

BARAGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2024

CALL TO ORDER:

Vice-Chairman Dakota called the Regular Meeting to order on Monday, September 9, 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:

Vice-Chairman Dakota 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: Brad Dakota, District 2, Craig Kent, District 3, William Menge, District 4 and Chad Cichosz, District 5.

Absent: Gale Eilola, District 1.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Commissioner Menge made a motion, supported by Commissioner Cichosz to approve the Agenda, changing item i. Proposed Land Acquisition to item j. and adding item i. BC Veterans' Officer, Request for 2% Monies. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Cichosz made a motion, supported by Commissioner Kent to approve the minutes for the Regular meeting held on August 12, 2024. On Voice Vote, the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No Public Comment offered.

TREASURERS REPORT:

As presented by Treasurer, Jill C Tollefson.

Commissioner Menge made a motion, supported by Commissioner Kent to approve Budget Amendment 2024-003:

BARAGA COUNTY

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

For the Fiscal Year Ending 09/30/2024

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

Federal Payment in Lieu	101-000-437.00	\$ 10,000.00	
Local Community Stabilization	101-000-441.00	\$ 17,000.00	
Prison Inmate Defense	101-000-569.00	\$ 6,000.00	

State Revenue Sharing - Public Safety	101-000-574.01	\$ 4,194.00
Probation Screening	101-000-607.00	\$ 2,000.00
Treasurer's Fees	101-000-611.00	\$ 3,000.00
Land Transfer Tax	101-000-614.00	\$ 6,000.00
Sheriff Fees	101-000-617.00	\$ 3,000.00
Sheriff Transportation	101-000-617.01	\$ 13,125.00

GENERAL FUND - EXPENDITURES

Legal Fees	101-101-807.00	\$ 6,000.00
Legal Fees	101-131-807.00	\$ 6,000.00
Mers Pension	101-136-718.00	\$ (500.00)
Mers Retirees	101-136-718.01	\$ 500.00
Longevity	101-137-708.00	\$ 1,375.00
Payment in Lieu of Health Insurance	101-137-716.01	\$ (1,824.00)
Health Insurance - Retiree	101-137-716.02	\$ 2,100.00
HSA Expense	101-137-716.05	\$ 2,450.00
Salary & Wages	101-138-703.00	\$ 2,000.00
Social Security & Medicare	101-138-715.00	\$ 155.00
Mers Pension	101-236-718.00	\$ 550.00
Software Support	101-236-810.03	\$ 300.00
Salary & Wages	101-253-703.00	\$ 5,000.00
Social Security & Medicare	101-253-715.00	\$ 800.00
BS&A Support	101-253-802.00	\$ 270.00
Insurance & Bonds	101-253-851.00	\$ 50.00
Health Insurance	101-301-716.00	\$ 6,350.00
HSA Expense	101-301-716.05	\$ 2,575.00
Vehicle Expense	101-331-742.00	\$ 300.00
New Equipment	101-331-935.00	\$ (300.00)
Health Insurance	101-351-716.00	\$ 16,670.00
Payment in Lieu of Health Insurance	101-351-716.01	\$ (6,000.00)
HSA Expense	101-351-716.05	\$ 7,600.00
Health Services - Assist	101-600-835.02	\$ 16,000.00
WUPPDR	101-600-960.31	\$ 1,680.00
Bond Debt Interest	101-900-995.01	\$ 75.00

GENERAL FUND – JOURNAL TOTALS

\$ 64,319.00 \$ 64,176.00

On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

REVIEW OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS:

Commissioner Menge made a motion, supported by Commissioner Cichosz to approve the BCMH Trustee Per Diem for August 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 August 13, 2024 through September 9, 2024 in the amount of \$47,964.92. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Menge made a motion, supported by Commissioner Cichosz to approve the payment of the Prepaid Bills and Trust and Agency Accounts for the period of August 13, 2024 through September 9, 2024 in the amount of \$886,644.52. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Cichosz 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:

There was no Unfinished Business to attend to.

ACTION ITEMS:

Commissioner Kent made a motion, supported by Commissioner Menge to send a letter of support to UP Area Agency on Aging on behalf of the Baragaland Senior Citizens' efforts to reinstate and maintain the Senior Meals program. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Menge made a motion, supported by Commissioner Cichosz to appoint Commissioner Kent to the Snowbelt Transit Commission. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Cichosz made a motion, supported by Commissioner Kent to authorize County Clerk Wendy J. Goodreau to submit the Application for Waiver of Underfunded Status (Retirement Health Benefit System) for the Baraga County Retiree Medical Plan. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Kent made a motion, supported by Commissioner Cichosz to approve to approve a deposit in the amount of \$16,226.95 into the Baraga County RHVF (Health Benefit Trust Account) for the FY2024. The funds to come from the LATCF. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Don Elmlad presented the Board information on GMRS radio receivers. The receivers would allow individuals with much needed communication access, via mobile radio, in areas without cell service. Mr. Elmlad said the one he had approximately a 7 mile range from the receiver. Mr. Elmlad is asking the Board to consider funding a few receivers throughout areas that lack adequate cell service. No action was taken.

Commissioner Cichosz made a motion, supported by Commissioner Kent to set Probate Court part time employee, Nada Wakeham's wage at \$21.95/hour, pursuant to Judge

Brennan's CJO appointment, which is outside of the Personnel Handbook, for the time-period July 7, 2024 – September 30, 2024. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Cichosz made a motion, supported by Commissioner Menge to approve an additional \$900.54 of ARPA funds for additional electrical work completed by TC Electric while working on the LED Lighting installation. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Menge made a motion, supported by Commissioner Cichosz to approve an additional \$564.46 of ARPA funds for additional work completed by Mike Whitman as part of the improvements to the Pole Building (Doors/Frames) at the Sheriff's Dept. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Cichosz made a motion, supported by Commissioner Kent to approve a KBIC 2% Funding request on behalf of the Baraga County Veterans' Affairs' Department. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Mr. Bill Delene, Trustee of the Markus J Ladd Revocable Trust, was present to discuss land in Arvon Township that is to be gifted to the County, with conditions, from the Trust. Mr. Delene said there is a mortgage on the property and that the County would be obligated to assume the debt. The land is appraised at \$860,000 and the debt is approximately \$580,000.00. If the County does not accept the bequest the land will be sold to private ownership. No action was taken.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

RESOLUTIONS:

No Resolutions were presented for consideration.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

James Niemela, County Commissioner candidate for District 1, was present to introduce himself.

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 Tuesday, October 8, 2024. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Brad Dakota, Vice-Chairman

Wendy J. Goodreau, Clerk