

BARAGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2025

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Dakota called the Regular Meeting to order on Monday, February 10, 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 4, Lee DeLeon, District 5.

Absent: None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Chairman Dakota made a note that the BHK Board and the Child Development Board are one in the same. Commissioner Menge made a motion, supported by Commissioner Kent to approve the Agenda, as presented. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Kent made a motion, supported by Commissioner Niemela to approve the minutes for the Regular meeting held on January 13, 2025 and the Special meeting held on January 29, 2025. On Voice Vote, the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT-Agenda Items Only:

Chairman Dakota opened the meeting up for public comment. 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 DeLeon to approve the BCMH Trustee Per Diem for January 2025 (\$1,020.00). On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Kent made a motion, supported by Commissioner Menge to approve the payment of the Claims and Accounts for the period of January 14, 2025 through February 10, 2025 in the amount of \$91,478.39. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Kent made a motion, supported by Commissioner Niemela to approve the payment of the Prepaid Bills and Trust and Agency Accounts for the period of January 14, 2025 through February 10, 2025 in the amount of \$837,471.12. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Niemela made a motion, supported by Commissioner DeLeon to approve the Sheriff's Dept. Commissary Account expenditures for January 2025 in the amount of \$8,619.62. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ACTION ITEMS:

Chairman Dakota made the following committee appointments:

- WUPPDR, Board representative – Commissioner Niemela, Commissioner Menge and Gale Eilola, Member at Large.
- BHK Board – Commissioner DeLeon
- Western UP Substance Abuse and Family Planning Board – Commissioner DeLeon
- Western UP Health Department Board-Chairman Dakota and Commissioner Menge
- Finance Committee-Chairman Dakota and Commissioner Menge
- Personnel Committee-Vice-Chairman Kent and Commissioner Niemela
- Equalization Committee-Chairman Dakota and Commissioner DeLeon
- BC Recreation Committee-Vice-Chairman Kent
- BCMH Board of Trustee – Commissioner Menge

Commissioner Menge made a motion, supported by Commissioner Kent to appoint James Niemela to the UPRC& D Council. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

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

Commissioner Menge made a motion, supported by Commissioner DeLeon to appoint Commissioner Kent to the UP State Fair Authority. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

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

Commissioner Niemela made a motion, supported by Commissioner Kent to appoint Richard Johnson to the Jury Commission for a partial term to expire April 30, 2025. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Kent made a motion, supported by Commissioner Niemela to approve and sign the Baraga County Law Enforcement Memorandum of Understanding. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

No reports received.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- BCMH – Board of Trustees, Minutes

RESOLUTIONS:

There were no Resolutions to consider.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Commissioner Niemela confirmed Gale Eilola’s request to serve on the L’Anse Area CDC. This Committee isn’t one that the Board approves.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No Public Comments received.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the County Board, Commissioner Menge made a motion, supported by Commissioner DeLeon to adjourn the meeting at approximately 5:32 p.m. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Brad Dakota, Chairman

Wendy J. Goodreau, Clerk