

BARAGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2024
‘OFFICIAL’

CALL TO ORDER:

Clerk Goodreau called the Regular/Organizational Meeting to order on Monday, January 8, 2024 at 5:00 p.m., Baraga County Courthouse, 16 N. Third Street, L'Anse, MI 49946.

ROLL CALL:

Clerk Goodreau took roll call with the following results:

Present: Gale Eilola, District 1, Brad Dakota, District 2, Craig Kent, District 3, William Menge, District 4 and Chad Cichosz, District 5.

Absent: None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

Chairman Eilola led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Commissioner Dakota made a motion, supported by Commissioner Menge to approve the Agenda, adding to Informational Items a letter from WUPPDR regarding information on the new materials maintenance regulations. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Dakota made a motion, supported by Commissioner Menge to approve the minutes for the Regular meeting held on December 11, 2023. On Voice Vote, the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chairman Eilola opened the meeting up for public comment on Agenda Items. No public comment was received.

TREASURERS REPORT:

As presented by Treasurer, Jill C Tollefson.

REVIEW OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS:

Commissioner Menge made a motion, supported by Commissioner Cichosz to approve the BCMH Trustee Per Diem for December 2023 (\$990.00). On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Dakota made a motion, supported by Commissioner Kent to approve the payment of the Claims and Accounts for the period of December 12, 2023 through January 8, 2024 in the amount of \$47,300.45. On Vote Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Cichosz made a motion, supported by Commissioner Menge to approve the payment of the Prepaid Bills and Trust and Agency Accounts for the period of

December 12, 2023 through January 8, 2024 in the amount of \$97,604.49. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Dakota made a motion, supported by Commissioner Cichosz to approve the Sheriff's Dept. Checking Account expenditures for December 2023 in the amount of \$2,806.29. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Commissioner Dakota reported that he had contacted the KBIC regarding the appointment to the Veterans' Affairs Committee. No letter had yet been received.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON:

Chairman Eilola called for nominations for Board Vice-Chairperson. Commissioner Menge nominated Commissioner Dakota. Chairman Eilola made a second call for nominations. No new nominations were presented. Chairman Eilola made a third call for nominations. No new nominations were presented. Commissioner Menge made a motion, supported by Commissioner Kent to elect Commissioner Dakota as the Vice-Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for a 1 – year term ending 12/31/2024. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS:

Chairman Eilola made the following Committee/Board Appointments:

- BHK Board, Commissioner Menge
- Western UP Planning & Development Regional Commissioner, Chairman Eilola & Commissioner Menge (Primary)
- Western UP Health Dept., Commissioner Dakota & Chairman Eilola

Commissioner Dakota made a motion, supported by Commissioner Cichosz to appoint Commissioner Menge and Commissioner Eilola to the UPRC&D Board. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Kent made a motion, supported by Commissioner Cichosz to appoint Commissioner Menge to the UPCAP Board of Directors. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Dakota made a motion, supported by Commissioner Menge to appoint Chairman Eilola to the UP Fair Authority. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Menge made a motion, supported by Commissioner Cichosz to appoint Chairman Eilola and Commissioner Menge as alternate to the UPWARD Talent Council Board. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Chairman Eilola made the following Committee appointments:

- Finance Committee, Commissioner Dakota & Commissioner Menge
- Personnel Committee, Chairman Eilola & Commissioner Cichosz
- Equalization Committee, Commissioner Dakota & Commissioner Kent

Commissioner Dakota made a motion, supported by Commissioner Kent to appoint Treasurer, Jill C. Tollefson, as CFO and County Clerk, Wendy J. Goodreau, as CAO. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Kent made a motion, supported by Commissioner Dakota to approve the County Treasurer's depositories as follows:

- Baraga County Federal Credit Union
- Incredible Bank
- Michigan Class Investment Pool
- Superior National Bank

On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Based on the recommendation from the Finance Committee, Commissioner Dakota made a motion, supported by Commissioner Menge to approve the purchase of equipment for the new Sheriff's vehicle in the amount of \$10,145.42 from ELCOM, with the funds coming from ARPA. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

No reports were offered.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

WUPPDR, email – materials management regulations

RESOLUTIONS:

There were no Resolutions.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Catherine Andrews updated the Board on actions by the World Health Organization.

Clerk Goodreau reported the County was awarded a \$300,000.00 grant from the MDNR Trust Fund for Phase III of the Pointe Abbaye Park improvement plan

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the County Board, Commissioner Menge made a motion, supported by Commissioner Dakota to adjourn the meeting until Monday, February 12, 2024. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Gale Eilola, Chairman

Wendy J. Goodreau, Clerk