

BARAGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Special Meeting Minutes
December 23, 2024

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Eilola called the Special Meeting to order at 4:00 P.M., District Courtroom, Baraga County Courthouse, L'Anse, Michigan 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:

Chairman Eilola instructed Clerk Goodreau to take roll call with the following results: Present: Commissioner Eilola, Commissioner Dakota, Commissioner Kent, and Commissioner Menge. Absent: None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT-Agenda Items Only:

There was no Public Comment offered.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Commissioner Menge made a motion, supported by Commissioner Dakota to approve the bid and contract from OTIS Elevator for the modernization of the elevator at the Baraga County Courthouse in the amount of \$172,800.00. With the funds coming from the ARPA Fund. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS:

Commissioner Kent made a motion, supported by Commissioner Dakota to approve the following grant agreements with ARPA fund beneficiaries:

- Arvon Township, Aura Fire Department - Fire Services, \$12,500.00
- Baraga Township, Keweenaw Bay and Pelkie Fire Departments – Fire Services, \$25,000.00
- Covington Township, Covington Fire Department – Fire Services, \$12,500.00
- L'Anse Township, Aura Fire Department – Fire Services, \$12,500.00
- Spurr Township, Spurr/Michigamme – Fire Services, \$12,500.00
- Village of Baraga, Baraga Fire Department – Fire Services, \$50,000.00
- Village of L'Anse, L'Anse Fire Department – Fire Services, \$50,000.00
- Bay Ambulance, Ambulance Services, \$50,000.00
- Village of Baraga, Trails, \$70,745.85
- Baragaland Senior Citizens, Senior Meals Program, \$10,000.00
- Baraga County EDC, Retention and Attraction & Business Engagement, \$27,000.00

- Baraga County Trails Authority, Trail Development, \$23,000.00
- Baraga County Road Commission, Road Maintenance Equipment, \$280,000.00

On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Dakota discussed his concerns with other law enforcement agencies in the County (Village of L'Anse and Village of Baraga) not being cross deputized.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Clerk Goodreau reported that the Board will need to deal with the vacancy for District 5 at the January 13, 2025 meeting and noted that due to election laws governing filing deadlines the Special Election for District 5 will need to be held in August 2025.

Clerk Goodreau thanked Chairman Eilola for his service as this was his last meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the County Board, Commissioner Menge made a motion, supported by Commissioner Dakota to adjourn the meeting until Monday, January 13, 2025. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy J. Goodreau, Clerk