

GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Minutes

June 13, 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 Chairman Peterson. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: (1) Bonovetz

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (May 23, 2018 regular meeting minutes)

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Siirila, supported by Wasley and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the agenda as presented along with three additions: Tony Holland of the Ottawa National Forest to speak on land exchanges and two items added to Other Matters. The release of PA 2 Funds to the Northcare Network and a resolution to be adopted.

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

There were none.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Mike Rogers, Watersmeet Township Supervisor
(RE: requested information)

Rogers reiterated his request for 30% of the PILT funds, which he asked for at the May 23, 2018 meeting. The Board discussed PILT funding and exactly how much Rogers was requesting from the County. Rogers said he as seeking 30% of the PILT funds paid to the county for the Federal acreage in Watersmeet Township. Wasley mentioned he was still researching the process and Orlich mentioned he would remain committed to keeping the PILT money for County purposes. The matter may be discussed during the FY 19 budget workshops. **A motion** was made Orlich, supported by Laabs to keep the PILT funds for County purposes until the law is changed.

Roll Call:

**YES: (4) Laabs, Oliver, Wasley,
Orlich**

No: (2) Siirila, Peterson

Motion carried.

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2. Greg Ryskey, Director Forestry and Parks Commission
(RE: credit card limit increase)

A motion was made by Siirila, supported by Orlich to increase the credit card limit for Greg Ryskey up to \$4,000.00.

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

Agenda Addition:

Ottawa National Forest Ranger, Tony Holland, re: land exchange process.

Holland discussed the Ottawa National Forest is using what is called a tripartite land exchange process. The Board was notified of the new process at the May 9, 2018 Board meeting. The exchange involves three parties, a non-Federal land owner, National Forest timber of value and equal to the non-Federal property and the purchaser who harvests the timber. The process was recently used in Ontonagon County. The Board asked a few questions and then thanked Holland for the information.

APPOINTMENTS:

Forestry and Parks Commission (two positions and two applicants)

A motion was made by Orlich, supported by Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to appoint Mark Whitley and Paul Grbacvich to the Forestry and Parks Commission.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. UPACC, in opposition of Septic Code changes HB 5752
& HB 5753

A motion was made by Siirila, supported by Oliver and carried by unanimous voice vote to adopt the resolution in opposition of the Septic code changes.

TABLED MATTERS:

(from May 9, 2018 meeting) Sheriff surplus vehicle

A motion was made by Siirila, supported by Oliver and carried by unanimous voice vote to take the item off the table.

Discussion was held on how the County will seek bids for the surplus vehicle. It was noted that the County has three surplus vehicles that will be available for the bid process. **A motion** was made by Oliver, supported by Wasley to offer all three vehicles to the local municipalities for a bid.

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Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Siirila, supported by Oliver and carried by unanimous voice vote to require the sealed bids to be received by noon on June 27th, 2018.

TRIAL BALANCE/CASH BALANCE

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

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS

A motion was made by Orlich, supported by Siirila to pay the claims and prepaids as presented and make them a part of the minutes.

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS:

Agenda Additions:

Release of PA 2 Funds to Northcare Network

A motion was made by Oliver, supported by Wasley to release \$3,368.50 to the Northcare Network.

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

Resolution in opposition to HB 6049 and SB 1025.

A motion was made by Siirila, supported by Oliver and carried by unanimous voice vote to adopt the resolution as presented and send this resolution to the local units as well as our legislators in Lansing. The Bills would completely restructure the assessing process in Michigan and place more of the financial burden on the Counties rather than the local units of government.

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ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES:

Administrator Juliane Giackino updated the Board on the Michigan Works pension liability issue, the wage study from MGT and she discussed how the recent fire drill went, which was held on Friday June 8th.

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.

George Peterson, III Chairman

Gerry R. Pelissero, Clerk