

GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Minutes

March 28, 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: (5) Laabs, Orlich, Peterson,
Siirila, Wasley**

Absent: (2) Bonovetz, Oliver

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (March 14, 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 Wasley and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the agenda as presented along with one item added to Other Matters regarding the claims meeting on April 11, 2018.

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

There were none.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS - SUMMARY REPORTS:

1. Personnel & Negotiations Committee-----02/07/18

2. Health & Welfare Committee -----02/26/18

A motion was made by Siirila, supported by Orlich and carried by unanimous voice vote to receive and place on file reports one, two four and five.

3. Dal Pra Scholarship Award Committee-----02/26/18

A motion was made by Siirila, supported by Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to award 61 total scholarships at \$2,500 each with Wakefield-Marenisco Schools receiving 11, Bessemer Area Schools receiving 14, Ironwood Area Schools receiving 30, Watersmeet Township Schools receiving four and the Community Schools receiving two; and classes such as Math 099 or English 099 would count toward the 12 credit minimum required by the committee with passing grades.

4. Finance, Budgeting & Auditing Committee---02/28/18

5. Personnel & Negotiations Committee -----03/14/18

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Missy Lane, Administrative Assistant, GCCMH
(RE: Amended By-Laws)

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

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OTHER MATTERS:

Agenda Addition:

Clerk Gerry Pelissero reminded the Board of the Finance, Budgeting & Auditing Committee meeting set for April 11, 2018. He requested the County continue to release the following approved appropriations on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

101-900 820.00 Indigent attorney contract (McKenzie, Talaska Law)

101-900-880.07 WUPPDR

101-900-881.00 Soil Conservation

101-901-965.00 Western UP Health

101-901-965.01 Mental Health

101-901-965.04 Friend of the Court

101-901-965.07 Child Care

101-901-965.18 Veteran's Affair

A motion was made by Siirila, supported by Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the release of those appropriations monthly.

PUBLIC COMMENT (5-minute limit)

Erwin Township Supervisor Larry Grimsby spoke and thanked new Equalization Director Kathy Jo Koval for attending taxation meetings recently in Erwin Township. Grimsby also talked about the responsibility all elected officials have when they take an Oath of Office, especially with the recent embezzlements cases in Erwin and Ironwood Townships.

Ironwood Township Supervisor Steven Boyd mentioned that former Ironwood Township Treasurer Jyl Olson signed a plea agreement regarding the embezzlement charges this week in Gogebic County Circuit Court. He will continue to monitor the court proceedings.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Siirila, supported by Wasley and carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn to the call of the Chair. The meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

George Peterson III, Chairman

Gerry R. Pelissero, Clerk