**BARAGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**February 10, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairperson Koskinen called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Circuit Courtroom, Baraga County Courthouse, 16 N. Third St., L’Anse, Michigan 49946.

**ROLL CALL:**

Chairman Koskinen instructed Clerk Goodreau to take roll call with the following results:

Present: Gale Eilola, District 1, Mike Koskinen, District 2, Dan Robillard, District 3, William Menge, District 4, and William Rolof, District 5.

Absent: None.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:**

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Commissioner Eilola made a motion, supported by Commissioner Menge to approve the minutes for the Regular meeting held on January 13, 2020. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

Treasurer, Anne Koski, presented her monthly financial reports.

Commissioner Rolof made a motion, supported by Commissioner Robillard to approve the following budget amendments:

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| **BARAGA COUNTY** |  |  |  |
| **PROPOSED BUDGET AMENDMENTS** |  |  |  |
| For the Fiscal Year Ending 09/30/2020 |  |  |  |
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| Account Name | Account Number | Revenue Increase - (Decrease) | Expense - Increase-(Decrease) |
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| **GENERAL FUND - REVENUES** |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| Stonegarden Boat Grant | 101-000-543.01 |  $ 105,238.00  |  |
| Land Transfer Tax | 101-000-614.00 |  $ 68,000.00  |  |
| Advertising Plat Book | 101-000-645.00 |  $ 1,060.00  |  |
| Refund Reimbursement | 101-000-999.00 |  $ 2,500.00  |  |
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| **GENERAL FUND - EXPENDITURES** |  |  |  |
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| Salary & Wages | 101-131-703.00 |  |  $ (40,000.00) |
| Professional and Contracted Services | 101-131-801.00 |  |  $ 40,000.00  |
| Salary & Wages | 101-136-703.00 |  |  $ (11,447.80) |
| Professional and Contracted Services | 101-136-801.00 |  |  $ 11,447.80  |
| Subscription & Dues | 101-148-802.00 |  |  $ 850.00  |
| District Court Juror Fees | 101-136-803.00 |  |  $ 1,000.00  |
| Equalization Longevity | 101-225-708.00 |  |  $ 460.00  |
| Equalization BSA | 101-225-810.00 |  |  $ (40.00) |
| Equalization Miscellaneous | 101-225-955.00 |  |  $ 40.00  |
| Prosecuting Attorney Longevity | 101-229-708.00 |  |  $ 343.60  |
| Treasurer Longevity | 101-253-708.00 |  |  $ 310.60  |
| Treasurer BSA | 101-253-810.00 |  |  $ 3,418.00  |
| Treasurer Insurance and Bonds | 101-253-851.00 |  |  $ 1,950.00  |
| Sheriff Longevity | 101-301-708.00 |  |  $ 708.26  |
| Jail Longevity | 101-351-708.00 |  |  $ 1,317.65  |
| Capital Outlay - New Boat | 101-900-960.84 |  |  $ 105,238.00  |
| Contingency | 101-890-958.00 |  |  $ 61,201.89  |
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|  |  |  $ 176,798.00  |  $ 176,798.00  |

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| **GENERAL FUND - REVENUES** |  |  |  |
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| **GENERAL FUND - EXPENDITURES** |  |  |  |
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| State Grant / Quarterly Expenses | 101-890-958.00 |  |  $ 27,751.00  |
| Salary and Wages | 101-148-703.00 |  |  $(14,232.40) |
| Longevity | 101-148-708.00 |  |  $ (1,167.28) |
| Social Security/Medicare | 101-148-715.00 |  |  $(1,088.80) |
| Health Insurance Expense | 101-148-716.00 |  |  $(5,055.40) |
| HAS Expense | 101-148-716.05 |  |  $(2,060.00) |
| Life Insurance | 101-148-717.00 |  |  $ (56.92) |
| MERS Pension | 101-148-718.00 |  |  $(4,069.04) |
| Workers Comp Insurance | 101-148-721.00 |  |  $ (17.96) |
| Other Fringe Benefits | 101-148-725.00 |  |  $ (3.20) |
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| **CPL FUND - EXPENDITURES** |  |  |  |
|  CPL Salary and Wages | 263-000-703.00 |  |  $ 1,779.05  |
|  CPL Longevity | 263-000-708.00 |  |  $ 35.58  |
|  CPL Social Security/Medicare | 263-000-715.00 |  |  $ 136.10  |
|  CPL Health Insurance Expense | 263-000-716.00 |  |  $ 752.24  |
|  CPL HSA Expense | 263-000-716.05 |  |  $ 257.50  |
|  CPL Life Insurance | 263-000-717.00 |  |  $ 2.76  |
|  CPL MERS Pension | 263-000-718.00 |  |  $ 98.48  |
|  CPL Workers Comp. Insurance | 263-000-721.00 |  |  $ 2.90  |
|  CPL Other Fringe Benefits | 263-000-725.00 |  |  $ 0.75  |
|  | 263-000-999.00 |  |  $ (3,065.36) |
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| **GENERAL FUND - EXPENDITURES** |  |  |  |
|  Clerk Salary and Wages | 101-215-703.00 |  |  $ (1,779.05) |
|  Clerk Longevity | 101-215-708.00 |  |  $ (35.58) |
|  Clerk Social Security/Medicare | 101-215-715.00 |  |  $ (136.10) |
|  Clerk Health Insurance Expense | 101-215-716.00 |  |  $ (752.24) |
|  Clerk HSA Expense | 101-215-716.05 |  |  $ (257.50) |
|  Clerk Life Insurance | 101-215-717.00 |  |  $ (2.76) |
|  Clerk MERS Pension | 101-215-718.00 |  |  $ (98.48) |
|  Clerk Workers Comp. Insurance | 101-215-721.00 |  |  $ (2.90) |
|  Clerk Other Fringe Benefits | 101-215-725.00 |  |  $ (0.75) |
|  Contingency | 101-890-958.00 |  |  $ 3,065.36  |
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| **GENERAL FUND – TOTALS** |  |  $ -  |  $ -  |

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| **SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS - REVENUE** |  |  |  |
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| Family Foster Care reimbursements | 292-000-563.01 |  $ 10,000.00  |  |
| Institutional Care Reimbursements | 292-000-586.00 |  $ (7,000.00) |  |
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| **SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS - EXPENDITURES** |  |  |
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| Child Care Longevity | 292-000-708.00 |  |  $ 100.00  |
| Fund Balance |  |  $ (2,900.00) |  |
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| **GENERAL FUND – TOTALS** |  |  $ 100.00  |  $ 100.00  |

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| **GENERAL FUND - REVENUES** |  |  |  |
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| Tribal Contributions | 101-000-420.00 |  $ 34,219.28  |  |
| Land Transfer Tax | 101-000-614.00 |  $ 35,000.00  |  |
| Advertising Plat Books | 101-000-645.00 |  $ 1,060.00  |  |
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| **GENERAL FUND - EXPENDITURES** |  |  |  |
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| Capital Outlay Bldg & Grounds Jail | 101-900-972.00 |  |  $ 50,000.00  |
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| **CHANGE TO FUND BALANCE-GENERAL FUND** |  |  $ 20,279.28  |
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| **GENERAL FUND – TOTALS** |  |  $ 70,279.28  |  $ 70,279.28  |

And not post the following amendment approved 1/13/2020:

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| **GENERAL FUND - REVENUES** |  |  |  |
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| **GENERAL FUND - EXPENDITURES** |  |  |  |
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| Contingency | 101-890-958.00 |  |  $ 37,678.04  |
|  Treasurer Wages and Salary | 101-253-703.00 |  |  $ (17,644.42) |
|  Treasurer Longevity | 101-253-708.00 |  |  $ (506.42) |
|  Treasurer Social Security/Medicare | 101-253-715.00 |  |  $ (1,349.80) |
|  Treasurer Health Insurance Expense | 101-253-716.00 |  |  $ (10,641.66) |
|  Treasurer HSA Expense | 101-253-716.05 |  |  $ (2,575.00) |
|  Treasurer Life Insurance | 101-253-717.00 |  |  $ (27.60) |
|  Treasurer MERS Pension | 101-253-718.00 |  |  $ (4,884.25) |
|  Treasurer Workers Comp. Insurance | 101-253-721.00 |  |  $ (40.89) |
|  Treasurer Other Fringe Benefits | 101-253-725.00 |  |  $ (8.00) |
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| **GENERAL FUND – TOTALS** |  |  $ -  |  $ 0.00  |

On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

**REVIEW OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS:**

Commissioner Eilola made a motion, supported by Commissioner Menge to approve the BCMH Trustee Per Diem for January 2020 ($870.00). On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Rolof made a motion, supported by Commissioner Robillard to approve the payment of the Claims and Accounts for the period of January 14, 2020 through February 10, 2020 in the amount of $133,450.15. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Menge made a motion, supported by Commissioner Eilola to approve the payment of the Prepaid Bills and Trust and Agency Accounts for the period of January 14, 2020 through February 10, 2020 in the amount of $700,288.09. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Menge made a motion, supported by Commissioner Eilola to approve the payment of the Sheriff Department Commissary Account for the period of January 14, 2020 through February 10, 2020 in the amount of 9,209.20. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

No old business.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

Stephanie Cree, KBIC Natural Resources Department, updated the Board on the KBIC TAS application and invited the Board to the Tribal Water Day to be held on March 13, 2020.

Gail Ploe, Western UP District Health Department, reported to the Board WUPDHD’s plans to implement a Syringe Service Program in Baraga County.

Commissioner Robillard made a motion, supported by Commissioner Rolof to sign an employment contract with Patrick Osterman. Mr. Osterman will assume duties as Equalization Director effective April 1, 2020. Current Equalization Director Lora Osterman retires effective 3/31/2020. On Roll Call Vote, the motion carried. Roll Call was as follows: Yeas; Eilola, Menge, Robillard, Rolof and Koskinen. Nays; None. Absent; None.

Commissioner Menge made a motion, supported by Commissioner Robillard to sign three-year contracts (October 1, 2019-September 30, 2022) with the Sheriff Deputies and Corrections Officers. On Roll Call Vote, the motion carried. Roll Call was as follows: Yeas; Eilola, Menge, Robillard, Rolof and Koskinen. Nays; None. Absent; None.

Chairman Koskinen made the following board/committee appointments for 2020:

UPWARD TALENT COUNCIL LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIAL GOVERNING BOARD

 Gale Eilola

 William Menge

UPPER PENINSULA DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD

 Bill Rolof

 Dan Robillard

U.P. RESOURCE CONSERVATION DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

 William Menge

 Gale Eilola

 EQUALIZATION COMMITTEE

 Gale Eilola

 William Menge

FINANCE COMMITTEE

 Mike Koskinen

 William Menge

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

 Bill Rolof

 Gale Eilola

Commissioner Rolof made a motion, supported by Commissioner Eilola to re-appoint Lance Heikkinen, American Legion, Post 444, to the Baraga County Veterans’ Affairs Committee, term ending 12/31/2023. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Rolof made a motion, supported by Commissioner Eilola to appoint Kate Beer to the BCMH Board of Trustees and thank Mr. Jim Dougovito for his years of service. On Roll Call Vote, the motion carried. Roll Call Vote was as follows: Yeas; Eilola, Menge, Robillard, Rolof, Koskinen. Nays; None. Absent; None.

Commissioner Rolof made a motion, supported by Commissioner Eilola to sign the 2020 Agreement for Extension Services with Michigan State University Extension. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Robillard made a motion, supported by Commissioner Rolof to approve a multi-year donation to UPSET West. The donation will be $5,000.00 per year for 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Phase II of the Baraga County Branding project is under way. The committee is currently fundraising with the private sector of the community. The project has $12,072.00 raise toward Phase II. Commissioner Rolof made a motion, supported by Commissioner Eilola to sign a contract with Platypus Advertising & Design, Inc. for marketing services for Phase II of the Baraga County Branding project. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

Commissioner Robillard reported on attending the WUPDHD meeting, Lyme Timber Co. presentation and a KBIC Tribal Council meeting. He is also in ongoing discussions with Ontonagon County regarding the Soil Erosion Enforcement.

Commissioner Menge provided a report from UPCAP.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

The following items were presented for information:

* BCMH Board of Trustee, Minutes
* Western UP District Health Dept., Minutes

**RESOLUTIONS:**

Commissioner Rolof made a motion, supported by Commissioner Robillard to adopt the following resolution:

JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTIES OF GOGEBIC,

HOUGHTON, IRON, BARAGA, ONTONAGON, AND KEWEENAW

Whereas, since 1974, and up until October 1, 2015, the above-named Western Upper Peninsula Counties provided job training services to their residents through several agencies which were almost exclusively funded by the State of Michigan, and

Whereas, the Western Upper Peninsula Manpower Consortium was disbanded in 2015, along with two other Upper Peninsula Employment and Training providers, all of which were consolidated into the UPWARD Talent Council, pursuant to the Governor’s directive, and

Whereas, the State of Michigan and the affected Western Upper Peninsula Counties were all aware of the shortfall in the pension fund created for the employees of the Manpower Consortium, and the State of Michigan paid for an audit to determine the extent of the potential shortfall, and

Whereas, the initial Manpower Consortium pension shortfall was $300, 924.00, which the State of Michigan promised to address after the actuarial report, and

Whereas, the unfunded liability has grown to $970,165.00, and will continue to grow until funded, as the State of Michigan has yet to fund this known liability, and

Whereas, there was a shortfall as it concerned the pension benefits owed the former employees of the Eastern Upper Peninsula Employment and Training Consortium and that shortfall was corrected by subsequent legislative action, and

Whereas, the failure of the State to fund the Manpower Consortium pension shortfall, as it did for the similarly situated Eastern Upper Peninsula Employment and Training Consortium, creates an unfunded pension liability that adversely affects some of the most vulnerable counties in Michigan.

Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the six Counties of the Western Upper Peninsula urge and demand that the Legislature correct the shortfall that exists in the pension fund for the seven employees who have retired from the Western Upper Peninsula Alliance Board, all of whom fulfilled their obligation to the State of Michigan by devoting years of hard work to the economic well-being of the State of Michigan.

On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the County Board, Commissioner Rolof made a motion, supported by Commissioner Robillard to adjourn the meeting until Monday, March 9, 2020. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Michael R. Koskinen, Chairman Wendy J. Goodreau, Clerk