**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**July 13, 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: Gale Eilola, District 1, Mike Koskinen, District 2, Dan Robillard, District 3, William Menge, District 4, 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 Menge made a motion, supported by Commissioner Rolof to approve the Agenda, as presented. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Commissioner Eilola made a motion, supported by Commissioner Rolof to approve the minutes for the Regular meeting held on June 8, 2020. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No public comment.

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

Treasurer, Jill C. Tollefson, presented monthly financial reports.

Commissioner Robillard made a motion, supported by Commissioner Menge to approve FY20 Budget Amendment #12. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

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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 | Debit | Credit |
| **GENERAL FUND REVENUES** |  |  |  |
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| **GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES** |  |  |  |
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| Equalization Health Insurance Expense | 101-225-716.00 |  | $ (15,165.08) |
| Treasurer Health Insurance Expense | 101-253-716.00 |  | $ (8,700.00) |
| Retiree Post Employee Benefits | 101-850-960.72 |  | $ 23,865.08 |
| Treasurer Salary and Wages | 101-253-703.00 |  | $ 10,500.00 |
| Contingency | 101-890-658.00 |  | $ (10,500.00) |
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| **GENERAL FUND – TOTALS** |  | $ - | $ - |

**REVIEW OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS:**

Commissioner Rolof made a motion, supported by Commissioner Eilola to approve the BCMH Trustee Per Diem for June 2020. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Menge made a motion, supported by Commissioner Eilola to approve the payment of the Claims and Accounts for the period of June 9, 2020 through July 13, 2020 in the amount of $83,081.54. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Eilola 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 9, 2020 through July 13, 2020 in the amount of $338,407.77. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Robillard made a motion, supported by Commissioner Rolof to approve the payment of the Sheriff Department Commissary Account for the period of May 12, 2020 through June 8, 2020 in the amount of $6,570.76. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

No old business.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

Commissioner Rolof made a motion, supported by Commissioner Robillard to approve the 2019-2020 business membership renewal to the Baraga County Chamber of Commerce. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Margie Hale, CEO, BCMH, provided a report to the Board on the proposed move of the BCMH Home Care and Hospice and Durable Medical Equipment from its current location to the Hospital.

Commissioner Rolof made a motion, supported by Commissioner Menge to confirm that the EDO of record for Baraga County is Baraga County Economic Development Corporation. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

No resolutions.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

Commissioner Robillard provided a report from the WUPDHD.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

The following items were presented for information:

* BCMH Board of Trustee, Minutes
* Department of Interior, PILT payment

**RESOLUTIONS:**

No action taken on a resolution of support of “Love Lives Here”.

No action taken on a resolution to support the 2020 UP State Fair. The fair has been cancelled.

No action on a resolution to declare racism as a public health crisis.

Commissioner Menge made a motion, supported by Commissioner Eilola to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Enbridge’s Line 5 has been operating safely and reliably in Michigan for more than 65 years; and

WHEREAS, Enbridge’s Line 5, a light crude and natural gas liquids pipeline, helps to safely meet Michigan’s energy needs by fulfilling more than half of the propane needs of the state; and

WHEREAS, the products delivered to regional refineries provide jobs and ultimately fuel our lives; and

WHEREAS, multiple and extensive inspections and safety tests over the last several years have confirmed the integrity of Line 5 at the Straits of Mackinac as fit for service; and

WHEREAS, Enbridge has proposed to invest $500 million to make a safe pipeline safer by placing a tunnel with on-foot-thick concrete walls 100 feet underground and make the chances of a leak into the Straits virtually zero; and

WHEREAS, consequences to energy supply, local producers, regional airports and refineries, jobs, local economies and the pocketbook of Michiganders across the U.P. and the state are too great for Line 5 to be shut down before the tunnel replacement can be completed; and

WHEREAS, Enbridge has demonstrated a willingness to work with the state to both protect the Great Lakes and ensure the continued safe delivery of energy we all rely on.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Baraga County Board of Commissioners extends its support for Enbridge’s proposed tunnel replacement project and urges the State of Michigan to work with Enbridge to complete the tunnel project as quickly as possible and not disrupt Line 5 service before the tunnel can be completed.

On Voice Vote, the motion carried. In favor, Commissioner Eilola, Commissioner Koskinen, Commissioner Menge, Commissioner Rolof. Opposed, Commissioner Robillard.

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Robillard suggested the Board seek bids to insulate the wall by the basement bathrooms at the Courthouse to avoid freezing pipes this coming winter.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the County Board, Commissioner Rolof made a motion, supported by Commissioner Robillard to adjourn the meeting until Monday, August 10, 2020. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

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