

GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Minutes

August 8, 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 Vice-Chairman Siirila.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: (1) Peterson

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (July 25, 2018 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 Wasley and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the agenda as presented along one addition to Other Matters. The contract with Craig Farrell for negotiation services.

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

There were none.

APPEARANCES:

1. Jim Loeper, Emergency Management/9-1-1 Coordinator
(RE: National Incident Management System)

Heidi DeRosso, assistant to Jim Loper discussed the National Incident Management System resolution and the County Emergency Management resolution need to be updated to reflect Chairman Peterson's signature. **A motion** was made by Bonovetz, supported by Orlich and carried by unanimous voice vote to authorize the Chairman's signature on the updated resolutions.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Nick Jacobs, Prosecuting Attorney
Ballot language for November 6, 2018 election
Ambulance Service Millage

Discussion took place on the amount that would be raised if the millage passes. Laabs asked for clarification on what will be raised if the millage is set at one (1) mill. Previous draft language had the total to be raised approximately \$510,000.00 and this language shows the estimated amount at \$523,548.00. County Treasurer Lisa Hewitt and Equalization Director Kathy Jo Koval said the new figure was based on the 2017 County taxable value and the prior figure was based on the 2016 taxable value. The Board would set the millage rate for the second and third year based on the cost to provide ambulance service for the County, but not to exceed one (1) mill.

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A motion was made by Oliver, supported by Wasley to approve the Ambulance Service millage language as presented.

A PROPOSAL TO LEVY ONE (1) MILL FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE IN GOGEBIC COUNTY FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS

Shall the limitation on the total amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in the County of Gogebic be increased by an amount not to exceed one (1) mill (1.00 per 1000 of state taxable valuation) for a period of three (3) years, 2019-2021 inclusive, the taxes so raised to be used exclusively to pay for ambulance services within Gogebic County. If levied, the one (1) mill will raise an estimated \$523,548.00 in the first year.

ROLL CALL:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

TRIAL BALANCE/CASH BALANCE

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

GENERAL FUND REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE CONTROL

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

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS

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

ROLL CALL:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried

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OTHER MATTERS:

Agenda Addition:
Negotiator Contract

A motion was made by Oliver, supported by Laabs to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement between the County and Craig Farrell for negotiation services with one change to the agreement. The Board will pay a retainer fee of \$1,500 to Mr. Farrell, which replaces "pay an upfront stipend of \$1,500 to Mr. Farrell."

ROLL CALL:

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

No: (1) Bonovetz,

Motion carried

ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES:

Administrator Juliane Giackino mentioned the MGT wage study is closer to completion. She did receive the first draft of the study, but revisions were necessary already.

FY19 budget worksheets are being input and she plans on visiting department heads soon to discuss their budgets and projections for FY18. She mentioned she still needs to get a negotiations teams together and would like to have a meeting for negotiations planning with the full board.

Attorney Steve Pence of Marquette is available to meet on the Michigan Works pension issue on August 29th. Personnel and Negotiations Committee meetings will be set. One will be on August 22nd prior the regular Board meeting to discuss negotiations strategy and the meeting with Pence on the 29th.

Commissioner Wasley felt the Board set some type of meeting for policy discussion on the general liability issue requirement for independent contractors.

PUBLIC COMMENT (5-minute limit)

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Orlich, supported by Bonovetz and carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn to the call of the Chair. The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Dan Siirila, Vice-Chairman

Gerry R. Pelissero, Clerk