

**GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Regular Meeting**

**September 9, 2020**

**County Courthouse**

**Bessemer, MI 49911**

**5:00 P.M.**

**\*\*\* Budget workshop at 4:00 p.m.\*\*\***

**AGENDA**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** (August 26, 2020 meeting minutes)

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**APPEARANCES:**

1. Heidi DeRosso, Emergency Manager/9-1-1 Coordinator  
(RE: EMPG Grant and FY21 9-1-1 Budget)

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. John Frello, Veterans Service Officer  
(RE: Grant opportunity)
2. Charly Loper, City of Bessemer, Manager  
(RE: 5-year Master Plan)
3. Mike Harma, Airport Manager  
(RE: MDOT Grant)

**OTHER MATTERS:**

**ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES:**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

**GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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**5:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Siirila. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken.

**ROLL CALL:**

**Present: (7) Bonovetz, Byrns, Laabs, Lorensen(via phone)  
Orlich, Peterson, Siirila**

**Absent: (0) None**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** (August 12, 2020 Public Hearing and Regular meeting minutes)

**A motion** was made by Bonovetz, supported by Lorensen to approve the minutes as presented.

**Roll Call:**

**YES: (7) Laabs, Byrns, Lorensen, Bonovetz,  
Orlich, Peterson, Siirila**

**No: (0) None**

**Motion carried.**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**A motion** was made by Laabs, supported by Orlich to approve the agenda as presented along with the following recommendations from the finance meeting: release the PA 2 funds to Northcare Network, approve the 9-1-1 dispatching offer from Negaunee Regional Dispatch and allow the Walmart bill and stamp order for the sheriff department to be paid as pre-paids.

**Roll Call:**

**YES: (7) Laabs, Byrns, Lorensen, Bonovetz,  
Orlich, Peterson, Siirila**

**No: (0) None**

**Motion carried.**

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

There were none.

**COMMITTEE SUMMARY REPORTS:**

1. Finance, Budgeting & Auditing Committee---07/22/2020

**A motion** was made by Peterson, supported by Bonovetz to receive the report, and place it on file.

**Roll Call:**

**YES: (7) Laabs, Byrns, Lorensen, Bonovetz,  
Orlich, Peterson, Siirila**

**No: (0) None**

**Motion carried.**

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**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Equalization Director Kathy Jo Koval  
(RE: Designated Assessor & Winter LEVY L-4029)

Equalization Director Koval discussed the new overview of the Audit Process and Designated Assessor program. A joint committee must be created to hire a Designated Assessor to oversee and replace if necessary, the municipality's assessor. The committee will consist of city managers, township supervisors and Koval and a County Board appointee. Dan Siirila volunteered to represent the County.

Secondly, Koval asked the Board to approve and authorize signatures on the County L-4029 for the winter tax rate. The tax rate is 2.7237 and includes the following millage:

M.O.E. at .2000  
MCF Building and Site at .3980  
Senior Programs at .6000  
Animal Control at .1990  
Transit at .3316  
Ambulance at .9951

**A motion** was made by Bonovetz, supported by Peterson to adopt the Tax rate at 2.7237 and authorize the chairman and clerk to sign the state form.

**Roll Call:**

**YES: (7) Laabs, Byrns, Lorenson, Bonovetz,  
Orlich, Peterson, Siirila**

**No: (0) None**

**Motion carried.**

2. Circuit Court Judge Michael K. Pope  
(RE: County Jury Board appointments)

**A motion** was made by Peterson, supported by Laabs to appoint Paula Partanen, Susan Mitchem and Lynn Ormes to the jury board.

**Roll Call:**

**YES: (7) Laabs, Byrns, Lorenson, Bonovetz,  
Orlich, Peterson, Siirila**

**No: (0) None**

**Motion carried.**

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3. City of Bessemer  
(RE: Public Hearing)

**A motion** was made by Bonovetz, supported by Laabs to receive the communication, and place it on file.

**Roll Call:**

**YES: (7) Laabs, Byrns, Lorensen, Bonovetz,  
Orlich, Peterson, Siirila**

**No: (0) None**

**Motion carried.**

4. Range Suicide Prevention Council Proclamation

**A motion** was made by Bonovetz, supported by Orlich to adopt the Proclamation as presented.

**Roll Call:**

**YES: (7) Laabs, Byrns, Lorensen, Bonovetz,  
Orlich, Peterson, Siirila**

**No: (0) None**

**Motion carried.**

**TRIAL BALANCE/CASH BALANCE:**

**A motion** was made by Bonovetz, supported by Laabs to approve the reports as presented.

**Roll Call:**

**YES: (7) Laabs, Byrns, Lorensen, Bonovetz,  
Orlich, Peterson, Siirila**

**No: (0) None**

**Motion carried.**

**GENERAL FUND REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE CONTROL:**

**A motion** was made by Bonovetz, supported Peterson to approve the reports as presented.

**Roll Call:**

**YES: (7) Laabs, Byrns, Lorensen, Bonovetz,  
Orlich, Peterson, Siirila**

**No: (0) None**

**Motion carried.**

**CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS:**

**A motion** was made by Orlich, supported by Byrns to pay the claims as presented along the prepaids and make them apart of the minutes.

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**Roll Call:**

**YES: (7) Laabs, Byrns, Lorensen, Bonovetz,  
Orlich, Peterson, Siirila**

**No: (0) None**

**Motion carried.**

**OTHER MATTERS**

**Agenda Additions:**

1. 9-1-1 Dispatch Agreement

**A motion** was made by Lorensen, supported by Bonovetz to approve a three year contract with Negaunee Regional Dispatch beginning in 2021 at \$68,232, 2022 at \$69,596, 2023 at \$70,988 in addition the County will be paying \$5,000 each year into a tech fund for NRD.

**Roll Call:**

**YES: (7) Laabs, Byrns, Lorensen, Bonovetz,  
Orlich, Peterson, Siirila**

**No: (0) None**

**Motion carried.**

2. PA 2 Funds release

**A motion** was made by Bonovetz, supported by Laabs to release 50% of the PA 2 funds received for the second quarter of 2020. The County will release \$5,384.50 to the Northcare Network.

**Roll Call:**

**YES: (7) Laabs, Byrns, Lorensen, Bonovetz,  
Orlich, Peterson, Siirila**

**No: (0) None**

**Motion carried.**

3. Sheriff Department Walmart bill and Post office bill as pre-paids.

**A motion** was made by Peterson, supported by Bonovetz to approve the bills to be paid as pre-paids.

**Roll Call:**

**YES: (7) Laabs, Byrns, Lorensen, Bonovetz,  
Orlich, Peterson, Siirila**

**No: (0) None**

**Motion carried.**

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

Brandon Tauer of the County wanted to thank and recognize the Iron County Dispatch Center for services over life of their contracts providing 9-1-1 dispatch service for the County.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion** was made by Orlich, supported by Peterson to adjourn to the call of the Chair. The meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

**Roll Call:**

**YES: (7) Laabs, Byrns, Lorensen, Bonovetz,  
Orlich, Peterson, Siirila**

**No: (0) None**

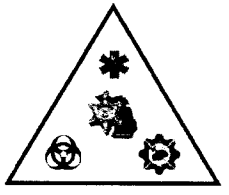
**Motion carried.**

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Dan Siirila, Chairman

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Gerry R. Pelissero, Clerk



For Emergency  
Call 911

**Gogebic County Emergency Management/911**  
**Heidi DeRosso**  
**200 N. Moore St.**  
**Bessemer, Michigan 49911**  
**Phone: 906.667.1118**  
**Fax: 906.663.4105**

## **MEMO**

**TO:** Gerry Pelissero  
**FROM:** Heidi DeRosso, Emergency Management/911 Coordinator  
**DATE:** September 4, 2020  
**Re:** County Board Meeting

Gerry,

I am requesting to be put on the agenda for the September 9th board meeting regarding the EMPG Grant Agreement and the 911 Budget.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heidi DeRosso  
Emergency Management/911 Coordinator

Michigan State Police  
Emergency Management  
and  
Homeland Security  
Division



Grant Agreement

**FEDERAL AWARD IDENTIFICATION**

SUBRECIPIENT NAME County of Gogebic	GRANT NAME Emergency Management Performance Grants	CFDA NUMBER 97.042
SUBRECIPIENT IRS/VENDOR NUMBER 074795980	FEDERAL AWARD IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (FAIN) EMC-2020-EP-00005	FEDERAL AWARD DATE 7/9/2020
SUBRECIPIENT DUNS NUMBER 38-6004851	SUBAWARD PERFORMANCE PERIOD FROM 10/1/2019 TO 9/30/2020	
RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT N/A	<b>Funding</b>	<b>Total</b>
	Federal Funds Obligated by this Action	\$13,032
INDIRECT COST RATE None on file	Total Federal Funds Obligated to Subrecipient	\$13,032
	Total Amount of Federal Award	\$9,073,402

FEDERAL AWARD PROJECT DESCRIPTION

2020 Emergency Management Performance Grants

DETAILS

The 2020 EMPG allocation is 34.83% of the Subrecipient's emergency program manager's salary and fringe benefits. A cost-match is required under this program. The Federal share used towards the EMPG budget shall not exceed 50 percent of the total budget.

FEDERAL AWARDDING AGENCY

Federal Emergency Management Agency  
Grant Operations  
245 Murray Lane – Building 410, SW  
Washington DC 20528-7000

PASS-THROUGH ENTITY (RECIPIENT) NAME

Michigan State Police  
Emergency Management and  
Homeland Security Division  
PO Box 30634  
Lansing, MI 48909



06/17/2020 BUDGET REPORT FOR COUNTY OF GOGEBIC  
 Calculations as of 06/30/2020

GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	2019-20 AMENDED BUDGET	2019-20 ACTIVITY THRU 06/30/20	2019-20 PROJECTED ACTIVITY	2020-21 REQUESTED BUDGET
Dept 911 - 911 OPERATIONS					
261-911-000.00					
261-911-700.00	EXPENDITURE CONTROL	50,975			40,516
261-911-701.01	PER DIEM	1,200	559	1,000	1,500
261-911-702.00	SALARIED AND PERM. PART TIME	27,300	20,408	27,300	29,326
261-911-703.00	DEPARTMENT HEAD	22,820	16,149	22,820	23,142
261-911-709.00	FICA	3,953	2,705	3,953	4,014
261-911-717.00	RETIREMENT	13,987		13,890	14,991
261-911-719.00	EMPLOYERS HOSPITALIZATION INS	13,850	8,693	13,850	11,537
261-911-723.00	EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE				
261-911-724.01	HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT ACTIVITY				
261-911-750.02	DATA PROCESSING SUPPLIES	6,000		6,000	6,000
261-911-752.00	SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	3,500	561	3,500	3,500
261-911-752.01	SUPPLIES SJI GRANT				
261-911-759.00	GAS, OIL & GREASE	1,000	286	1,000	1,000

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261-911-791.00	SUBSCRIPTIONS & DUES	18,000	10,502	16,000	18,000
261-911-801.01	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	105,000	53,066	105,000	85,000
261-911-810.00	COLLECTION SERVICES				
261-911-841.00	WORKERS COMPENSATION	605		605	614
261-911-850.00	TELEPHONE	1,000	377	1,000	1,000
261-911-850.06	RADIO PHONE CIRCUITS	11,200	8,146	11,200	11,200
261-911-851.00	POSTAGE	150	48	150	200
261-911-860.00	TRAVEL	3,000	173	750	3,000
261-911-905.01	PUBLIC RELATIONS & EDUCATION	1,500	448	1,500	1,500
261-911-909.00	ADVERTISING	1,500	1,500	1,500	500
261-911-920.00	UTILITIES	2,500	1,363	2,500	2,500
261-911-934.00	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	1,200	573	1,200	1,200
261-911-934.01	RADIO REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	80,000	49,254	80,000	150,000
261-911-968.00	DEPRECIATION EXPENSE				
261-911-977.00	EQUIPMENT	10,000		10,000	15,000
261-911-981.00	VEHICLE				
	NET OF REVENUES/APPROPRIATIONS - 911 - 911 OPERATIONS	(380,240)	(174,811)	324,718	425,240

Approved by 911 Committee  
08/12/20

06/19/2020 BUDGET REPORT FOR COUNTY OF GOGEBIC  
 Calculations as of 06/30/2020

GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	2019-20 AMENDED BUDGET	2019-20 ACTIVITY THRU 06/30/20	2019-20 PROJECTED ACTIVITY	2020-21 REQUESTED BUDGET
Dept 000 - AUDITING					
261-000-400.00	REVENUE CONTROL		463	463	
261-000-400.01	OTHER REVENUE				
261-000-544.01					
261-000-551.04	STATE GRANT-EMERGENCY SERVICE				
261-000-628.00	911 SERV CHG - STATE	160,000	81,255	140,000	135,000
261-000-628.01	911 WIRELESS SERV CHG - OTHER				
261-000-628.02	911 - MAPS				
261-000-629.00	911 TELEPHONE SURCHARGE	220,000	112,154	220,000	290,000
261-000-665.00	INTEREST/FEES				
261-000-667.00	RENTS	240		240	240
261-000-676.00	REIMBURSEMENTS - GENERAL		500	500	
261-000-686.16	REIMB. TRAVEL				
261-000-715.00	FICA				
NET OF REVENUES/APPROPRIATIONS - 000 - AUDITING		380,240	194,372	361,203	425,240

Approved by 911 Committee  
 08/12/2020



## Gogebic County Council of Veterans Affairs

Courthouse  
200 N. Moore Street  
Bessemer, MI 49911  
Telephone: (906) 667-1110  
Fax: 906-667-1122

Email: [Veterans@GogebicCountyMI.gov](mailto:Veterans@GogebicCountyMI.gov)

### Officers

Jack Lillar, Chairman  
H. Bill Neumann, Vice-Chairman  
Donald E. Ormes, Secretary  
John Rundquist, Treasurer

### Service Officer

John J. Frello

### Transportation / Outreach

Linda Malmberg

September 2, 2020

To: Gerald Pelissero  
Gogebic County Clerk  
200 N. Moore St.  
Bessemer, MI 49911

Re: Request to be Placed on September 9, 2020, Meeting Agenda

Please include me on the agenda for your September 9, 2020, meeting.

We were invited to apply for the FY 2021 County Veteran Service Fund Grant through the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency (MVAA). Our application package, less supporting documents, is enclosed.

I am asking for the Board's support to submit the application, and if approved, for Chairman Siirila to sign on page 2 of the application.

I will be in attendance should there be any questions.

Please let me know if you have question in advance of the meeting.

Sincerely

John J. Frello  
County Veterans Service Officer



## Gogebic County Council of Veterans Affairs

Courthouse  
200 N. Moore Street  
Bessemer, MI 49911  
Telephone: (906) 667-1110  
Fax: 906-667-1122  
Email: Veterans@GogebicCountyMI.gov

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John Rundquist, Treasurer

### Service Officer

John J. Frello

### Transportation / Outreach

Linda Malmberg

September 3, 2020

Memo to Gogebic County Board of Commissioners

Re: FY 2021 County Veterans Service Fund Grant Application

We were invited to apply for the FY 2021 County Veterans Service Fund Grant through the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency (MVAA). The grant application package is enclosed, less supporting documents, for your review and consideration.

We are asking for your support in submitting the application package, and if approved, for Chairman Siirila to sign on page 2 of the application. A second signature will be required on the transportation agreement with Michigan Transportation Connection once legal review is complete.

### Purpose

- To enhance and improve county Veteran service operations by connecting Veterans to their federal benefits and provide consistent access to services throughout the state
- Needs based. Grant must resolve a temporary financial hardship

### Eligibility.

 Eligibility requirements include:

- Maintain a minimum level of county funding for Veteran service operations equal to the level of FY 2017 (\$25,072 (2017) v. \$27,169 (2020))
- Provide no less than 20 hours per week toward Veteran service operations by accredited Veterans service officer

### Available Funding

- \$4.15M for Michigan's 83 counties. \$50K base amount + per capita reallocation of funds from non-participating counties
- County receives funding on our behalf, but my office is responsible for project management
- Tentatively approved for \$52,120. As exciting as that sounds, we were at this point last year when the state deemed us ineligible because I was not a County employee
- Any remaining fund balance returned to State at fiscal year end

### Projects

- Assist Wartime and Peacetime Veterans                      Outreach / Advertising
- Technology                      Training                      Transportation to Medical Appointments

I will be at the meeting to answer any questions. Until then, please contact me at 285-2005 with questions.

Thank you for your continued support of our County's Veterans.

Sincerely

John J. Frello, CVSO



Michigan

Bessemer

411 S. Sophie, Bessemer, MI 49911

- Clerk: (906) 667-0333
- Manager: (906) 663-4311
- Fax: (906) 667-0467
- Michigan Relay TDD: 1-800-649-3777

Adam Zak  
Mayor

8/27/20

To whom it may concern,

The City of Bessemer is starting their 5-year Master Planning Process. If you have any feedback on what we should include in the next plan, please contact Charly Loper at [Charly.Loper@bessemermi.org](mailto:Charly.Loper@bessemermi.org) or 906-663-4311. This process is anticipated to take several months to a year given the pandemic. We will be sending you a link to the draft before it is adopted for any comments.

Best regards,

Charly Loper

**Be Home**

An Equal Opportunity Employer and Provider

Mike Harma  
Manager  
[airport@gogebiccountymi.gov](mailto:airport@gogebiccountymi.gov)

E5560 Airport Road  
Ironwood, Michigan 49938

**GOGEBIC - IRON**  
**IWD**  
**COUNTY AIRPORT**

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September 3, 2020

Mr. Gerry Pelissero, Clerk  
Gogebic County Courthouse  
200 North Moore St.  
Bessemer, Michigan 49911

Dear Mr. Pelissero:

The Gogebic-Iron County Airport is requesting approval for the following grant by the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners at their September 9, 2020 meeting.

Enclosed please find the following:

- One (1) digital copy of Michigan Department of Transportation Grant Agreement # IWD-PFAS 2020 between the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners (GRANTEE) for the purpose of MDOT providing grant assistance for Airport PFAS testing.

Sincerely,



Mike Harma  
Airport Manager -IWD

**Gogebic-Iron County Airport Board**

Joe Bonovetz, Chairman • Pat Hanson • Brandon Snyder • Tom Laabs • James Lorensen

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