

GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Re-Organizational Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2019

County Courthouse

Bessemer, MI 49911

5:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by County Clerk Gerry Pelissero.

OATH OF OFFICE

Pelissero administered the Oath of Office to those commissioners in attendance.

ROLL CALL:

Present: (5) Bonovetz, Byrns, Laabs, Orlich, Siirila

Absent: (2) Balduc, Peterson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Siirila, supported by Orlich and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the agenda as presented along with one addition to Other Matters; Wells Fargo credit card invoice approval. Circuit Court Judge Michael Pope requested to speak to the Board, which will also be added to Other Matters.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (December 21, 2018 regular meeting minutes)

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

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

There were none.

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

Pelissero opened the floor for nominations for Chairperson. Bonovetz with support from Byrns nominated Dan Siirila. Clerk Pelissero asked three more times for any additional nominations and heard none. **A motion** was made by Bonovetz, supported by Byrns to close nominations and to cast a unanimous vote for Dan Siirila as Chairperson. Motion carried. Siirila assumed the Chair.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON

Siirila opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chairperson. Bonovetz nominated Orlich, and Mr. Orlich immediately declined. Orlich then nominated Bonovetz, Bonovetz immediately declined. Bonovetz with support from Orlich nominated Jim Byrns as Vice-Chairperson. Siirila then asked three more times for additional nominations and heard none. **A motion** was made by Bonovetz, supported by Orlich to close nominations and to cast a unanimous vote for Jim Byrns as Vice-Chairperson. Motion carried.

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ADOPTION OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Byrns and carried by unanimous voice vote to adopt Roberts Rules of Order for meeting procedures.

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Orlich and carried by unanimous voice vote to adopt a rotation of roll call votes by commissioner district and the Chairperson will vote last.

APPOINTMENT OF A PARLIAMENTARIAN

A motion was made by Orlich, supported by Bonovetz and carried by unanimous voice vote to name Nick Jacobs as the Board Parliamentarian.

DESIGNATION OF MEETING DATES, TIMES AND PLACES

Current Schedule:

Location: Gogebic County Courthouse
District Courtroom
Bessemer, Michigan

Dates and Times:

Regular Board Meeting - 2nd Wednesday at 5:00PM
Finance Committee - 4th Wednesday at 4:30PM
Regular Board Meeting - 4th Wednesday at 5:00PM

All appearance requests and communications to be placed on the agenda for a meeting of the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners must be received by the Gogebic County Clerk-Register, no later than 12:00 p.m. on the Friday immediately prior to the meeting. Requests and communications received after the deadline will not be considered until the following board meeting. The Board may add items to the agenda if action is necessary prior to the next regular meeting.

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Byrns and carried by unanimous voice vote to set the meetings as presented.

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COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Sheriff Pete Matonich

(RE: retirement of Sgt Beninghaus)

Sheriff Pete Matonich informed the Board of his planned process to fill the position of Sgt. Beninghaus prior to his retirement at the end of March. He will keep the Board informed. **A motion** was made by Bonovetz, supported by Orlich and carried by unanimous voice to receive the communication and place it on file.

2. Treasurer Lisa Hewitt

(RE: Investment policy)

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Byrns and carried by unanimous voice vote to adopt the Investment Policy Resolution as presented and authorize the Chairperson to sign the document. **A motion** was made by Byrns supported by Bonovetz and carried by unanimous voice vote to adopt the Depository Resolution as presented.

3. Treasurer Lisa Hewitt

(RE: Credit cards for new commissioners)

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Byrns and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve credit cards for new commissioners Joann Balduc and Jim Byrns as well a new Probate Judge Anna Talaska. The credit limit will be \$2,000.00.

4. Jim Peterson, DHHS Board member

(RE: resignation)

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Orlich and carried by unanimous voice vote to advertise to fill the at large position on DHHS Board. The appointee will complete the un-expired term to 10/31/2020.

APPOINTMENTS:

1. Transit Board
2. UP State Fair Authority
3. UPCAP Board

Chairman Siirila will be making these appointments.

OTHER MATTERS:

Agenda Additions:

Wells Fargo Credit Card invoice approval.

A motion was made by Bonovetz, supported by Orlich to pay the credit card invoice as presented totaling \$4,633.95.

Roll Call:

YES: (5) Laabs, Byrns, Bonovetz, Orlich, Siirila

No: (0) None

Motion carried.

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Michigan Indigent Defense Commission Agreement

Laabs had questions on the contract specifically section 3.3 B. Termination for Convenience. County Administration mentioned she is meeting to discuss the Agreement with the State this coming Tuesday and will discuss that language. **A motion** was made by Laabs, supported by Bonovetz and carried by unanimous voice vote to table the matter until the next meeting. The State is hopeful the agreement will be signed by January 31, 2019.

Circuit Court Judge Michael Pope would like to be added to the agenda on a quarterly basis to keep the Board informed on the courts. **A motion** was made by Laabs, supported by Byrns to add Judge Pope to the regular Board agenda on a quarterly basis beginning with the March 27th meeting.

While he had the floor, Pope provided an update on the Public Defender contract, which was sent back to McKenzie & Muskett for some language changes and after his review of the proposed changes, he will provide the proper County officials with the contract for signatures.

He also answered a few questions regarding how Probate and District Courts will handle the potential conflict with new Probate Judge Anna Talaska and her former law practice partners. Pope mentioned he will handle approximately 40 cases in January that are conflicts. After that he believes the issue will be resolved by agreements between the Prosecutor's office and the McKenzie & Muskett law firm.

Finally, Pope discussed the possible relocation of the State Probation and Parole office within the Courthouse to alleviate some security issues and bathroom usage for probation and parolees. The State office would relocate to the main floor at the Probate/Juvenile offices and a portion of the that Court would move upstairs. The State will be asked to fund the cost of this proposed move.

PUBLIC COMMENT (5-minute limit)

Randy Kashieh spoke on the lack of support from the Board on the education of his children and the entire education of all children within Gogebic County through the Intermediate School District.

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ADJOURN

A motion was made by Orlich, supported by Bonovetz and carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn to the call of the Chair. The meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Dan Siirila, Chairperson

Gerry R. Pelissero, Clerk