

GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2018

County Courthouse

Bessemer, MI 49911

5:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:08 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 (June 27, 2018 regular meeting minutes)

A motion was made by Oliver, 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 Wasley and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the agenda as presented along with three recommendations from the Finance Committee of earlier today.

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

There were none.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Jonathan Mead, Executive Director, UPCAP
(RE: 2019 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP))

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to adopt the resolution in support of the 2019 AIP.

2. PILT Class Action lawsuit

A motion was made by Laabs, supported by Wasley and carried by unanimous voice vote to join the PILT class action suit and name Corporate Counsel Nick Jacobs as the contact person for the County in this matter.

3. Lisa Hewitt, County Treasurer
(RE: Rights to Purchase Foreclosed Property)

A motion was made by Wasley, supported by Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote that the County will exercise their option under MCL 211.78 to purchase 7 properties contingent on the waivers from the local units and transfer them to the Gogebic County Land Bank Authority for the minimum bid of taxes.

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TRIAL BALANCE/CASH BALANCE

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

GENERAL FUND REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE CONTROL

A motion was made by Oliver, supported by Wasley 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, Siirila, Laabs**

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS:

Agenda Additions:

Recommendations from the Finance, Budgeting & Auditing Committee
07/11/18

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Oliver to advance the Fair Board up to \$30,000 for their pre-fair vouchers.

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Oliver, supported by Bonovetz and carried by unanimous voice vote to authorize the Chairman's signature on the Airport Awareness Advertising contract and adopt the resolution for the contract.

A motion was made by Oliver, supported by Wasley and carried by unanimous voice vote to authorize the Chairman's signature on the Airport Equipment Contract and adopt the resolution for the contract.

Commissioner Bonovetz handed out information on the public hearing which will held on the Copperwood Mine Project. The public hearing is to hear public comment on the Mine Permit application. It will be held on July 17, 2018 at GCC from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

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ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES:

Juliane Giackino updated the Board on the recent meeting held at the College to get more information out to the public in support of keeping the Ojibway Correctional Facility open. More meetings are being set up to discuss the matter with key people through the County.

She also discussed the possibility of creating a County Courthouse Facebook page to provide another outlet for the public. **A motion** was made by Bonovetz, supported by Orlich and carried by unanimous voice vote to proceed with the Facebook page. IT Director Brandon Tauer will do the work with the help of department heads.

PUBLIC COMMENT (5-minute limit)

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Vice-Chairman Dan Siirila

Gerry R. Pelissero, Clerk