

GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Minutes

April 25, 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: (7) Bonovetz, Laabs, Oliver,
Orlich, Peterson, Siirila, Wasley**

Absent: (0) None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (April 11, 2018 meeting minutes)

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Orlich, supported by Siirila and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the agenda as presented along with two items added to Other Matters. The formation of an ambulance service committee and meeting protocol.

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

There were none.

COMMITTEE SUMMARY REPORTS:

1. Finance, Budgeting & Auditing Committee ----03/22/18
2. Personnel & Negotiations Committee -----03/22/18
3. Personnel & Negotiations Committee -----04/04/18

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

APPEARANCES:

1. Jim Loeper, Emergency Management/9-1-1 Coordinator
 - a. Annual 9-1-1 Surcharge

Mr. Loeper presented the resolution to set the monthly 9-1-1 surcharge within Gogebic County at \$1.30 on all communication service providers beginning July 1, 2018 as allowed under Public Act 379. **A motion** was made by Wasley, supported by Siirila to adopt the resolution as presented and set the monthly 9-1-1 surcharge at \$1.30.

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RESOLUTION TO ADOPT MONTHLY 9-1-1 SURCHARGE WITHIN GOGEBIC COUNTY

WHEREAS, under the Emergency 9-1-1 Service Enabling Act (P.A. 379 2008, as amended) the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners approved the final 911 service plan on January 9th, 2002 to benefit the citizens of Gogebic County by providing a uniform and well known emergency telephone number; and

WHEREAS, the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners continues to believe that 911 service will benefit the citizens of Gogebic County; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan enacted Public Act 379 to further support 9-1-1 service in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Public Act 379 allows for the creation of a county-based local 9-1-1 surcharge on all communications service providers that can access 9-1-1 and provides for the collection, disbursement, use, and audit of said funds; and

WHEREAS, Gogebic County has deemed that a monthly county-based surcharge of \$1.30 be placed on all communications service providers **beginning July 1, 2018** as allowed under Public Act 379 is necessary to defray the costs of being ready to process and of actually processing 9-1-1 calls placed within Gogebic County, and;

WHEREAS, Gogebic County on November 4th, 2014 an election was held within Gogebic County (MCL 484.14701b) (1) & (b) with a vote of yes 3571 and no 1301 and

WHEREAS, Public Act 379 expires December 31st, 2020, the monthly county-based surcharge will remain in effect until that time, or is otherwise changed by county resolution and/or law; and

FURTHER, that pursuant to Public Act 379, the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners has modified the 9-1-1 Plan on July 14th, 2010 to reflect the changes in the 9-1-1 surcharges collected by Gogebic County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the county-based 9-1-1 surcharge on communications devices as permitted under P.A. 379 of 2008.

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

b. Haz-Mat Grant

Mr. Loeper requested authorization of Chairman's signature on the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness grant. The grant will provide \$1,100.00 for the LEPC. **A motion** was made by Oliver, supported by Wasley and carried by unanimous voice vote to authorize the Chairman's signature on the grant.

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c. County Buildings Emergency Procedures Manual
Mr. Loeper discussed the manual with the Board, which outlines procedures for all employees in emergency situations within the Courthouse building and annex. The Board was pleased with the manual and **a motion** was made by Wasley, supported by Orlich and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the manual as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS:

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

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

OTHER MATTERS

Agenda Additions:

1. Ambulance Service Committee

At the Finance, Budgeting & Auditing Committee meeting of earlier today the formation of a committee was recommended. **A motion** was made by Oliver, supported by Bonovetz to form a committee. Discussion took place as to who and how many members should be on the committee. Oliver mentioned the Board Chairman traditionally makes these types of appointments and felt Chairman Peterson should do so for this committee also. After the discussion the motion was carried on a unanimous voice vote, and the Chairman will make the appointments.

2. Meeting Protocol

Siirila brought up the issue of who should represent the County Board when the Chairman is invited to an informational community meeting but he can't attend. Siirila recently attended an ambulance service meeting in place of Chairman Peterson for cities and townships and no other members were invited or asked to attend. Discussion took place and it was agreed that all board members would receive email notices of these meetings and would be able to attend.

County Equalization Director Kathy Jo Koval requested the Chairman be approved to sign each municipality's L-4037, the State Tax Commission Assessment Roll Certification form. The form certifies each municipality's assessments in accordance with the County Equalization report which was approved at the April 11, 2018 meeting. **A motion** was made by Bonovetz, supported by Siirila to authorize the Chairman's signature.

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Roll Call:

**YES: (7) Oliver, Wasley, Bonovetz, Orlich,
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No: (0) None

Motion carried.

Orlich mentioned he attended the recent MTA meeting which included a presentation from the five 110th State Representative candidates for state legislature.

Administrator Juliane Giackino informed the board that Gogebic County will not be receiving funds from the State for the Michigan Works pension liability which would be appropriated in the FY 19 State budget according to State Representative Scott Dianda. Discussion ensued and Giackino was instructed to find an attorney that will work on this matter and if possible bring it to conclusion asap.

PUBLIC COMMENT (5-minute limit)

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Orlich, supported by Wasley and carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn to the call of the Chair. The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

George R. Peterson III, Chairman

Gerry R. Pelissero, Clerk