

BARAGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2023

CALL TO ORDER:

Clerk Goodreau called the Regular/Organizational Meeting to order on Monday, January 9, 2023 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:

Clerk Goodreau led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON:

Clerk Goodreau called for nominations for Board Chairperson. Commissioner Menge nominated Commissioner Eilola. Clerk Goodreau made a second call for nominations. No new nominations were presented. Clerk Goodreau made a third call for nominations. No new nominations were presented. Commissioner Dakota made a motion, supported by Commissioner Kent to elect Commissioner Eilola as the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for a 2 – year term ending 12/31/2024. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Clerk Goodreau handed the meeting over to newly elected Chairman Eilola.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON:

Chairman Eilola called for nominations for Board Vice-Chairperson. Commissioner Kent 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 Cichosz to elect Commissioner Dakota as the Vice-Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for a 1 – year term ending 12/31/2023. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Commissioner Dakota made a motion, supported by Commissioner Menge to approve the Agenda, adding to Action Items the appointment to the Baraga County DHHS Board. 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 12, 2022. On Voice Vote, the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chairman Eilola opened the meeting up for public comment. Judy Bozicevich presented information regarding a recycling program and grant.

Robbie Schultz voice her support in a County recycling program.

Commissioner Dakota said he would reach out to the KBIC to discuss their transfer station and the possibility of a partnership.

TREASURERS REPORT:

As presented by Treasurer, Jill C Tollefson.

REVIEW OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS:

Commissioner Menge made a motion, supported by Commissioner Dakota to approve the BCMH Trustee Per Diem for December 2022 (\$1,090.00). On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Dakota made a motion, supported by Commissioner Cichosz to approve the payment of the Claims and Accounts for the period of December 13, 2022 through January 9, 2023 in the amount of \$75,575.33. On Roll Call Vote, the motion carried. Roll Call was as follows: Yeas; Commissioner Dakota, Commissioner Kent, Commissioner Menge, Commissioner Cichosz and Commissioner Eilola. Nays; None. Absent; None.

Commissioner Menge made a motion, supported by Commissioner Dakota to approve the payment of the Prepaid Bills and Trust and Agency Accounts for the period of December 13, 2022 through January 9, 2023 in the amount of \$426,973.26. On Roll Call Vote, the motion carried. Roll Call was as follows: Yeas; Commissioner Dakota, Commissioner Kent, Commissioner Menge, Commissioner Cichosz and Commissioner Eilola. Nays; None. Absent; None.

Commissioner Kent made a motion, supported by Commissioner Cichosz to approve the Sheriff's Dept. Commissary Account expenditures for December 2022 in the amount of \$15,801.02. On Roll Call Vote, the motion carried. Roll Call was as follows: Yeas; Commissioner Dakota, Commissioner Kent, Commissioner Menge, Commissioner Cichosz and Commissioner Eilola. Nays; None. Absent; None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no unfinished business.

ACTION ITEMS:

Commissioner Dakota made a motion, supported by Commissioner Menge to appoint Ms. Sue Wilson, Baraga, to the Baraga County DHHS Board. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Chairman Eilola made the following Committee/Board Appointments:

- Finance Committee, Commissioner Dakota & Commissioner Menge

- Personnel Committee, Commissioner Eilola & Commissioner Cichosz
- Equalization Committee, Commissioner Dakota & Commissioner Kent
- Child Development Board, Commissioner Eilola
- Western UP Planning & Development Regional Commissioner, Commissioner Kent & Commissioner Menge (Primary)
- Western UP Health Dept., Commissioner Dakota & Commissioner Eilola
- 911 Committee, Commissioner Dakota
- Parks and Recreation, Commissioner Cichosz
- BCMH Board of Trustee Liaison, Commissioner Menge

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

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

Commissioner Kent made a motion, supported by Commissioner Menge to appoint Commissioner Dakota to the Baraga County Trails Authority. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

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

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

On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

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 Dakota made a motion, supported by Commissioner Menge to approve the re-wallpapering of the Circuit Courtroom. Contractor Kathy Brotherton will remove the existing wallpaper, fix anything imperfections, prime and hang new wallpaper for

\$5,250.00. The wallpaper will cost approximately \$5,000.00. The project will be paid for by an insurance claim in 2020 when the Courthouse roof leaked. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Dakota made a motion, supported by Commissioner Menge to pursue leasing office space to the State of Michigan, with a five-year lease in the amount of \$400.00 per month. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Due to a conflict between his position on the County Board of Commissioners and the BCMH Board of Trustee Commissioner Menge, with great regret, resigned his position, effective immediately, on the BCMH Board of Trustees. Commissioner Dakota made a motion, supported by Commissioner Cichosz accepted Commissioner Menge's resignation from the BCMH Board of Trustees. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Kent made a motion, supported by Commissioner Menge to approve the request by Dawn Howe, Juvenile Caseworker, for overnight travel the end of January to attend training and visit a placed juvenile. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Commissioner Dakota attended the Baraga County Trails Authority and commended the advancement of their work on a trail system.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

There were no informational items.

RESOLUTIONS:

There were no Resolutions.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Commissioner Cichosz Stated he is brand-new to the Board and requested patience.

Commissioner Kent commented on the ARPA funding for the first responders and stated how helpful the funds are for the departments.

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 13, 2023. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Gale Eilola, Chairman

Wendy J. Goodreau, Clerk