

GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Minutes

May 9, 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: (7) Bonovetz, Laabs, Oliver,
Orlich, Peterson, Siirila, Wasley**

Absent: (0) None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (April 25, 2018 meeting minutes)

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Laabs 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.

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

There were none.

COMMITTEE SUMMARY REPORTS:

1. Ambulance Committee update from-----05/02/2018

A motion was made by Wasley, supported by Siirila that the County will pay 50% of the Gogebic County's share of the per capita cost to provide ambulance services for Gogebic County through the end of 2018 contingent all municipalities in the County agree to pay their per capita share. Watersmeet Township would be exempt because they are already paying a fee to provide ambulance services.

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried

**** Motion for reconsideration vote taken later in meeting****

2. Dal Pra Educational Scholarship Committee---04/23/2018

A motion was made by Oliver, supported by Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the scholarship recipients for the 2018-19 Dr. Steven Fortunato Dal Pra & Colleen Dal Pra Educational Awards. The names will be released at each school's award assembly.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Phil Strong, Project Engineer, Coleman Engineering
(RE: Grant Agreement Amendment)

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Oliver and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve Amendment 2 to Phase Two of the Iron Belle Trail Project 14-0166 and authorize the Chairman's signature on the agreement.

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2. County Clerk Gerry Pelissero
(RE: millage language approval for 08/07/18)
3. Georgia Weber, Administrator GMCF
(RE: approval of M.O.E. language for 8/07/18 election)

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Wasley and carried by unanimous voice vote to place the Animal Control Millage and the Maintenance of Effort millage on the August 7, 2018 primary ballot.

GOGEBIC COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL PROGRAM RENEWAL MILLAGE PROPOSAL

PROPOSAL TO LEVY TWO-TENTHS (0.2) OF ONE MILL FOR THE OPERATION OF THE HOPE ANIMAL SHELTER & PART-TIME ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER ("GOGEBIC COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL PROGRAM") FOR A PERIOD OF FOUR (4) YEARS FROM 2018-2021, INCLUSIVE:

Shall the previous voted limitation on the total amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in the County of Gogebic be increased two-tenths (0.2 per \$1,000.00 of taxable valuation) for a period of four (4) years, 2018-2021 inclusive, the taxes so raised to be used exclusively for the continued operation of the Gogebic County Animal Control Program and shall the County of Gogebic levy such increase in millage for such purposes during such period, which increases will raise in the first year of such levy an estimated \$103,281.00?(This is the millage rate that has been in effect from 1998-2017 and represents a renewal rather than an increase.)

GOGEBIC COUNTY MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT MILLAGE PROPOSITION

PROPOSITION TO LEVY 0.6 MILLS FOR THE CONTINUED PAYMENT OF MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT COSTS TO THE STATE OF MICHIGAN FOR THE OPERATION OF THE GOGEBIC MEDICAL CARE FACILITY FOR A PERIOD OF FOUR (4) YEARS FROM 2019-2022, INCLUSIVE:

Shall the previous voted increase in the 15 mill tax limitation and levy as reduced by the required millage rollback, resulting in a levy of 0.6 mills (\$0.6 per \$1,000.00 of state taxable valuation) upon taxable real and tangible personal property within the County of Gogebic, be continued for a period of Four (4) years, 2019-2022 inclusive, the taxes so raised to be used exclusively for the paying of Gogebic County's Maintenance of Effort payments to the State of Michigan for the continued operation of the Gogebic County Medical Care Facility, which levy will raise in the first year of the levy the estimated sum of \$309,843.00? (This millage rate represents a renewal of the millage, rather than an increase.)

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4. Greg Ryskey, Director Forestry and Parks Commission)
(RE: Commission term expirations)

A motion was made by Oliver, supported by Wasley and carried by unanimous voice vote to advertise for applicants for the Forestry and Parks Commission.

5. Loren E. Khogali, Executive Director, MIDC
(RE: approval of Indigent Defense plan)

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

6. Stephanie Zaleski, Administrative Secretary, GC Retirement Commission (RE: Deputy Webber military years purchase)

A motion was made by Oliver, supported by Bonovetz and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the military time purchase by Jim Webber.

7. Lisa Hewitt, County Treasurer
(RE: Annual Retirement Report)

A motion was made by Oliver, supported by Orlich and carried by unanimous voice vote to receive and place on file the FY17 Gogebic County Retirement Commission annual report.

8. Linda L Jackson, Forest Supervisor, USFS
(RE: Land exchange)

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

TRIAL BALANCE/CASH BALANCE

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Laabs 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 Siirila 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 as presented along with the pre-paids and make them a part of the minutes.

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried

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OTHER MATTERS:

Sheriff vehicle sale to Watersmeet Township

Discussion took place on whether the County was willing to sell the 2012 Dodge Charger owned by the County to Watersmeet Township. This vehicle was used for travel purposes by courthouse employees until late 2017. It has been idle since the County began using the former 9-1-1 Ford Explorer for travel purposes. Watersmeet township is considering creating a police force and would use that vehicle. Further discussion included seeking bids and checking to see if Marenisco Township might also be interested in this vehicle. **A motion** was made by Oliver, supported by Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to table the matter until the board has more time to consider their options.

District Court staffing (retirement)

Judge Joel Massie informed the Board of Ginny Boline's retirement at the end of May. He has held interviews and he discussed the plan to move forward to fill the vacancy. The position to be filled will be a pay grade six down from a pay grade seven. His FY18 budget may be bit over budget based on the factors he outlined in his discussion. He will keep the Board informed if it is necessary for a budget amendment in September. He plans to hire soon and provide the new person with a week of training with Ginny Boline.

Chairman Peterson wanted to thank the Road Commission employees for the great job they did this winter season. Darren Pionk was in attendance and said he would pass on the word. Peterson also mentioned how pleased he was with the cleanliness of the Courthouse.

Commissioner Siirila mentioned how disappointed he was when no one from the County was invited to meet Governor Snyder while he was in Ironwood on Monday May 7th. **A motion** was made by Siirila, supported by Oliver and carried by an 8 yea - 1 nay voice vote to send a letter to the Governor expressing the Board's disappointment no one from the County was informed of his visit to the County.

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Sheriff Department Deputy contract strategy discussion

A motion was made by Wasley supported by Siirila to move into closed session for negotiation strategy regarding the Deputy Association contract at approximately 5:45 p.m.

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried

At approximately 6:20 p.m. **a motion** was made by Bonovetz, supported by Siirila to move back into open session.

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried

A motion for reconsideration of the ambulance service motion of earlier in the meeting was made by Oliver, supported by Wasley to change the County commitment for ambulance services. The County will pay 50% of the per capita costs up to \$100,000 of the cost to provide ambulance services for Gogebic County, contingent on all municipalities participate in funding their per capita obligation. (Watersmeet Township exempt)

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried

ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES:

There were no updates provided.

PUBLIC COMMENT (5-minute limit)

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Wasley and carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn to the call of the Chair. The meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.

George R. Peterson III, Chairman

Gerry R. Pelissero, Clerk