

GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

October 24, 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 (October 10, 2018 meeting minutes)

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Oliver, supported by Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the agenda as presented along an update on MGT wage study committee, an U.P. County Commissioners conference update and a recommendation from the Finance, Budgeting & Auditing 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----09/26/18

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Laabs and carried by unanimous voice vote to receive the report as presented.

2. Economic Develop. & Capital Improve. -----10/12/18

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Laabs to deny the request by the Fair Board to apply for a grant of \$25,000 to replace windows at the Fairgrounds. Discussion took place, with Wasley asking if the Economic Development and Capital Improvement Committee had a plan B to take care of the window issue. Bonovetz mentioned the committee never had anything in writing to consider from the Fair Board regarding the replacement of the windows or a copy of the grant application. Discussion included the safety of the building due to the breaking of the windows. The Chairman called for a roll call vote.

Roll Call:

YES: (3) Bonovetz, Siirila, Laabs

No: (4) Oliver, Orlich, Wasley, Peterson

Motion failed.

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Discussion continued, and then **a motion** was made by Oliver, supported by Orlich to send a letter to the Fair Board asking for an explanation in writing on what the grant application's main purpose is. If available, estimates of project should be included with the letter.

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

APPEARANCES:

1. Equalization Director Kathy Jo Koval
(RE: 2018 Apportionment report)

Kathy Jo Koval presented to the Board the 2018 Apportionment report. The total taxable value in Gogebic County is \$523,548,387. The total amount that could be collected in taxes using the 6.6800 mills for 2018 is \$3,497,303.00 and this will amount to an increase of 1.38% and provide approximately \$47,720 in additional revenue for the County. **A motion** was made by Bonovetz, supported by Siirila to approve of the 2018 Appropriation report as presented.

Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Road Commission Office Manager Patti Hagstrom
(RE: advertising for Commission seat)

A motion was made by Oliver, supported by Bonovetz and carried by unanimous voice vote to advertise for the upcoming term on the Road Commission. Applications will be due by noon Wednesday November 21, 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 Bonovetz, supported by Wasley and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the reports as presented.

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS:

A motion was made by Orlich, supported by Laabs to pay the claims as presented along with the pre-paids and the one additional claim for Verizon in the amount of \$1,616.33, and to make them a part of the minutes.

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Roll Call:

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

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS

Agenda Additions:

MGT Study Committee

Chairman Peterson mentioned Commissioners Bonovetz, Oliver and Wasley have agreed to work as a committee for the Board to work on the MGT wage study.

Bonovetz provided a handout and discussed the conference information with the Board as it relates to matters being worked on by the U.P. County Commissioner Association.

Finance, Budgeting & Auditing Committee recommendation

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Wasley to increase the Soil Erosion Sedimentation Control Permit Fees as follows:

Residential increase to \$200 from \$150 and After the Fact Permits increased to \$400 from \$250 effective November 1, 2018. The County Board of Commissioners Appropriations Act will be amended to reflect the increase in those fees.

Roll Call:

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

No: (1) Peterson

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT (5-minute limit)

Tom Hampston of the Fair Board apologized to Commissioners Bonovetz and Laabs for how he requested funds from the County for repairs of windows at the Fairgrounds.

Randall Kashieh of Ironwood spoke to the County Board on his frustration with the Bessemer Area Schools.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Siirila, supported by Orlich and carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn to the call of the Chair. The meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

George R. Peterson III, Chairman

Gerry R. Pelissero, Clerk