant
(RE: By-Law Amendments)

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

APPOINTMENTS:

1. Community Mental Health Board (Four positions-Five applicants)

A motion was made by Orlich, supported by Wasley and carried by unanimous voice vote to appoint George Beninghaus, Colleen Kichak, Daniel Siirila and Valerie Swanberg to the CMH Board. The three-year terms will begin April 1, 2017.

TRIAL BALANCE/CASH BALANCE

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

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS

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

Roll Call:

**Yes: (6) Laabs, Oliver, Wasley,
Bonovetz, Orlich, Peterson**

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

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OTHER MATTERS

Agenda Additions:

1. Credit card limit increase for Airport Manager Mike Harma
A motion was made by Oliver, supported by Bonovetz and carried by a 5 Yea - 1 Nay vote to approve a credit limit of \$5,000 for Mike Harma's credit card.

2. **A motion** was made by Oliver, supported by Bonovetz and carried by unanimous voice vote to authorize the Retirement Commission to have language drafted for a Defined Contribution Ordinance for the County Retirement System.

3. **A motion** was made by Oliver, supported by Wasley and carried by unanimous voice vote to change the number of working hours from 700 to 950 for part-time employees before becoming eligible for membership in the County retirement system.

Commissioner Bonovetz inquired about the safety committee and the priority list for employee safety. Administrator Juliane Giackino and Emergency Coordinator Jim Loeper updated the Board.

Commissioner Wasley provided the Board with results from the recent Fair survey. All households in the County received a survey with only 171 or 1% returning the survey. Discussion took place and Wasley made the results available to any member.

PUBLIC COMMENT (5 minute limit)

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Laabs, supported by Bonovetz and carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn to the call of the Chair. The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

George Peterson III, Chairman

Gerry R. Pelissero, Clerk