

BARAGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 29, 2025
“Unofficial”

CALL TO ORDER:

Clerk Goodreau called the Special Meeting to order on Monday, January 29, 2025 at 5:00 p.m., Baraga County Courthouse, 16 N. Third Street, L’Anse, MI 49946.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

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

ROLL CALL:

Clerk Goodreau took roll call with the following results:

Present: James Niemela, District 1, Brad Dakota, District 2, Craig Kent, District 3, William Menge, District.

Absent: None.

District 5, Vacant.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT-Agenda Items Only:

Chairman Dakota opened the meeting up for public comment.

ACTION ITEMS:

The Commissioners received two letters of interest for the District 5 Commissioner position: Lee DeLeon and John DeLine. The Commissioners interviewed both candidates. After the Board asked questions, the candidates were informed they could stay in the meeting or step out as the Board discussed the interview. The candidates chose to step out of the meeting room. The Board discussed the interview and acknowledged both candidates did a fine job in the interview and both candidates would be an asset to the Board. The candidates stepped back into the meeting and the Board of Commissioners proceeded with the appointment. Commissioner Kent made a motion to appoint Lee DeLeon as County Commissioner, District 5, supported by Commissioner Niemela. On Roll Call Vote, the motion carried. Roll Call was as follows: Yeas; Commissioner Niemela, Commissioner Kent and Commissioner Menge. Nays; None. Absent; None. Welcome to the Board, Lee!

Commissioner Menge made a motion, supported by Commissioner Kent to approve the invoice from OTIS Elevator in the amount of \$86,400.00 for 1/2 of the elevator modernization project per contract with OTIS Elevator. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

The Commissioners discussed several issues facing the County: a meeting with our legislative contingency was held on January 27, 2025 to discuss the shrinking tax base and the housing shortage.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No Public Comments received.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 5:55 p.m.

Brad Dakota, Chairman

Wendy J. Goodreau, Clerk