

GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Minutes

July 25, 2018

County Courthouse

Bessemer, MI 49911

5:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 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 (July 11, 2018 regular 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 Oliver, supported by Wasley and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the agenda as presented along with one item from the Personnel & Negotiations Committee meeting of earlier today.

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

There were none.

COMMITTEE SUMMARY REPORTS:

1. Finance, Budgeting & Auditing Committee -----07/11/2018
2. Personnel & Negotiations Committee-----07/16/2018

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

APPEARANCES:

1. FY17 Audit presentation
Gabridge & Company

Sue Buitenhuis of Gabridge & Company presented the FY 2017 Audit report to the Board. Buitenhuis pointed out the County received an un-qualified opinion, which means there were no issues with the audit and that is the opinion the County wants to receive. The County Fund Balance grew by \$85,150.00 during the fiscal year and is at \$1,511,671.00. This represents about 23.5% of the total general fund annual expenditures. The funding for the retirement system and the retiree health plan are above the minimum requirements set by the State of Michigan. After her presentation, **a motion** was made by Oliver, supported by Siirila and carried by unanimous voice vote to accept the FY 2017 Audit report.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Heidi E. Washington, Director MDOC
(RE: OCF resolution)

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

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2. Juliane Giackino, County Administrator
(RE: Gogebic County PA 2 funds request)

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Oliver and carried by unanimous voice vote to move forward with the Northcare Network PA 2 funds request.

OTHER MATTERS:

Ambulance Contract County Contribution for 2018. (Personnel & Negotiations Committee 07/25/2018)

A motion was made by Oliver, supported by Wasley to pay Watersmeet Township \$11,878.62. This amount is based on the per capita (\$1.57) for Watersmeet Township. Watersmeet Township was exempt from Ambulance Service payments as part of the contract for services between the County, the other local units and Beacon Ambulance. Watersmeet Township has a contract for ambulance service with Aspirus out of Iron River, \$43,000.00 for 2018.

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

Beacon Ambulance was paid a portion of their July payment earlier this month and is still owed approximately \$11,000.00. The County still must allocate funds to cover the County portion of the contract with Beacon Ambulance. **A motion** was made by Oliver, supported by Wasley to pay Beacon the balance of the July payment.

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

Treasure Lisa Hewitt, Clerk Gerry Pelissero and Administrator Juliane Giackino will research where the County's share of the Ambulance Service Contract will come from. A recommendation will be made at the next Finance Committee meeting.

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Negotiation Contract with Craig Farrell.

A motion was made by Oliver, supported by Orlich to approve the agreement with Craig Farrell for negotiations services. Discussion was held, which included what requirements are needed by Farrell, to enter into a contract with the County. Other contractors must provide proof of liability insurance and proof of workers compensation. Oliver withdrew his motion and Orlich withdrew his support of the motion. Oliver then made **a motion**, supported by Orlich and carried on a five **yes** - two **no** voice vote to have Administrator Giackino worked with Farrell on a contract for services.

PUBLIC COMMENT (5-minute limit)

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Orlich, supported by Siirila and carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn to the call of the Chair. The meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

George R. Peterson III, Chairman

Gerry R. Pelissero, Clerk