

GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

February 14, 2018

County Courthouse

Bessemer, MI 49911

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:08 p.m. by Chairman Peterson following the public hearing.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a motion of silence was observed for the victims of the tragic school shooting in Parkland Florida.

ROLL CALL:

**Present: (5) Laabs, Oliver, Orlich,
Peterson, Siirila**

Absent: (2) Bonovetz, Wasley

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (January 24, 2018 meeting minutes)

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Siirila, supported by Oliver and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the agenda as presented along with one addition to Other Matters, the approval of the five-year recreation plan and adopt the resolution associated with the plan.

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

There were none.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Sheriff Pete Matonich
(RE: 2017 Law Enforcement report)

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

2. Mike Rogers, Watersmeet Supervisor
(RE: PILT payment meeting)

A motion was made by Laabs, supported by Orlich to receive the letter and place it on file. After discussion, Laabs rescinded his motion and Orlich his support, then Orlich made **a motion**, supported by Siirila and carried by unanimous voice vote to invite the supervisors to a County Board meeting to discuss PILT payment distributions and the clerk should send the letter from Corporate Counsel from 2016 that addressed the issue with PILT payments to the townships.

3. Jim Loeper, Emergency Management/9-1-1 Coordinator
(RE: Ambulance Service)

Loeper updated the Board on the possibility of the County being without ambulance service. Beacon Ambulance is currently providing the service, Beacon is having staffing and funding issues that may put ambulance service in jeopardy. Beacon and Aspirus Ironwood Hospital are meeting and are in discussions on ways to provide a long-term solution for ambulance service for Gogebic County.

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OTHER MATTERS:

Agenda Addition:

Gogebic County 2018-2022 Recreation Plan approval and Resolution adoption.

Jerald Wuorenmaa of WUPPDR was in attendance and mentioned that the Public Comment Summary he provided to the Board should be amended at Item 7,

"is budgeted cost of 2021 Lake Gogebic Kayak Launch consistent with ADA compliant? (increase to \$12,000) and the modification would be to change "(increase to \$12,000)" to "(no change)"

A motion was made by Siirila, supported by Orlich and to approve the plan with the change and adopt the resolution

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2018-02

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2018-2022 GOGEBIC COUNTY RECREATION PLAN

WHEREAS, a Recreation Plan Committee was formed to develop a five-year Recreation Plan for Gogebic County for the period 2018-2022, and

WHEREAS, the draft plan that was developed describes the physical and social features, existing recreation facilities, goals and objectives, and desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the five-year period, and

WHEREAS, after the draft plan was completed it was released for a 30-day public review period, during which several comments were received, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on February 14, 2018, at the Gogebic County Courthouse to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, public comments received during the review period were considered by the County Board of Commissioners, and

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WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners considers the Recreation Plan, amended based on comments received, to be a valid representation of the County's characteristics, recreation goals and objectives, and planned capital improvements.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the Gogebic County Recreation Plan 2018-2022 as a guideline for improving recreation for residents and visitors of Gogebic County.

Roll call:

Yes: (5) Laabs, Oliver, Orlich, Peterson, Siirila

No: (0) None

Absent: (2) Bonovetz, Wasley

ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES:

Administrator Juliane Giackino gave a few updates to the Board. She will schedule a Personnel and Negotiations Committee meeting for April to discuss a few matters, including the actuarial study for a Drop Plan that is part of the deputy association negotiations and the Board's committee assignments.

PUBLIC COMMENT (5-minute limit)

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Siirila, supported by Oliver and carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn to the call of the Chair. The meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

George Peterson III, Chairman

Gerry R. Pelissero, Clerk