

**GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**April 11, 2018**

**County Courthouse**

**Bessemer, MI 49911**

**5:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Peterson. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken.

**ROLL CALL:**

**Present: (5) Bonovetz, Laabs, Orlich,  
Peterson, Wasley**

**Absent: (2) Oliver, Siirila**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** (March 28, 2018 regular meeting minutes)

**A motion** was made by Orlich, 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 Wasley and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the agenda as presented along with one addition to Other Matters. A recommendation from the Finance Committee meeting of earlier today.

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

**(5-minute limit)**

There were none.

**APPEARANCES:**

1. Kathy Jo Koval, Equalization Director  
(RE: 2018 Equalization Report)

Ms. Koval presented the 2018 Equalization report to the Board. The 2018 County Taxable Value is projected at \$525,201,859.00, which is a tentative increase of \$8,797,110. This is an increase of 0.017 from 2017. The 2018 revenue for the General fund based on 6.68 mills equates to \$3,508,348.00 an increase of \$58,765.00 from last year. The State requires the County Board to approve 2018 Equalization Report based on a vote by each classification.

**A motion** was made by Bonovetz, supported by Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the Agriculture Classification at \$1,150,157.00.

**A motion** was made by Wasley, supported by Bonovetz and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the Commercial Classification at \$56,654,112.00.

**A motion** was made by Laabs, supported by Wasley and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the Industrial Classification at \$13,434,278.00.

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**A motion** was made by Orlich, supported by Bonovetz and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the Residential Classification at \$495,156,862.00.

**A motion** was made by Bonovetz, supported by Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the Timber Cut-Over at \$26,203,408.00.

**A motion** was made by Laabs, supported by Wasley and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the Personal Property at \$68,496,481.00.

**A motion** was made by Bonovetz, supported by Wasley and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the 2018 Equalization Report and the L-4024 as presented and authorize the Chairman and Clerk to sign the document.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Jerald Wuorenmaa, Executive Director, WUPPDR  
(RE: Notice of Intent, City of Ironwood)

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

2. Anthony Holland, District Ranger, USFS)  
(RE: Pomeroy Vegetation Management Project)

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

3. Lisa Hewitt, County Treasurer  
(RE: Public Act 202 of 2017 requirement)

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

4. Tracy Lektzian, UPCAP  
(RE: resolution in support of MI Indigent Defense Act)

**A motion** was made by Bonovetz, supported by Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to adopt the resolution as presented.

5. Juliane Giackino, County Administrator  
(RE: Lease agreement WUPDH and County)

**A motion** was made by Bonovetz, supported by Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to authorize the Chairman and the Clerk to sign the lease agreement.

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**TRIAL BALANCE/CASH BALANCE**

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

**GENERAL FUND REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE CONTROL**

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

**CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS**

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

**Roll Call:**

**YES: (5) Laabs, Wasley,  
Bonovetz, Orlich, Peterson**

**No: (0) None**

**Motion carried.**

**OTHER MATTERS:**

Agenda addition:

Recommendation from the Finance, Budgeting & Auditing Committee  
4/11/18

**A motion** was made by Bonovetz, supported by Laabs to authorize IT Director Brandon Tauer to seek bids for a rebuild of the County website not to exceed \$4,000.00.

**Roll Call:**

**YES: (5) Laabs, Wasley,  
Bonovetz, Orlich, Peterson**

**No: (0) None**

**Motion carried.**

**ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES:**

Administrator Juliane Giackino was out of town.

**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 5:20 p.m.

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George R. Peterson III, Chairman

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Gerry R. Pelissero, Clerk