

**GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

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

**Absent: (0) None**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** (November 13, 2018 regular meeting)

**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 Orlich, supported by Oliver and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the agenda along with four additions to Other Matters: Fair Board appointments, Northcare Network release of PA 2 funds, renewal of the Employee Assistance Program and draft a letter to Ironwood Township regarding 2016 Tax Settlement.

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

There were none.

**COMMITTEE SUMMARY REPORTS:**

1. Personnel & Negotiations Committee-----10/23/18
2. Finance, Budgeting & Auditing Committee---10/24/18
3. Personnel & Negotiations Committee -----10/24/18

**A motion** was made by Bonovetz, supported by Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to receive reports one, two and three and place them on file.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Jerald Wuorenmaa, Executive Director, WUPPDR  
(RE: Gogebic County Hazard Mitigation Plan)

**A motion** was made by Bonovetz, supported by Siirila and carried by unanimous voice vote to send a letter of support for the HAZMAT plan and approve of the in-kind match by the County up to \$3,000.

2. Lisa Hewitt, County Treasurer/Retirement Director  
(RE: AFSCME sick leave compensation)

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

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**CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS:**

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

**Roll Call:**

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

**No: (0) None**

**Motion carried.**

Agenda Additions:

Fair Board Appointments

**A motion** was made by Oliver, supported by Wasley and carried by unanimous voice vote to appoint Tom Hampston and Tom Fiala to regular terms beginning December 1, 2018.

**A motion** was made by Oliver, supported by Orlich and carried by unanimous voice vote to appoint Jim Lorensen to the un-expired term which expires November 30, 2019.

**A motion** was made by Bonovetz, supported by Wasley to release the PA 2 Funds to the Northcare Network in the amount of \$7,118.37.

**Roll Call:**

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

**No: (0) None**

**Motion carried.**

**A motion** was made by Bonovetz, supported by Wasley and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the renewal of the Employee Assistance Program with Great Lakes Recovery. The County also considered a bid from the Behavioral Health Services from the LVD Health Clinic in Watersmeet.

**A motion** was made by Siirila, supported by Wasley and carried by unanimous voice vote to have Corporate Counsel Nick Jacobs send a to Ironwood Township seeking funds from the 2016 Tax Settlement which are still owed to the County.

**OTHER MATTERS:**

Ratification of AFSCME Contract (closed session)

**A motion** was made by Bonovetz, supported by Wasley to go into closed session for negotiations strategy purposes.

**Roll Call:**

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

**No: (0) None**

**Motion carried.**

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**A motion** was made by Bonovetz, supported by Siirila to go back into open session.

**Roll Call:**

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

**No: (0) None**

**Motion carried.**

Bonovetz suggested looking for someone to negotiate contracts from within the County and Tracie Wittla was suggested.

**A motion** was made by Oliver, supported by Siirila to authorize an actuarial study be done for the sick leave payout, they were reminded this was previously approved, Oliver rescinded his motion and Siirila his support.

**A motion** was made by Oliver, supported by Wasley and carried by unanimous voice vote to table the AFSCME union contract ratification.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (5-minute limit)**

There was none.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion** was made by Bonovetz, supported by Orlich and carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn to the call of the Chair. The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

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George R. Peterson III, Chairman

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Gerry R. Pelissero, Clerk