

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

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
BUDGET AMENDMENTS

BA 02-2023

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

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|-------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 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

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| 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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| \$ 65,350.90 | \$ 65,350.90 |
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| \$ 65,350.90 | \$ 65,350.90 |
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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

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| 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 |

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

\$ - \$ 31,326.00

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

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| 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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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

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| 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 in 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