

GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Minutes

February 28, 2018

County Courthouse

Bessemer, MI 49911

Immediately after the 5:00 p.m. Public Hearing

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman Siirila called the meeting to order at 5:06 pm. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: (2) Bonovetz, Peterson

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (February 14, 2018 Public Hearing and regular Board 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 Oliver, supported by Orlich and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the agenda as presented along four additions from the Finance, Budgeting & Auditing Committee meeting of earlier today.

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

There were none.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS - SUMMARY REPORTS:

1. Economic Development & Capital Improvements --01/24/2018
2. Personnel & Negotiations Committee -----01/24/2018
3. Finance, Budgeting & Auditing Committee -----01/24/2018

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

4. Economic Development & Capital Improvements --02/07/2018

A motion was made by Laabs, supported by Wasley to offer the Western U.P. Health Department a five-year lease with a \$1.00 increase the first year, \$.50 the second year, and no increase for the third, fourth and fifth year to include cleaning duties to be performed by the County to begin when the contract is up with their current company.

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

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Agenda Additions from the finance meeting

5. Change to Finance meeting date

A motion was made by Oliver, supported by Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to change the meeting day of the Finance, Budgeting & Auditing Committee to the first meeting of the month beginning on April 11, 2018.

6. Increase to Jury fees

A motion was made by Oliver, supported by Wasley and carried by unanimous voice vote to increase juror compensation from \$12.50 per half-day to \$15.00 for the first half-day and from \$20.00 to \$22.50 per half-day for each subsequent half-day of service.

7. Fair Appointment advertisement

A motion was made by Oliver, supported by Orlich and carried by unanimous voice vote to advertise for one at large Fair Board position, with the deadline for applications March 9, 2018.

8. Airport Contracts

A motion was made by Oliver, supported by Wasley and carried by unanimous voice vote to adopt the resolutions as presented and authorize the Chairman's signature on the contracts. The contracts with MDOT are to Rehabilitate Apron GA and Taxiway A2 to GA Facilities.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Paul Anderson, Coleman Engineering

(RE: Closeout of Ironwood to Bessemer Trail Project)

A motion was made by Wasley, supported by Oliver to discuss the matter. The Board had questions on the Declaration and Notice presented by Anderson. Laabs was concerned with the language in the document as it mentioned ownership of the property on which the trail is located is owned by Gogebic County. Further discussion took place then by unanimous voice vote if corporate counsel Nick Jacobs approves the amended language of the Declaration and Notice the County will sign the document.

2. Richard Bouvette, Marenisco Township Supervisor

(RE: PILT funding meeting)

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

3. Judi Brugman SAPT Director, Northcare Network

(RE: Memorandum of Understanding)

A motion was made by Oliver, supported by Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to authorize the proper signatures on the Memorandum of Understanding.

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RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution of Authorization
MDNRTF application

A motion was made by Oliver, supported by Wasley to approve and authorize signatures on the resolution of authorization for the submission of a grant application for the next phase of the Iron Belle Trail from Bessemer to Ramsay through the MDNRTF.

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

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

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS

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

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS

Jim Loeper, County EMS coordinator, wanted to acknowledge all the organizations that aided the City of Ironwood during the fire in the downtown area earlier this month.

PUBLIC COMMENT (5-minute limit)

Darren Pionk, Road Commission Manager/Engineer briefly discussed the spring road projects planned for 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Dan Siirila, Vice-Chairman

Gerry R. Pelissero, Clerk