**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**March 19, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairperson Koskinen called the Special 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.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Chris Swartz, KBIC President, asked if the County had an emergency response plan for the COVID 19 pandemic. Baraga County Emergency Manager, Jeff Hubbard indicated the County did. President Swartz asked if the County would share it with the Tribe. Mr. Hubbard indicated he has shared it with the Tribe. Mr. Hubbard said the County is currently going by directives from the State of Michigan and Western UP District Health Department. President Swartz was asked why the Ojibwa Casino remains open. President Swartz said the Tribe has identified the casino as an essential governmental service. Discussion followed.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

Commissioner Rolof made a motion, supported by Commissioner Menge to issue the following temporary orders and closures:

* Effective March 19, 2020 at 4:30 p.m., Baraga County will be limiting public access to the county courthouse in an effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Individuals with essential business to conduct with any county department in the courthouse or administration building should call to make an appointment. This order will remain in effect until April 6, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. unless otherwise directed.
* The Baraga County Courthouse and Administration Building will be closed for all meetings, trainings, conferences, or similar gathering.
* The Baraga County Board of Commissioners will meet as regularly scheduled on Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. in the Circuit Courtroom.
* Baraga County encourages the public to adhere to the following basic personal-hygiene measures to help prevent the spread of the virus:
* Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer;
* Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands;
* Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing;
* Avoid handshakes;
* Avoid contact with people who are sick;
* Stay home when you are sick

On Roll Call Vote, the motion carried. Roll Call was as follows: Yeas; Commissioner Eilola, Commissioner Menge, Commissioner Koskinen, Commissioner Robillard, Commissioner Rolof. Nays; None.

**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