**BARAGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**October 12, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Rolof called the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 5:00 p.m., in the Circuit Courtroom, Baraga County Courthouse, 16 N. Third Street, L’Anse, MI 49946.

**ROLL CALL:**

Chairman Rolof instructed Clerk Goodreau to take roll call with the following results:

Present: Gale Eilola, District 1, Brad Dakota, District 2, Dan Robillard, District 3, and William Rolof, District 5.

Absent: Commissioner Olsen, District 4.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:**

Chairman Rolof led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Commissioner Eilola made a motion, supported by Commissioner Dakota to approve the Agenda, as presented. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Commissioner Robillard made a motion, supported by Commissioner Eilola to approve the minutes for the Regular meeting held on September 13, 2021 and the Special meeting held on September 28, 2021. On Voice Vote, the motion carried with Commissioner Dakota abstaining (absent from September 13, 2021 meeting).

**PUBLIC COMMENT-Agenda Items Only:**

Chairman Rolof opened the meeting up for public comment. There was no public comment.

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

As presented by Treasurer, Jill C Tollefson.

**REVIEW OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS:**

Commissioner Eilola made a motion, supported by Commissioner Robillard to approve the BCMH Trustee Per Diem for September 2021 ($990.00). On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Dakota made a motion, supported by Commissioner Robillard to approve the payment of the Claims and Accounts for the period of September 14, 2021 through October 12, 2021 in the amount of $23,242.35. On Roll Call Vote, the motion carried. Roll Call was as follows: Yeas; Commissioner Eilola, Commissioner Dakota, Commissioner Robillard and Commissioner Rolof. Nays; None. Absent; Commissioner Olsen, District 4.

Commissioner Robillard made a motion, supported by Commissioner Eilola to approve the payment of the Prepaid Bills and Trust and Agency Accounts for the period of September 14, 2021 through October 12, 2021 in the amount of $527,552.97. On Roll Call Vote, the motion carried. Roll Call was as follows: Yeas; Commissioner Eilola, Commissioner Dakota, Commissioner Robillard and Commissioner Rolof. Nays; None. Absent; Commissioner Olsen, District 4.

Commissioner Eilola made a motion, supported by Commissioner Robillard to approve the payment of the Sheriff Department Commissary Account for the period of September 14, 2021 through October 12, 2021 in the amount of $9,414.50. On Roll Call Vote, the motion carried. Roll Call was as follows: Yeas; Commissioner Eilola, Commissioner Dakota, Commissioner Robillard and Commissioner Rolof. Nays; None. Absent; Commissioner Olsen, District 4.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Dakota made a motion, supported by Commissioner Robillard to table the Sheriff’s Department request for security cameras. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Robillard made a motion, support by Commissioner Eilola to table the Branding Committee request for funding for Phase II of the County branding project. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

Commissioner Robillard made a motion, supported by Commissioner Dakota to approve the 2021 millage rates submitted by Equalization Director Patrick Osterman with the following resolution. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the County has examined the Certificates, statements, papers and records submitted to it showing the amount of monies (expressed millage rates) to be raised in the several townships of the County, School, Township and other purposes, now on file in the office of the County Clerk, and properly certified to, no objections being made to raising any such monies by any taxpayer to be affected thereby.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board directs that the several amounts be raised for County, School, Township, and other purposed and that said amount (in millage) be spread on the assessment rolls of the proper township as follows:

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| 2021 MILLAGE RATES | | | | | |
| BARAGA COUNTY | | | | | |
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| ***ARVON TOWNSHIP*** | |  |  | ***L'ANSE TOWNSHIP*** | |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| State Education Tax | 6.0000 |  |  | State Education Tax | 6.0000 |
| School Operation | 11.0000 |  |  | School Operation | 18.0000 |
| Intermediate School | 0.3985 |  |  | School Bond | 2.9000 |
| Intermediate School | 1.9314 |  |  | School Sinking Fund | 1.0000 |
| Intermediate School | 0.9957 |  |  | Intermediate School | 0.3985 |
| County | 8.5957 |  |  | Intermediate School | 1.9314 |
| County Roads | 1.9990 |  |  | Intermediate School | 0.9957 |
| Senior Citizens | 0.9995 |  |  | County | 8.5957 |
| Township | 0.9809 |  |  | County Roads | 1.9990 |
| Township Hall | 0.4957 |  |  | Senior Citizens | 0.9995 |
| Township Fire | 1.4872 |  |  | Township | 1.0000 |
| Township Ambulance | 0.2974 |  |  | Township Fire | 1.0000 |
| Township Road | 0.9915 |  |  | Township Ambulance | 1.0000 |
| **NON-HOMESTEAD** | **36.1725** |  |  | **NON-HOMESTEAD** | **45.8198** |
| **HOMESTEAD** | **25.1725** |  |  | **HOMESTEAD** | **27.8198** |
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| ***BARAGA TOWNSHIP*** | |  |  | ***SPURR TOWNSHIP*** | |
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| State Education Tax | 6.0000 |  |  | State Education Tax | 6.0000 |
| School Operation | 17.9820 |  |  | School Operation | 18.0000 |
| School Bond | 0.0000 |  |  | School Bond | 0.0000 |
| Sinking Fund | 2.9970 |  |  | School Sinking Fund | 1.7361 |
| Intermediate School | 0.3985 |  |  | Intermediate School | 0.2030 |
| Intermediate School | 1.9314 |  |  | Intermediate School | 1.7314 |
| Intermediate School | 0.9957 |  |  | Intermediate School | 0.2686 |
| County | 8.5957 |  |  | County | 8.5957 |
| County Roads | 1.9990 |  |  | County Roads | 1.9990 |
| Senior Citizens | 0.9995 |  |  | Senior Citizens | 0.9995 |
| Township | 0.9962 |  |  | Township | 0.9879 |
| Township Ambulance | 1.5000 |  |  | Township Fire | 2.4697 |
| Township Fire | 1.5000 |  |  | Township Garbage | 2.2401 |
| **NON-HOMESTEAD** | **45.8950** |  |  | Township Roads | 1.9912 |
| **HOMESTEAD** | **27.9130** |  |  | Township Cemetery | 0.3484 |
|  |  |  |  | **NON-HOMESTEAD** | **47.5706** |
|  |  |  |  | **HOMESTEAD** | **29.5706** |
| ***COVINGTON TOWNSHIP*** | |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| State Education Tax | 6.0000 |  |  |  |  |
| School Operation | 18.0000 |  |  |  |  |
| School Bond | 2.9000 |  |  |  |  |
| School Sinking Fund | 1.0000 |  |  |  |  |
| Intermediate School | 0.3985 |  |  |  |  |
| Intermediate School | 1.9314 |  |  |  |  |
| Intermediate School | 0.9957 |  |  |  |  |
| County | 8.5957 |  |  |  |  |
| County Roads | 1.9990 |  |  |  |  |
| Senior Citizens | 0.9995 |  |  |  |  |
| Township | 0.9937 |  |  |  |  |
| Township Recreation | 0.9951 |  |  |  |  |
| Township Fire & Amb | 0.9951 |  |  |  |  |
| **NON-HOMESTEAD** | **45.8037** |  |  |  |  |
| **HOMESTEAD** | **27.8037** |  |  |  |  |

On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Eilola made a motion, supported by Commissioner Dakota to accept the 2021 Mine Inspector Report from Michael Legacy, Baraga County Mine Inspector. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Dakota made a motion, supported by Commissioner Robillard to approve the 2021-2022 Indigent Criminal Defense Contract with Tri-County Public Defenders. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Eilola made a motion, supported by Commissioner Dakota to rename the Baraga County Recreation Committee to the Baraga County Parks and Recreation Committee and advertise for persons interested in serving on the Committee. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Robillard made a motion, supported by Commissioner Eilola to approve a $.45/hour raise to the non-union hourly employees and a $1,200/annual raise for the elected officials and department head. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Robillard made a motion, supported by Commissioner Eilola to allow Clerk Goodreau to seek a proposal for legal services for the American Recovery Plan Act funds from Warner Norcross and Judd. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

Commissioner Dakota reported the Baraga County Department of Health and Human Services board passed its FY22 budget in the amount of $2,010.00.

Commissioner Robillard attended the BCMH Board of Trustees meeting.

Commissioner Eilola attended the U.P. County Commissioners conference in Harris.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

The following items were presented for information:

* BCMH board of Trustee, Minutes

**RESOLUTIONS:**

No Resolutions.

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:**

The Board discussed the County’s Health Insurance Benefit policy. No action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the County Board, Commissioner Robillard made a motion, supported by Commissioner Eilola to adjourn the meeting until Monday, November 8, 2021. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy J. Goodreau

County Clerk