

BARAGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2024

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Eilola called the Regular Meeting to order on Monday, August 12, 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 Kent made a motion, supported by Commissioner Dakota to approve the Agenda, as presented. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Dakota made a motion, supported by Commissioner Menge to approve the minutes for the Regular meeting held on July 8, 2024. On Voice Vote, the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No Public Comment offered.

TREASURERS REPORT:

As presented by Treasurer, Jill C Tollefson.

REVIEW OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS:

Commissioner Menge made a motion, supported by Commissioner Cichosz to approve the BCMH Trustee Per Diem for July 2024 (\$990.00). On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Cichosz made a motion, supported by Commissioner Kent to approve the payment of the Claims and Accounts for the period of July 9, 2024 through August 12, 2024 in the amount of \$65,759.60. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Kent made a motion, supported by Commissioner Dakota to approve the payment of the Prepaid Bills and Trust and Agency Accounts for the period of July 9, 2024 through August 12, 2024 in the amount of \$439,603.57. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Menge made a motion, supported by Commissioner Kent to approve the Sheriff's Dept. Checking Account expenditures for \$6,871.44. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Commissioner Dakota made a motion to appoint Joseph Eckerberg to represent the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community on the Baraga County Veterans' Affairs Committee with the term expiring 12/31/2025. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Kent made a motion to appoint Rodney Loonsfoot to represent the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community on the Baraga County Veterans' Affairs Committee with the term expiring 12/31/2026. On Voice Vote, the motion carried. Commissioner Dakota voting no.

ACTION ITEMS:

Commissioner Dakota made a motion, supported by Commissioner Menge to appoint Commissioner Kent to the Materials Management Plan Committee. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

The Baraga County Historical Society requested ARPA funds for a new roof on the BCHS building. No action was taken.

Sheriff Brogan gave an update on the Sheriff Department parking lot. Payne and Dolan expect to begin work by the end of August or early September.

Sheriff Brogan and the Board of Commissioners recognized Baraga County Sheriff Deputies Gustafson and Chaudier along with MSP Trooper Barnett with Certificates of Excellence for their courageous efforts in the rescue of a young girl contemplating suicide by leaping off a high cliff last Spring.

Sheriff Brogan reported the new software recently purchased for records management at the Sheriff's Department/Jail was lacking necessary component to the records management processes. Commissioner Dakota made a motion, supported by Commissioner Menge to approve additional LATCF funds in the amount of \$2,200.00 (\$1,000.00 one-time fee and \$1,200.00 recurring annual fee) for the add-on software for the records management program at the Sheriff's Department/Jail. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Kent made a motion, supported by Commissioner Cichosz to appoint Matt Lutz to the Baraga County EDC. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Menge made a motion, supported by Commissioner Cichosz to sign the Indigent Criminal Defense contract with Tri-County Public Defenders. On Voice Vote, the motion.

Commissioner Cichosz made a motion, supported by Commissioner Kent to approve Michigan WORKS! request sublet office space to Small Business Development Centers per Section 1.5 of the lease agreement. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Kent made a motion, supported by Commissioner Cichosz to approve and sign the Interlocal Agreement for Baraga County to opt out of a Designated Assessor. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Due to recent personnel changes in the District Court, Judge Daavettila proposed structural/budget changes. Commissioner Dakota made a motion, supported by Commissioner Menge to set the District Court Magistrate salary at \$47,500.00. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Chairman Eilola reported on the 2024 Baraga County Fair.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Baraga County Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees, Minutes

RESOLUTIONS:

No Resolutions were presented for consideration.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Fran Whitman asked if the Board would consider using ARPA funds for child care.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the County Board, Commissioner Menge made a motion, supported by Commissioner Cichosz to adjourn the meeting until Monday, September 9, 2024. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Gale Eilola, Chairman

Wendy J. Goodreau, Clerk