**BARAGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**January 11, 2021**

**DUE TO COVID-19 MEETING WAS HELD IN COMBINATION –**

**IN PERSON (COMMISSIONERS) AND VIA ZOOM**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Clerk Goodreau called the Regular/Organizational Meeting to order on Monday, January 11, 2021 at 5:00 p.m., 16 N. Third Street, L’Anse, MI 49946. The Board of Commissioners met in person with public attending via Zoom.

**ROLL CALL:**

Clerk Goodreau took roll call with the following results:

Present: Gale Eilola, District 1, Will Wiggins, District 2, Dan Robillard, District 3, Lyle Olsen, District 4 and William Rolof, 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 Robillard nominated Commissioner Rolof. Clerk Goodreau made a second call for nominations. No nominations were presented. Clerk Goodreau made a third call for nominations. No nominations were presented. Commissioner Robillard made a motion, supported by Olsen to elect Commissioner Rolof as the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners.

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

**ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR:**

Chairman Rolof called for nominations for Board Vice-Chair. Commissioner Olsen nominated Commissioner Eilola. Chairman Rolof made a second call for nominations. No nominations were presented. Chairman Rolof made a third call for nominations. No nominations were presented. Commissioner Olsen made a motion, supported by Robillard to elect Commissioner Eilola as the Vice-Chair of the Board of Commissioners.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Commissioner Robillard made a motion, supported by Commissioner Wiggins to approve the Agenda, as presented. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Cathe Stanaway would like data from the Western Board of Health regarding the COVID-19 positivity rate and information on the COVID-19 vaccine rollout in Baraga County. Ms. Stanaway commented on her experience with BCMH’s rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine and her frustration with getting a response from BCMH and would like to see support for BCMH for vaccination clinics.

Fran Whitman said she has been scheduled for the vaccine.

Steve Koski thanked the Board for their support of Harry Miron to the Baraga County Road Commission.

Fran Whitman said she read the minutes from the Western UP Board of Health and noticed the COVID-19 cases dramatically increased over the last few months.

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

As presented by Treasurer, Jill C Tollefson. Commissioner Olsen had a question about the Animal Control budget. He wondered why there was money allocated if we do not have a dog catcher. Clerk Goodreau explained that was a budget for boarding animals at the Copper Country Humane Society.

Commissioner Eilola made a motion, supported by Commissioner Robillard to approved the following budget amendments for FY20:

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| **GENERAL FUND** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Chief Administrative Officer's Recommended Budget Amendments** |  |  |
| **For the Fiscal Year Ending 9/30/20** |  |  |  |  |   |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Expenditures |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | and |
|   |  |  |  | Revenues |  | Fund Balance |
|  |  |  |  | Increase |  | Increase |
| Account Name |  | Account Number |  | (Decrease) |  | (Decrease) |
|   |  |   |  |   |  |   |
| **GENERAL FUND - Expenditures** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Circuit Court -  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  Legal Fees |  |  101-131-807.00 |  |  | $ | 1,000  |
| District Court Probation |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  Salary & Wages |  |  101-138-703.00 |  |  |  | 200  |
| Other General Government |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  Phone Service |  |  101-170-850.00 |  |  |  | 300  |
| Elections  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  Office Supplies |  | 101-191-727.00 |  |  |  | 100  |
| County Clerk |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  Salary & Wages |  |  101-215-703.00 |  |  |  | 3,000  |
|  Health Insurance |  |  101-215-716.00 |  |  |  | 1,500  |
| Prosecuting Attorney |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  Salary & Wages |  |  101-229-703.00 |  |  |  | 3,300  |
|  Health Insurance |  |  101-229-716.00 |  |  |  | 1,900  |
| County Treasurer |  |   |  |  |  |   |
|  Salary & Wages |  |  101-253-703.00 |  |  |  | 2,500  |
|  Social Security & Medicare |  |  101-253-715.00 |  |  |  | 1,200  |
| Secondary Road Patrol |  |   |  |  |  |  |
|  Salary & Wages |  |  101-333-703.00 |  |  |  | 1,300  |
| County Jail |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  Building & Grounds Maint. |  |  101-351-932.01 |  |  |  | (18,400) |
| Capital Outlay |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  Jail Roofing Project |  |  101-900-972.00 |  |  |  | 18,400  |
| Soil Erosion |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  Contracted Services |  |  101-428-801.01 |  |  |  | 5,000  |
| Medical Examiner |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  Health Services - Doctor |  |  101-600-835.01 |  |  |  | 200  |
|  Health Services - Assistant |  |  101-600-835.02 |  |  |  | 15,700  |
| Medical Marijuana Operations Grant |  |  101-600-960.21 |  |  |  | 1,600  |
| Substance Abuse Agency |  |  101-631-960.06 |  |  |  | 700  |
| Veteran's Burials |  |  101-681-833.00 |  |  |  | 1,800  |
| Other |  |   |  |  |  |   |
|  Supplemental Co. Retirement Payments |  |  101-850-960.49 |  |  |  | 25,000  |
|  Baraga County website |  | 101-900-960.57 |  |  |  | 600  |
| Budget Contingency |  | 101-890-958.00 |  |  |  | (66,900) |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **GENERAL FUND - Totals** |  |  | $ | 0  | $ | 0  |

On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Commissioner Eilola made a motion, supported by Commissioner Rolof to approve the minutes for the Regular meeting held on December 14, 2020 and Special Meeting, December 22, 2020. On Voice Vote, the motion carried with Commissioner Olsen voting no as he did not review the minutes.

**REVIEW OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS:**

Commissioner Rolof made a motion, supported by Commissioner Robillard to approve the BCMH Trustee Per Diem for December 2020. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Eilola made a motion, supported by Commissioner Robillard to approve the payment of the Claims and Accounts for the period of December 15, 2020 through January 11, 2021 in the amount of $47,510.45. On Roll Call Vote, the motion carried. On Roll Call Vote, the motion carried. Roll Call was as follows: Yeas; Eilola, Olsen, Robillard, Wiggins and Rolof. Nays; None.

Commissioner Wiggins made a motion, supported by Commissioner Robillard to approve the payment of the Prepaid Bills and Trust and Agency Accounts for the period of December 15, 2020 through January 11, 2021 in the amount of $482,807.74. On Roll Call Vote, the motion carried. Roll Call was as follows: Yeas; Eilola, Olsen, Robillard, Wiggins and Rolof. Nays; None.

Commissioner Eilola made a motion, supported by Commissioner Olsen to approve the payment of the Sheriff Department Commissary Account for the period of December 15, 2020 through January 11, 2021 in the amount of $5,572.52. On Roll Call Vote, the motion carried. Roll Call was as follows: Yeas; Eilola, Olsen, Robillard, Wiggins and Rolof. Nays; None.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**ACTION ITEMS:**

Chairman Rolof made the following Board/Committee appointments.

* Finance Committee – Rolof/Robillard
* Personnel Committee – Eilola/Olsen
* Equalization Committee – Eilola/Rolof
* Substance Abuse Board – Robillard
* Child Development Board – Eilola
* Health Department – Robillard/Rolof
* Copper Country Mental Health Board – Eilola/ Wiggins alternate
* 911 Committee – Wiggins
* Human Services Board – Wiggins
* EDC –Rolof
* Trails Authority – Olsen

Commissioner Olsen made a motion, supported by Commissioner Robillard to appoint Commissioner Eilola to the UPCAP Board of Directors. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Robillard made a motion, supported by Commissioner Wiggins to appoint Commissioner Eilola to the UP State Fair Authority. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Wiggins made a motion, supported by Commissioner Robillard to discontinue the health benefit policy for commissioners. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Olsen made a motion, supported by Commissioner Wiggins to sign an agreement with MD Contracting for the Phase II Point Abbaye project. On Roll Call Vote, the motion carried. Roll Call was as follows: Yeas; Eilola, Olsen, Wiggins and Rolof. Nays; None. Abstain: Robillard.

Commissioner Robillard made a motion, supported by Commissioner Wiggins to approve a work order with Thyssenkrupp for a 3 – year stress test on the elevator at the Courthouse. The amount of the project is $3,616.85. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Wiggins made a motion, supported by Commissioner Eilola to approve the following depositories for 2021:

* Superior National Bank & Trust
* Baraga County Federal Credit Union
* Range Bank
* Incredible Bank
* Michigan Class Investment Pool
* Multi Bank Securities
* Cantella & Co., Inc./Lyon Capital Advisors

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

Commissioner Eilola made a motion, supported Commissioner Robillard to appoint Mike Koskinen to the Copper Country Mental Health Services Board of Directors as the member at large for Baraga County. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

The following items were presented for information:

* Western UP Board of Health, Minutes

**RESOLUTIONS:**

Commissioner Robillard made a motion, supported by Commissioner Eilola to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death; and

WHEREAS, the Baraga County Board of Commissioners recognizes that COVID-19 is having direct impacts on all County residents, impacts which include, but are not limited to, physical and mental health care difficulties, educational restraints, and financial strains; and

WHEREAS, the Baraga County Board of Commissioners understands that many local businesses have suffered and continue to suffer economic harm due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Baraga County Board of Commissioners furthermore recognizes that the local hospitality industry is being hit particularly hard with financial losses due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Baraga County Board of Commissioners believes that the ability of County residents and visitors to patronize local restaurants, hotels, recreation venues, etc., contributes substantially to the overall well-being of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Baraga County Board of Commissioners is aware of many options to support Baraga County small businesses, such as ordering takeout food, making advance reservations, and purchasing gift cards.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Baraga County Board of Commissioners encourages County residents to support local businesses at all times, but particularly during this global pandemic.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to Governor Whitmer, both Speakers of the House of Representative and the Senate, along with the Michigan Association of Counties and all Counties within Michigan.

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the County Board, Commissioner Robillard made a motion, supported by Commissioner Eilola to adjourn the meeting until Monday, February 8, 2021. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy J. Goodreau

County Clerk