

**BARAGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**“OFFICIAL”**  
**August 14, 2023**

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Eilola called the Regular Meeting to order on Monday, August 14, 2023 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.

Absent: Chad Cichosz, District 5.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Commissioner Dakota made a motion, supported by Commissioner Kent to approve the Agenda. 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 July 10, 2023. On Voice Vote, the motion.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items Only):**

Chairman Eilola opened the meeting up for public comment. No comments offered.

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

As presented by Treasurer, Jill C Tollefson.

Commissioner Dakota made a motion supported by Commissioner Kent to approved the following Budget Amendments for FY23:

**BARAGA COUNTY**

BA 02-2023

**BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

For the Fiscal Year Ending 09/30/2023

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

Current Tax Collection	101-000-403.00	\$ 110,000.00
Delinquent Tax Collection	101-000-407.00	\$ (110,000.00)
Tribal Contributions	101-000-420.00	\$ 10,000.00
Swampland Tax	101-000-429.00	\$ 12,000.00
Federal Payment In Lieu	101-000-437.00	\$ 6,979.00
Local Community Stabilization	101-000-441.00	\$ 10,704.00
Recruit Training		
Reimbursement	101-000-540.00	\$ 8,856.73
Convention Facility Tax	101-000-571.00	\$ 4,264.00
Sheriff Transport Services	101-000-617.01	\$ 12,547.17

**GENERAL FUND - EXPENDITURES**

Transfer out Indigent	101-000-999.34	\$ 435.96
Legal Fees	101-101-807.00	\$ 6,000.00
Operating and Office Supplies	101-131-727.00	\$ (800.00)
Postage	101-131-729.00	\$ 800.00
Audit	101-170-960.03	\$ (2,500.00)
Virtual Server Contract	101-101-960.20	\$ 2,500.00
Operating and Office Supplies	101-191-727.00	\$ 2,500.00
Mers Pension	101-225-718.00	\$ 1,700.00
Health Insurance	101-301-716.00	\$ 24,000.00
Travel Expense	101-301-860.00	\$ 9,614.94
Convention Facility Tax	101-631-960.01	\$ 2,200.00
Co. Employee Retirement	101-850-960.49	\$ 11,000.00
Post Employment Buyout	101-850-960.76	\$ (800.00)
Liability Insurance	101-850-960.00	\$ 8,700.00
Bond Debt	101-900-991.00	\$ (750.00)
Bond Interest	101-900-995.01	\$ 750.00

**GENERAL FUND – JOURNAL TOTALS**

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**BARAGA COUNTY  
BUDGET  
AMENDMENTS**

BA # 03-2023

For the Fiscal Year Ending 09/30/2023

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

**GENERAL FUND - EXPENDITURES**

Salary and Wages	101-332-703.00		\$ (6,250.00)
Social Security and Medicare	101-332-715.00		\$ (215.00)
Mers	101-332-718.00		\$ 890.00
Vehicle Expense	101-332-742.00		\$ (890.00)
Salary and Wages	101-333-703.00		\$ 20,665.00
Social Security and Medicare	101-333-715.00		\$ 1,588.00
Health Insurance	101-333-716.00		\$ (1,656.00)
Mers	101-333-716.00		\$ 3,543.00
Workers Comp	101-333-721.00		\$ 25.00
HSA Expense	101-335-716.05		\$ (165.00)
Salary and Wages	101-338-703.00		\$ 11,291.00
Social Security and Medicare	101-338-715.00		\$ 1,000.00
Mers	101-338-718.00		\$ 1,500.00

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**GENERAL FUND – JOURNAL TOTALS**      \$       -      **\$31,326.00**

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**BARAGA COUNTY**

**BUDGET AMENDMENTS**  
 For the Fiscal Year Ending 09/30/2023

BA # 04-2023

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

**GENERAL FUND - EXPENDITURES**

Magistrate	101-137-716.02	\$	11,211.93
Equalization	101-225-716.02	\$	18,627.34
Reg of Deeds	101-236-716.02	\$	24,112.77
Treasurer	101-253-716.02	\$	9,071.29
Sheriff	101-301-716.02	\$	15,764.74
Corrections	101-351-716.02	\$	11,211.93
Post Employment Insurance	101-333-716.00	\$	(90,000.00)

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**GENERAL FUND – JOURNAL TOTALS**      \$      -      \$      -

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**BARAGA COUNTY**  
**BUDGET AMENDMENTS**  
 For the Fiscal Year Ending 09/30/2023

BA # 05-2023

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

**GENERAL FUND - EXPENDITURES**

District Court	101-136-718.01	\$ 5,653.02
Magistrate	101-137-718.01	\$ 11,464.74
Probate Court	101-148-718.01	\$ 14,628.93
General Government	101-170-718.01	\$ 6,138.84
County Clerk	101-215-718.01	\$ 9,238.83
Equalization	101-225-718.01	\$ 32,596.33
Prosecutor	101-229-718.01	\$ 13,813.62
Reg of Deeds	101-236-718.01	\$ 16,430.43
Treasurer	101-253-718.01	\$ 13,717.32
Courthouse & Grounds	101-265-718.01	\$ 12,168.96
Mine Inspector	101-375-718.01	\$ 14.73
Mers	101-850-960.49	\$(135,865.75)

**GENERAL FUND – JOURNAL  
TOTALS**

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**REVIEW OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS:**

Commissioner Menge made a motion, supported by Commissioner Kent to approve the BCMH Trustee Per Diem for July 2023 (\$1,090.00). carried. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Kent made a motion, supported by Commissioner Dakota to approve the payment of the Claims and Accounts for the period of July 11, 2023 through August 14, 2023 in the amount of \$40,045.51. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Menge made a motion, supported by Commissioner Kent to approve the payment of the Prepaid Bills and Trust and Agency Accounts for the period of July 11, 2023 through August 14, 2023 in the amount of \$1,035,346.36. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Kent made a motion, supported by Commissioner Menge to approve the Sheriff's Dept. Checking Account for July 2023 in the amount of \$5,273.64. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Personnel Committee – Update Personnel Handbook Article 35 was tabled.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

Commissioner Dakota made a motion, supported by Commissioner Kent to approve overnight travel for the County Clerk to attend the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund annual meeting to present the Point Abbaye Park plan. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Menge made a motion, supported by Commissioner Kent to advertise in the L'Anse Sentinel for bids for the FY24 snow removal contract. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

There was no action on the agenda item regarding H.R. 3372-Heavier Trucks legislation.

Sheriff Brogan is waiting to receive additional bids on the driveway repairs.

Sheriff Brogan provided an update on a pilot program that would help deputies deal with subjects that are experiencing mental health crisis. The program is funded by a grant and would enable deputies to engage with a trained psychiatrist while dealing with the call in the field. Copper Shores Community Health Foundation is funding the program.

Commissioner Dakota made a motion, supported by Commissioner Kent to table the appointment (KBIC Representative) to the Veterans' Affairs Committee. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Menge made a motion, supported by Commissioner Dakota to approve the annual membership to the Baraga County Conventions and Visitors Bureau. On Roll Call Vote, the motion carried. Roll call was as follows: Yeas; Commissioner Dakota, Commissioner Menge and Commissioner Eilola. Nays; None. Abstain; Commissioner Kent. Absent; Commissioner Cichosz.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

Commissioner Eilola said the Baraga County Fair was a huge success and gate tickets exceeded all three days. It's been 2014 since that happened.

Commissioner Dakota said the BC Trails Authority is continuing to work hard to get trails through Baraga County. Working with the State and land owners with signage has been a difficult process. The Authority may need to get their own insurance policy until the State can take over the trails.

Commissioner Menge raised the many problems with the Courthouse and surrounding grounds. Commissioner Menge made a motion, supported by Commissioner Dakota to advertise for an RFP for an engineering study of the current repair needs at the Courthouse. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

No Resolutions presented for consideration.

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:**

No comments offered.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Chairman Eilola called for Public Comment. Dawn Howe, Juvenile Caseworker, said three employees from the Courthouse; herself, Jill Beeler – District Court Clerk, Madeline Barnett – Probate Court Registrar, all took an exam for court recording certification and passed. The Board congratulated them.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the County Board, Commissioner Dakota made a motion, supported by Commissioner Menge to adjourn the meeting until Monday, September 11, 2023. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy J. Goodreau, Clerk

