**BARAGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**July 12, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Rolof called the Regular Meeting to order on Monday, July 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., Circuit Courtroom, Baraga County Courthouse, 16 N. Third Street, L’Anse, MI 49946.

**ROLL CALL:**

Clerk Goodreau took roll call with the following results:

Present: Gale Eilola, District 1, Brad Dakota, District 2, Dan Robillard, District 3, Lyle Olsen, District 4 and William Rolof, District 5.

Absent: None.

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

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Commissioner Olsen made a motion, supported by Commissioner Eilola to approve the agenda. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Commissioner Dakota made a motion, supported by Commissioner Olsen to approve the minutes for the Regular meeting held on June 14, 2021. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT-Agenda Items Only:**

Dr. Schwiekert - minutes - process of approving and public access.

Dr. Schwiekert - resolutions - protocol for adoption.

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

As presented by Treasurer, Jill C Tollefson.

**REVIEW OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS:**

Commissioner Robillard made a motion, supported by Commissioner Eilola to approve the BCMH Trustee Per Diem for June 2021 ($920.00). On Roll Call Vote, the motion carried. Roll Call was as follows: Yeas; Dakota, Eilola, Olsen, Robillard, and Rolof. Nays; None. Absent; None.

Commissioner Dakota made a motion, supported by Commissioner Eilola to approve the payment of the Claims and Accounts for the period of June 15, 2021 through July 12, 2021 in the amount of $72,257.83. On Roll Call Vote, the motion carried. Roll Call was as follows: Yeas; Dakota, Eilola, Olsen, Robillard, and Rolof. Nays; None. Absent; None.

Commissioner Olsen made a motion, supported by Commissioner Robillard to approve the payment of the Prepaid Bills and Trust and Agency Accounts for the period of June 15, 2021 through July 12, 2021 in the amount of $217,682.40. On Roll Call Vote, the motion carried. Roll Call was as follows: Yeas; Dakota, Eilola, Olsen, Robillard, and Rolof. Nays; None. Absent; None.

Commissioner Olsen made a motion, supported by Commissioner Eilola to approve the payment of the Sheriff Department Commissary Account for the period of June 15, 2021 through July 12, 2021 in the amount of $13,397.66. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Two letters of interest were received for the vacancy on the Baraga County Department of Health and Human Services Board. Commissioner Robillard made a motion, supported by Commissioner Dakota to appoint Jill Beeler to the Baraga County Department of Health and Human Services Board. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

Commissioner Dakota made a motion, supported by Commissioner Robillard to approve the “add-on” purchase of a document camera for the recording equipment in the Circuit Courtroom in the amount of $4,292.20. Commissioner Dakota and Prosecuting Attorney O’Leary voiced support of the technology. On Roll Call Vote, the motion carried. Roll Call was as follows: Yeas; Dakota, Eilola, Olsen, Robillard, and Rolof. Nays; None. Absent; None.

Commissioner Eilola made a motion, supported by Commissioner Robillard to approve the annual “business” membership with the Baraga County Chamber of Commerce in the amount of $150.00. On Voice Vote the motion carried.

Commissioner Robillard made a motion, supported by Commissioner Eilola to appoint Mr. William Menge to the BCMH Board of Trustees for a partial term to expire 12/31/21 and Ms. Jayne Walberg for a partial term to expire 12/31/2025. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Olsen made a motion, supported by Commissioner Robillard to approve the allocation of $600.00 to the VFW 8945 Henry Hendrickson Post in Covington. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Robillard made a motion, supported by Commissioner Dakota to approve the purchase of two laptops and docking stations in the Equalization Department in the amount of $5,070.00. On Roll Call Vote, the motion carried. Roll Call was as follows: Yeas; Dakota, Eilola, Olsen, Robillard, and Rolof. Nays; None. Absent; None.

Commissioner Robillard made a motion, supported by Commissioner Eilola to approve the following resolution supporting the FY22 Annual Implementation Plan:

U.P. AREA AGENCY ON AGING

FY 2022 ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR SERVICES TO OLDER ADULTS

WHEREAS, UPCAP which serves as the U.P. Area Agency on Aging, is required to develop a 2022 Annual Implementation Plan that provides development and funding for programs to serve older adults in the Upper Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, during the 2022 Annual Implementation Plan development process, UPCAP conducted 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 Directors; and

WHEREAS, the UPCAP Board of Directors has unanimously approved the

proposed 2022 Annual Implementation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the AAA 2022 Annual Implementation 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 2022 Annual Implementation Plan.

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

On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

The Board received an offer to purchase the “Campbell Property” from Bruce and Cynthia Zimmerman in the amount of $20,000.00. The property is 2.5 acres on Point Abbaye on the Huron Bay side. The property does not have legal access. Commissioner Eilola made a motion, supported by Commissioner Robillard to accept the offer from Bruce and Cynthia Zimmerman to purchase the “Campbell Property” in the amount of $20,000.00. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Prosecuting Attorney, Joseph O’Leary provided the Board with a brief overview of the ongoing opioid litigation against Purdue Pharma. The legal team representing the County, Weitz & Luxenberg, is recommending the Board approve the bankruptcy settlement. Mr. O’Leary gave a simplified overview of the 5-billion-dollar settlement. $234 million for Michigan. There will be restrictions of how the settlement funds will be spent. Mr. O’Leary advised the Board to agree to the settlement based on the recommendation of the attorneys representing the counties in the lawsuit. Commissioner Eilola made a motion, supported by Commissioner Robillard to direct Mr. O’Leary to vote in favor of the bankruptcy settlement on behalf of the County. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Commissioner Olsen attended the Arvon Township Planning Commission meeting to discuss proposed trails. Another Public Hearing will be held for further input.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

The following items were presented for information:

* BCMH Board of Trustees, Minutes
* WUPPDR, Chiantello Public Service Award

It was recommended that the Mr. Menge be nominated.

* Department of Interior, PILT payment

**RESOLUTIONS:**

No resolutions.

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Rolof recommended that a $1,000.00 bonus be paid to Jill Tollefson, Jill Beeler, Carrie Forcia and Wendy Goodreau for their work and dedication during the pandemic. Commissioner Eilola made a motion to pay Jill Tollefson, Jill Beeler, Carrie Forcia and Wendy Goodreau a $1,000.00 bonus. Commissioner Dakota questioned if the Sheriff’s Department received a COVID Hazard Pay bonus. It was noted that they did. Commissioner Robillard seconded the motion. On Roll Call Vote, the motion carried. Roll Call was as follows: Yeas; Dakota, Eilola, Olsen, Robillard, and Rolof. Nays; None. Absent; None.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Jay Loman thanked the board for appointing William Menge and Jayne Walberg to the BCMH Board of Trustees.

Dr. Schweirckert – Sheriff’s Dept./Jail – any change in the medical budget expenditures.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the County Board, Commissioner Olsen made a motion, supported by Commissioner Eilola to adjourn the meeting until Monday, August 9, 2021. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy J. Goodreau

County Clerk