**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**March 9, 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 Rolof made a motion, supported by Commissioner Robillard to approve the Agenda, as presented. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Commissioner Menge made a motion, supported by Commissioner Eilola to approve the minutes for the Regular meeting held on February 10, 2020. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Fran Whitman asked Kate Beer about the COVID 19 virus. Ms. Beer indicated she would provide a report as an agenda item. Ms. Whitman also asked if the County Board received reporting from the Baraga County EDC. Comm. Menge explained what the EDC funding was used for.

Gwen Apger, MSUE 4-H Program Coordinator/Community Nutrition Instructor, gave a report on programming offered through her office.

**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** |  |  |  |
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| For the Fiscal Year Ending 09/30/2020 |  |  |  |
| Account Name | Account Number | Revenue Increase - (Decrease) | Expense - Increase-(Decrease) |
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| **General Fund - Revenues** |  |  |  |
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| **General Fund - Expenditures** |  |  |  |
| District Juror & Witness Fees | 101-136-803.00 |  |  $ 1,000.00  |
| Probate Longevity | 101-148-70800 |  |  $ 1,031.42  |
| Probate HSA | 101-148-716.05 |  |  $ 2,060.00  |
| Probate Life Ins | 101-148-717.00 |  |  $ 40.00  |
| Probate Mers | 101-148-718.00 |  |  $ 3,876.43  |
| Elections Travel | 101-191-860.00 |  |  $ 100.00  |
| County Clerk Longevity | 101-215-708.00 |  |  $ 30.00  |
| County Clerk HSA | 101-215-716.05 |  |  $ 300.00  |
| Road Patrol Longevity | 101-333-708.00 |  |  $ 20.00  |
| Stonegarden Mers | 101-338-718.00 |  |  $ 400.00  |
| Contingency | 101-890-958.00 |  |  $ (8,857.85) |
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| **GENERAL FUND – TOTALS** |  |  $ -  |  $ -  |

On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

**REVIEW OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS:**

Commissioner Rolof made a motion, supported by Commissioner Robillard to approve the BCMH Trustee Per Diem for February 2020 ($1,080.00). On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Eilola made a motion, supported by Commissioner Menge to approve the payment of the Claims and Accounts for the period of February 11, 2020 through March 9, 2020 in the amount of $27,999.48. 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 February 11, 2020 through March 9, 2020 in the amount of $832,827.94. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Eilola made a motion, supported by Commissioner Menge to approve the payment of the Sheriff Department Commissary Account for the period of February 11, 2020 through March 9, 2020 in the amount of $11,919.37. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

No old business.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

Kathryn Beer, WUPDH, provided a report on the Health Department’s response to COVID 19. There are currently no positive cases in Michigan. The Health Department has 2 testing kits. The Health Department is recommending people call their physician first if they have concerns. Prevention is best.

Commissioner Robillard made a motion, supported by Commissioner Eilola to re-appoint Commissioner Menge as appointee and Commissioner Eilola as alternate to the U.P. Resource Conservation & Development Council for 2020. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Menge made a motion, supported by Commissioner Robillard to sign a service agreement with John Pekkala for Soil Erosion Enforcement. The agreement is for the time period March 1, 2020 to August 1, 2020. Mr. Pekkala will be paid the permit fees which will be paid on a monthly basis. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Eilola made a motion, supported by Commissioner Rolof to approve the 2020 Revised County Monumentation & Remonumentation County Plan. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Jeff Hubbard, 911 Director, requested funding from the County Board for the purchase of materials for fire signs. The law does not allow for 911 funding being used signs or installation. Commissioner Rolof made a motion, supported by Commissioner Robillard to allocate $1,200.00 of General Fund dollars to Emergency Management for the purchase of materials for fire signs contingent on approval from the auditor. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

Commissioner Menge provided a report from UPCAP.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

The following items were presented for information:

* BCMH Board of Trustee, Minutes
* Baraga County EDC, thank you letter

**RESOLUTIONS:**

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

WHEREAS, counties routinely provide treatment services to the estimated 2 million people with serious mental illnesses booked into jail each year; and

WHEREAS, prevalence rates of serious mental illnesses in jails are three to six times higher than for the general population; and

WHEREAS, almost three-quarters of adults with serious mental illnesses in jails have co-occurring substance use disorders; and

WHEREAS, adults with mental illnesses tend to stay longer in jail and upon release are at a higher risk of recidivism than people without these disorders; and

WHEREAS, county jails spend two to three times more on adults with mental illnesses that require interventions compared to those without these treatment needs; and

WHEREAS, without the appropriate treatment and services, people with mental illnesses continue to cycle through the criminal justice system, often resulting in tragic outcomes for these individuals and their families; and

WHEREAS, Baraga County and all counties take pride in their responsibility to protect and enhance the health, welfare and safety of its residents in efficient and cost-effective ways; and

WHEREAS, Baraga County fully supports the concept of the *Stepping UP* initiative; and

WHEREAS, through *Stepping Up*, the National Association of Counties, the Council of State Governments Justice Center and the American Psychiatric Association Foundation are encouraging public, private and nonprofit partners to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in jails;

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Baraga County Board of Commissioners, do hereby sign on to the Call to Action to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in our county jail, commit to sharing lessons learned with other counties in my state and across the county to support a national initiative and encourage all county officials, employees and residents to participate in *Stepping UP.* We resolve to utilize the comprehensive resources available through *Stepping UP* to:

* Convene or draw on a diverse team of leaders and decision makers from multiple agencies committed to safely reducing the number of people with mental illnesses in jails.
* Collect and review prevalence numbers and assess individuals’ needs to better identify adults entering jails with mental illnesses and their recidivism risk, and use that baseline information to guide decision making at the system, program and case levels.
* Examine treatment and service capacity to determine which programs and services are available in the county for people with mental illnesses and co-occurring substance use disorders, and identify state and local policy and funding barriers to minimizing contact with the justice system and providing treatment and supports in the community.
* Develop a plan with measurable outcomes that draws on the jail assessment and prevalence data and the examination of available treatment and service capacity, while considering identified barriers.
* Implement research-based approaches that advance the plan.
* Create a process to track progress using data and information systems, and to report on successes. PASSED AND APPROVED on this 9th day of March, 2020

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all Michigan counties, the National Association of Counties, the Michigan Association of Counties, and members of our State and Federal leadership.

On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the County Board, Commissioner Menge made a motion, supported by Commissioner Rolof to adjourn the meeting until Tuesday, April 14, 2020. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

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