

BARAGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 8, 2024

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Eilola called the Regular Meeting to order on Monday, July 8, 2024 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 Eilola 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: Gale Eilola, District 1, Brad Dakota, District 2, Craig Kent, District 3, William Menge, District 4 and Chad Cichosz, District 5.

Absent: None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Commissioner Menge made a motion, supported by Commissioner Dakota to approve the Agenda, with the addition of item C. Sheriff's Dept. – Data Transfer. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Menge made a motion, supported by Commissioner Dakota to approve the minutes for the Regular meeting held on June 10, 2024. On Voice Vote, the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No Public Comment offered.

TREASURERS REPORT:

As presented by Treasurer, Jill C Tollefson.

Commissioner Dakota made a motion, supported by Commissioner Cichosz to approve the General Fund Budget Amendments #02-2024 and Special Revenue Funds Budget Amendments #02-2024:

BARAGA COUNTY
BUDGET AMENDMENTS

For the Fiscal Year Ending 09/30/2024

Account Name	Account Number	Revenue Increase - (Decrease)	Expense - Increase- (Decrease)
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GENERAL FUND - REVENUES

LATCF	101-000-528.05	\$ 123,246.62	
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GENERAL FUND - EXPENDITURES

Technical Assistance	101-301-956.00	\$	49,159.00
Department Equipment	101-301-978.01	\$	11,016.62
Post Employment Insurance	101-850-960.72	\$	63,071.00

GENERAL FUND – JOURNAL TOTALS **\$ 123,246.62** **\$ 123,246.62**

**BARAGA COUNTY
BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

BA # 02-2024

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SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS - REVENUES

Fund Balance Surplus	260-000-699.99	\$	52,000.00
Federal Grant	286-000-528.00	\$	308,955.00
Donations	293-000-674.00	\$	1,000.00
State Grant	792-000-522.00	\$	120,000.00

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS - EXPENDITURES

Equipment & Furniture	260-000-970.00	\$	52,000.00
IT Department	286-170-960.24	\$	11,110.50
Repairs & Maintenance / Courthouse	286-265-930.00	\$	2,086.67
Bldg Maintenance / Admin	286-265-932.00	\$	1,043.33
Sheriff Vehicle Equipment	286-301-979.01	\$	11,137.00
Website / Branding	286-900-960.57	\$	1,700.00
County Road Equipment	286-900-960.83	\$	280,000.00
Laptop / CJO	286-900-965.00	\$	1,877.50
Salary & Wages	293-000-703.00	\$	6,842.99
Office Supplies	293-000-727.00	\$	(3,000.00)
Postage	293-000-729.00	\$	(200.00)
Veteran's Assistance	293-000-841.00	\$	(1,642.99)
Per Diem	293-000-710.00	\$	(2,000.00)
Blight Grant Expense	792-425-830.00	\$	90,000.00

JOURNAL TOTALS

\$ 481,955.00 \$ 450,955.00

On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

REVIEW OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS:

Commissioner Menge made a motion, supported by Commissioner Cichosz to approve the BCMH Trustee Per Diem for June 2024 (\$1,120.00). On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Kent made a motion, supported by Commissioner Cichosz to approve the payment of the Claims and Accounts for the period of June 11, 2024 through July 8, 2024 in the amount of \$77,217.54. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Cichosz made a motion, supported by Commissioner Dakota to approve the payment of the Prepaid Bills and Trust and Agency Accounts for the period of June 11, 2024 through July 8, 2024 in the amount of \$254,401.54. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Kent made a motion, supported by Commissioner Cichosz to approve the Sheriff's Dept. Checking Account expenditures for June 2024 in the amount of \$8,456.35. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Commissioner Kent made a motion, supported by Commissioner Cichosz to table the KBIC appointment to the Baraga County Veterans' Affairs Committee. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS:

Commissioner Dakota made a motion to approve the following Resolution supporting the U.P. Area Agency on Aging FY 2025 Annual Implementation Plan for Services to the Elderly:

**U.P. AREA AGENCY ON AGING
2025 ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN for SERVICES TO THE ELDERLY**

WHEREAS, UPCAP, which serves as the U.P. Area Agency on Aging, is required to develop a U.P. Area Agency on Aging 2025 Annual Implementation Plan for fiscal year 2024 that provides development and funding for programs to serve older adults in the Upper Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, during the Annual Implementation development process, UPCAP hosted one public hearing, and received input from service providers, older adults, county officials, human services organizations, and other interested parties; and

WHEREAS, each U.P. county is represented by a county official on the UPCAP Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the UPCAP Board of Directors has unanimously approved the proposed Multi-Year Area Plan; and

WHEREAS, the AAA Multi-Year Plan also requires review by individual county boards.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Baraga County Board of Commissioners has received and hereby supports the U.P. AREA AGENCY ON AGING 2024 ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN for services to the elderly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be submitted to UPCAP and placed on file.

On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

No action was taken on a nomination to the Oreste Chiantello Public Service Award.

Commissioner Menge made a motion, supported by Commission Cichosz to place on record the telephone poll taken on June 28, 2024 approving a \$3,000.00 fee for the Sheriff's Department's Caliber RMS data conversion to the new system with Core RMS. The funds are to be paid out of LATCF. On Voice Vote, the motion carried

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

No reports were offered.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Baraga County Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees, Minutes

RESOLUTIONS:

Commissioner Menge made a motion, supported by Commissioner Cichosz to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Copper Country Mental Health Services (CCMHS) is a Community Mental Health (CMH) Authority created under the Mental Health Code.

WHEREAS, MDHHS has announced its decision to require CMHSPs to separate service assessment and planning from service delivery, requiring beneficiaries to receive the assessment and planning services from one entity and ongoing direct services from another, separate entity by October 1, 2024.

WHEREAS, after review the conclusions of the CCMHS Board of Directors are that the current decision:

- Is in conflict with the statutory responsibilities of CMHSPs under Michigan law;
- Erroneously implies profit driven or undue enrichment motives on the part of governmental entities (CMHSPs and PIHPs) instead of recognizing what is

actually a formal transfer of governmental responsibility from the State to the Counties for the delivery of public behavioral health services;

- Ignores the capitation-based financing of the Michigan public behavioral health system, which is constant and does not vary by volume of individuals served negating any conflicts of interest in service planning and service delivery;
- Ignores Michigan's current shared risk (with MDHHS) financing system which already mitigates against conflict and self-interest;
- Is in conflict with the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) model currently being implemented and expanded in Michigan;
- Ignores, at best, and disregards, at worst, input from person with lived experience that have consistently stated that the available procedural safeguards are preferable to systemic/structural upheaval inherent in MDHHS announced decisions;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, **in the strongest possible terms**, and for the reasons noted herein, the Baraga County Board of Commissioners **opposes the MDHHS announced structural strategies** for compliance with the federal Conflict Free Access and Planning Rules.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Baraga County Board of Commissioners requests MDHHS reconsideration of its current decisions and to honor CMS waiver approval of procedural mitigation of conflict, and to pursue CMS approval of strengthened procedural safeguards against conflict of interest in Michigan.

On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Commissioner Dakota addressed the Board holding office hours and noted that there was not much interest from the general public. The Board will discontinue holding office and noted that the public has access to their contact information if they need to discuss matters with the commissioners.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Catherine Andrews said the petition drive for the initiation to amend the clean and renewable energy and energy waste reduction act ends at the end of July.

Kathy Salisbury asked the Board for assistance regarding blight in Arvon Township. While the Board is sympathetic to Ms. Salisbury's concerns, blight is a matter to be addressed under planning and zoning and that is a Township matter.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the County Board, Commissioner Menge made a motion, supported by Commissioner Dakota to adjourn the meeting until Monday, August 12, 2024. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Gale Eilola, Chairman

Wendy J. Goodreau, Clerk