

**BARAGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, April 9, 2024-5:00 P.M.

16 N. Third Street, L'Anse, MI 49946

**PROPOSED AGENDA**

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1. **CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL**  
Chairman Eilola, Vice-Chairman Dakota, Commissioner Kent, Commissioner Menge,  
and Commissioner Cichosz
2. **APPROVE AGENDA**
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
Regular Meeting, March 11, 2024
4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS- Agenda Items Only**
5. **TREASURER'S REPORT- INFORMATION ONLY – NO MOTION REQUIRED**
6. **APPROVAL OF BILLS**
  - a. BCMH Trustee Per Diem- \$960.00 (March 2024)
  - b. Approval of County Commissioner and Dept. Bills, \$54,305.17
  - c. Approval of Prepaid Accounts, \$95,049.89
  - d. Approval of Sheriff Dept. Commissary Checking Account, \$9,618.03
7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**  
Veterans' Affairs Committee, KBIC appointment
8. **ACTION ITEMS**
  - a. Equalization Director, Equalization Report & Designated Assessor
  - b. Courthouse and Grounds, Receive bids for lighting – LED
  - c. Sheriff's Department, Body camera purchase 11/13/2023 - clarification on funding (LATCF)
  - d. Covington Township Land Acquisition, resolution authorizing signers
  - e. UPSET, funding request
  - f. BC Lake Trout Festival, request for advertising
9. **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**
10. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**
  - a. Copper Shores Community Health Foundation, UPSET West funds
11. **RESOLUTIONS**
  - a. Resolution Supporting Homeschooling
  - b. Resolution Supporting SB662-2024
12. **COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**
13. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
14. **ADJOURNMENT**



**Board of Trustee Meeting Attendance - March 2024**

**Monthly Stipend:**

Shirley Younggren	\$100.00
Jim Loman	\$100.00
Carole LaPointe	\$0.00
Cathy Wadaga	\$100.00
Jayne Walbridge	\$100.00
Kate Beer	\$100.00
Burt Mason	\$100.00

**Board Briefing of 03-14-2024:**

Shirley Younggren	\$30.00
Jim Loman <i>(online)</i>	\$30.00
Carole LaPointe	\$0
Cathy Wadaga	\$30.00
Jayne Walbridge	\$30.00
Kate Beer	\$30.00
Burt Mason	\$30.00

**Med Control Authority Mtg: none**

Shirley Younggren	\$0.00
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**Regular Board Meeting of 03-19-23:**

Shirley Younggren	\$30.00
Jim Loman	\$30.00
Carole LaPointe	\$0
Cathy Wadaga	\$30.00
Kate Beer	\$30.00
Jayne Walbridge	\$30.00
Burt Mason	\$30.00

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GL Number	GL Desc	Vendor	Invoice Desc.	Invoice	Due Date	Amount	Check
101-101-807.00	CHECK <None>						
101-101-901.00	LEGAL FEES	CLARK HILL P.L.C.	BCB0C: J0040 401178 GRAINGER WD FE	Multiple	04/18/24	5,410.90	
101-131-860.00	ADVERTISING	L'ANSE SENTINEL	BCLEERK: BIDS INTALL LED LIGHT FTX	MARCH 2024	04/18/24	60.55	
101-136-860.00	TRAVEL EXPENSE	LEANN A PUDLA	BCC: TRAVEL FOR RECORDING MARCH 2	MARCH 2024	04/18/24	132.66	
101-191-727.00	OPERATING AND OFFICE SUP	QUILL CORPORATION	BCDC: 62483 SUPPLIES FEB 2024	37360545	04/18/24	57.19	
101-215-727.00	TRAVEL EXPENSE	PATRICIA J. DIPALMA	BCDC: CT REPORTING 1/23-2/20/24 TR	JAN/FEB 2024	04/18/24	127.50	
101-229-801.00	OPERATING AND OFFICE SUP	MILLER CONSULTATIONS	BC: TWP PRECINCT KIT, POLL BOOK	24-954	04/18/24	645.72	
101-236-727.00	OPERATING AND OFFICE SUP	ELECTIONSOURCE	BCLEERK: SO# 37717 CASEBINDER/BOOK	24-8554	04/18/24	113.57	
101-265-921.00	OPERATING AND OFFICE SUP	STATE OF MICHIGAN	BCLEERK: DET 27329457 2 INV. 3/31/	7000258980	04/30/24	27.19	
101-265-930.00	OPERATING AND OFFICE SUP	MGT CONSULTING GROUP	BCLEERK: 17861 SECURITY/ACCESS	551-633965	04/30/24	33.00	
101-265-930.00	OPERATING AND OFFICE SUP	STAPLES	BCJA: FY 2024 CRP BILLING JAN - MA	57365	04/18/24	1,200.00	
101-265-930.00	BOTTLED WATER	PEPSI COLA OF HOUGHTO	BCLEERK: DET 27329457 2 INV. 3/31/	7000258980	04/30/24	145.20	
101-265-930.00	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	A+ PEST MANAGEMENT	BC: WATER INV X 6 MARCH 2024	MARCH 2024	04/18/24	114.00	
101-265-930.00	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	ERICKSON TRUE VALDE	BCCTHOUSE: 2061 PEST CONTROL 4/2/2	Multiple	04/18/24	80.00	
101-265-930.00	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	RC MECHANICAL	BCCTHOUSE: BAR012 SUPPLIES MARCH 2	399350	04/18/24	46.05	
101-265-930.00	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	TR ELEVATOR	BC: W025582 HEATING SERVICE ANALYZ	1827	04/18/24	516.00	
101-265-930.00	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	WASTE MANAGEMENT SERV	BCLEERK: 22022 JOB US9122 4/1-6/30	3007804873	04/30/24	363.86	
101-265-932.00	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	A+ PEST MANAGEMENT	BCCTHOUSE: 3-06503-62000 MARCH 202	1540107-0411-7	04/30/24	40.02	
101-265-935.00	SNOW PLOWING	KAHKONEN EXCAVATING,	BCADMIN: 2061 PEST CONTROL 4/2/202	Multiple	04/18/24	80.00	
101-301-742.00	NEW EQUIPMENT	STAPLES	BCLEERK: DET 27329457 2 INV. 3/31/	180549	04/18/24	551.00	
101-301-742.00	VEHICLE EXPENSE	LAMBERT'S AUTO SERVIC	BCSD: 2021 FORD OIL CHANGE, TIE ROD	Multiple	04/18/24	775.81	
101-301-742.00	VEHICLE EXPENSE	NORTHERN OIL 1, INC.	BCSD: FUEL MARCH 2024	MARCH 2024	04/18/24	1,736.93	
101-301-745.00	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	HOMESTEAD GRAPHICS	BCSD: FLEX FIT HAT W/EMBROIDERY	Multiple	04/18/24	108.00	
101-301-955.00	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	BARAGA COUNTY MEMORIA	BCSD: DRUG SCREEN EMPLOYEE 3/1/24	MARCH 2024	04/25/24	51.00	
101-301-955.00	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	MCHS OCCUPATIONAL HEA	BCSD: EMPLOYEE DRUG COLLECTION C R	3764-22350	04/18/24	41.00	
101-301-956.00	TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE	STATE OF MICHIGAN	BCSD: 10061 SECURITY/ACCESS	551-633803	04/30/24	228.00	
101-301-978.01	DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT	CHARM-TEX	BCJAIL: BARAGAC GLOVES ORDER #0840	0357949-IN	04/17/24	104.38	
101-351-832.00	CLEANING & LAUNDRY SUPPL	DALCO	BCSD: 2020131 SUPPLIES ORDER# A60E	Multiple	04/18/24	924.54	
101-351-835.03	PRISONERS MEDICAL EXPENS	ADVANCED CORRECTIONAL	BCSD: MAY 24 ONSITE MEDICAL SERVIC	RINV-000111	04/30/24	5,266.22	
101-351-835.03	PRISONERS MEDICAL EXPENS	CORRECTIONAL RECOVERY	BCJAIL: CLAIMS BALANCE	02-1199	04/18/24	2,062.89	
101-351-835.03	PRISONERS MEDICAL EXPENS	GARCIA CLINICAL LABOR	BCSD: 2024 FEBRUARY LAB SERVICES	68202	04/18/24	5.00	
101-351-840.00	PRISONERS MEDICAL EXPENS	IHS PHARMACY	BCSD: RZACH99999 REG MEDS FEB 2024	101032	04/18/24	49.75	
101-351-920.03	MEALS	BARAGA CORRECTIONAL F	BCJAIL: MEALS MARCH 2024	MARCH 2024	04/18/24	2,251.50	
101-351-920.03	JAIL UTILITIES	CHARTER COMMUNICATION	BCSD: 0006160 3/9-4/8/2024	0006160030924	03/26/24	12.50	
101-351-932.01	JAIL UTILITIES	WASTE MANAGEMENT SERV	BCSD: 3-06491-12005 MARCH 2024	1540077-0411-2	04/30/24	32.07	
101-351-932.01	GROUND & BLDG MAINTENAN	ARAMARK	BCSD: 890011929 6503116 MATS X 4 M	Multiple	04/10/24	111.04	
101-430-813.00	BOARDING OF ANIMALS	BIANCO PLUMBING AND H	BCJAIL: REPAIR-PLBG 3/19/24 SLOW F	5137-943807	04/17/24	287.35	
101-434-730.00	FIRE NUMBER MATERIALS	VILLAGE OF L'ANSE	BCSD: BACTI TEST 3/20/24	4124	04/30/24	25.00	
101-600-960.20	DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTME	COPEP COUNTRY HOWANE	BCLEERK: ANIMAL IMPOUND FEE FEB 20	FEB 2024	04/18/24	286.00	
101-649-960.15	COPPER COUNTRY MENTAL HE	WESTERN UP HEALTH DEP	BC911: 911/ADDRESS SIGNS X 16	86877	04/18/24	429.84	
101-750-960.28	NORTH STURGEON RIVER REC	COPEP COUNTRY MENTAL AP	BC: FY24 3RD QTR APPROPRIATIONS AP	9240013	04/30/24	17,272.75	
256-000-960.24	TECHNOLOGY	U. P. ENGINEERS & ARCH	BC: 00090 2/28/24 1/12TH APPROPRIA	INV4000159	04/18/24	2,816.25	
265-672-801.00	PROFESSIONAL AND CONTRAC	FDIAR TECHNOLOGIES,	BC: 04187 ACO-DNR TRUST FUND 2/4-3	2400961	04/30/24	1,235.00	
701-000-228.61	STATE BOOKING FEE	DICKINSON IRON COMM S	BCLEERK/ROD:2601304 LAREDO LICENS	0236025-IN	04/18/24	220.00	
			BC: 2024 SENIOR MLLAGE ALLOCATION	2024	04/18/24	7,500.00	
			BCSD: ICOT 1ST QTR BOOKING FEE 202	24-14	04/15/24	118.00	

Total For Check <None>  
 54,305.17

GL Number	GL Desc	Vendor	Invoice Desc.	Invoice	Due Date	Amount Check
Fund Totals:						
			Fund 101 GENERAL FUND			46,467.17
			Fund 256 R.O.D. AUTOMATION FUND			220.00
			Fund 265 SENIOR CITIZENS			7,500.00
			Fund 701 GENERAL AGENCY FUND			118.00
Total For All Funds:						<u>54,305.17</u>

Check Date	Check	Vendor Name	Description	Amount
03/14/2024	12855	BARAGA CO. REGISTER OF DEEDS	BCTREAS: FILING REDEMPTION CERTS TY 2021	90.00
03/14/2024	12856	DAVID HANPAA	BCVA: DVA MEETING 3/7/2024	48.34
03/14/2024	12857	DOUGLAS GRAY	BCVA: INK/TONER CARTRIDGE 110073366	594.63
03/14/2024	12858	JAMES PHILIP DOUGOVITO	BCVA: DVA MEETING 3/7/2024	30.26
03/14/2024	12859	JAMES MANTILA	BCVA: VET ASSIST R CLISCH RAMP MATERIALS	1,001.00
03/14/2024	12860	REID FUNERAL SERVICE & CHAPEL	BCVA: BURIAL BENEFIT DEAN BUTALA VETERAN	300.00
03/14/2024	12861	RODNEY LOONSFoot	BCVA: DVA MEETING 3/7/2024	38.52
03/14/2024	12862	STATE OF MICHIGAN	BCSD: 17744 LIVE SCAN X 3 FEB 2024	129.75
03/14/2024	12863	THOMAS BROWN	BCVA: DVA MEETING 3/7/2024	30.52
03/14/2024	12864	U.P. ENGINEERS & ARCHITECTS	BCEMON: 04204 2024 SURVEY REMON 3/2/24	8,660.40
03/18/2024	40(E)	WESTERN MI HEALTH INS POOL TRUST	WMHIP INSURANCE POOL 2024 APRIL 2024	24,321.47
03/21/2024	12883	ACCIDENT FUND COMPANY OF AMERICA	BC: A010097110 PREMIUM APRIL 2024	2,384.41
03/21/2024	12884	AT & T MOBILITY	BCSD: 287314012733 APRIL 2024	211.80
03/21/2024	12885	BARAGA COUNTY TREASURER	BCTREAS: 2021 PRE ADJUSTMENT	821.41
03/21/2024	12886	CLARK HILL P.L.C.	BCTREAS: 41301 472026 WAYSIDE OPT OUT LI	449.50
03/21/2024	12887	HOUGHTON CO PROBATE COURT	BCPC: ELECTRONIC MONITORING M.L. 7 DAYS	32.25
03/21/2024	12888	JORDAN HOOVER	BCPC: RDSS TRANSPORT M.I RDSS MARCH 2024	447.18
03/21/2024	12889	KRISTIN FRAK	BCPC: MEALS TRANSPORT TO ST IGNACE	30.00
03/21/2024	12890	REID FUNERAL SERVICE & CHAPEL	BCVA: BURIAL BENEFIT ANDREA JORENSEN SP	600.00
03/21/2024	12891	STATE OF MICHIGAN	BCSD: 07-010 FIRE DEPT RADIO 2/22-3/6/24	1,500.00
03/21/2024	12892	STATE OF MICHIGAN	BCSD: 07-005 RADIO ACTIVATION 2/22-3/6/24	250.00
03/21/2024	12893	THE OFFICE PLANNING GROUP, INC	BCTHOUSE: 303258 4997-01 KYOCERA	41.46
03/28/2024	12894	TITLE CHECK, LLC	BCTREAS: DEC CERT MAILING 2021 TAX CYCLE	2,112.74
03/28/2024	41(E)	MUNICIPAL EMPLOYERS' RET SYS	BC: MERS FLAT RATE MARCH 2024	11,509.63
03/28/2024	12895	PAT BUTLER	BCPC: RDSS TRANSPORT 3/22/24 ML	108.00
03/28/2024	12896	BARAGA CO. REGISTER OF DEEDS	BCTREAS: FILING REDEMPTION CERTS TY 2021	240.00
03/28/2024	12897	BARAGA COUNTY TREASURER	BCVA: BC DELINQUENT TAX KENNETH FARKAS	765.80
03/28/2024	12898	BRANDON THOMAS RICKARD	BCPC: INV2666 24-8348MI 1/21-3/22/24	817.50
03/28/2024	12899	DELTA DENTAL	BC: 0027630001 EMP. DENTAL INS. APRIL 20	1,969.98
03/28/2024	12900	ERIC J ALMLI	BCCA: BOND 23-1724 FH STATE V E ALMLI	270.00
03/28/2024	12901	JACOBSON FUNERAL HOME	BCVA: BURIAL EXPENSE R SWEENEY	300.00
03/28/2024	12902	JORDAN HOOVER	BCPC: RDSS TRANSPORT 3/22/24 ML	426.12
03/28/2024	12903	LINDA KINNUNEN	BCTREAS: DHHS MEETING 03/19/2024	33.00
03/28/2024	12904	MUTUAL OF OMAHA	BC: G000BRRJ 0001 APRIL 2024	67.63
03/28/2024	12905	PAUL JURMU	BCTREAS: OVERPAYMENT 2023 TAXES	103.91
03/28/2024	12906	REID FUNERAL SERVICE & CHAPEL	BCVA: BURIAL BENEFIT VETERAN ROY NORMAN	300.00
03/28/2024	12907	STATE OF MICHIGAN	BCDC: FEES FOR MARCH 2024	3,861.00
03/28/2024	12908	SUE WILSON	BCTREAS: DHHS MEETING 3/19/2024	30.00
03/28/2024	12909	CASH SMB	BCDC: PETTY CASH MARCH 2024	29.56
03/28/2024	12910	VISION SERVICE PLAN	VISION INS: BC 30093187 APRIL 2024	381.34
03/28/2024	12911	WOLVERINE POWER SYSTEMS	BCSO: BAR073 JOB0723192 MAINTENANCE	575.00
04/05/2024	12923	BARAGA COUNTY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION	BC: 0230 02/22/24-03/21/2024	4,064.25
04/05/2024	12924	BARAGA CO. REGISTER OF DEEDS	BCTREAS: FILING REDEMPTION CERTS TY 2022	3,060.00
04/05/2024	12925	BARAGA CO. REGISTER OF DEEDS	BCTREAS: FILING REDEMPTION CERTS TY 2021	510.00
04/05/2024	12926	BARAGA COUNTY TREASURER	BCTREAS: PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE EXEMPTION A	1,708.63
04/05/2024	12927	BARAGA TELEPHONE COMPANY	BC911: 62978-1 APRIL 2024	1,325.43
04/05/2024	12928	EMILY A MCINTYRE	BCTREAS: PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE EXEMPTION A	1,798.18
04/05/2024	12929	HEATHER TREWHELLA JR	BCTREAS: PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE EXEMPTION A	7,586.38
04/05/2024	12930	HEATHER TAPANI	BCPC: CONTRACTED SERVICES MARCH 2024 TRU	600.00
04/05/2024	12931	KIMBERLY KOSKINEN & HARLAN FISH II	BCTREAS: PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE EXEMPTION A	387.83
04/05/2024	12932	L'ANSE SENTINEL	BCVA: INV LS8809 SUPPLIES	224.90
04/05/2024	12933	MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF STATE	BCCLERK: MARCH 2024 NOTARIES	2.00
04/05/2024	12934	ROGER & SHARON KENT	BCTREAS: PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE EXEMPTION A	326.17
04/05/2024	12935	SEMCO ENERGY GAS COMPANY	BC: ADMIN, CTHOUSE, JAIL 2/14-3/14/24	1,140.11
04/05/2024	12936	STATE OF MI-DEPT OF TREASURY-REMON	BCROD: MONUMENT REPLACEMENT FEE 1ST QTR	1,205.64
04/05/2024	12937	STATE OF MICHIGAN	BCCLERK: 17861 CPL 2 RENEWAL 2 NEW	306.00
04/05/2024	12938	THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON	BCTREAS: BARAGA14 GOLD 5/1/24-4/30/25	825.00

Check Date	Check	Vendor Name	Description	Amount
04/05/2024	12939	THE OFFICE PLANNING GROUP, INC	BCHOUSE: 303258 KYOCERA 3203-07	47.89
04/05/2024	12940	U.S. POSTMASTER	BCPA: 2 ROLLS STAMPS	136.00
04/05/2024	12941	UPPER PENINSULA POWER CO	BCVA: VET ASSIST 200031276 D. CHAUDIER (	790.54
04/05/2024	12942	VILLAGE OF L'ANSE	BC: ADMIN, JAIL, CHOUSE 2/21-3/20/24	3,090.83
SNB01 TOTALS:				
Total of 61 Checks:				95,049.89
Less 0 Void Checks:				0.00
Total of 61 Disbursements:				95,049.89

# Checks Written 3/1/2024 to 3/31/2024

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Number	Date	ID	Comment	Amount
2478	3/4/2024		Pepsi Cola Of Houghton inc.	\$688.20
2479	3/4/2024		Stellar Services	\$431.80
2480	3/5/2024		97th District Court Baraga County	\$1000.00
2481	3/7/2024	4779	KBIC Tribal Court	\$53.53
2482	3/8/2024		Pats Foods	\$124.85
2483	3/8/2024		Stellar Services	\$165.27
2484	3/12/2024		12th Circuit Court	\$600.00
2485	3/12/2024		97th District Court Baraga County	\$300.00
2486	3/12/2024		97th District Court Baraga County	\$300.00
2487	3/12/2024		Stellar Services	\$168.27
2488	3/12/2024		Stellar Services	\$194.00
2489	3/15/2024		Stellar Services	\$597.33
2490	3/17/2024		97th District Court Baraga County	\$300.00
2491	3/17/2024		97th District Court Baraga County	\$300.00
2492	3/19/2024		97th District Court Baraga County	\$300.00
2493	3/20/2024	5076	Baraga County Sheriffs Department	\$250.00
2494	3/21/2024		97th District Court Baraga County	\$1000.00
2495	3/24/2024		97th District Court Baraga County	\$300.00
2496	3/26/2024		Stellar Services	\$107.28
2497	3/26/2024		Bob Barker Co.	\$361.95
2498	3/27/2024		Baraga County Treasurer	\$1775.55
2499	3/29/2024		97th District Court Baraga County	\$300.00
				\$9618.03

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# Baraga County Equalization Report



April 9, 2024  
Baraga County Equalization Department

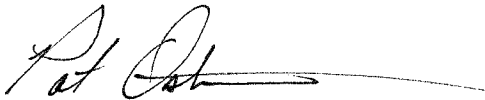


From the Director

The Baraga County Equalization Department has completed its review of the 2024 assessment rolls of the five (5) townships of Baraga County. The 2024 Baraga County Equalization Report prepared by Baraga County Equalization Department is submitted for approval and adoption.

The recommended County Equalization Value for 2024 is \$507,548,579. This value is a combination \$438,288,352 of Real Property and \$69,260,227 of Personal Property.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pat Osterman", followed by a long horizontal flourish line extending to the right.

Pat Osterman, MAAO 3  
Equalization Director

## Baraga County Assessing Officers

<u>Assessing Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Assessing Officers</u>
Arvon Township	Jim Fedie
Baraga Township	Amy Isaacson
Covington Township	Cam Fuess
L'Anse Township	Jim Fedie
Spurr Township	Jim Fedie

### Equalization Department

Pat Osterman, MAAO  
Director

Ralph Bemis, MCAO  
Deputy Director

Kevin Kalinec, MCAO

# Equalization Department Core Services

## Equalization Studies

Appraisal of property, Sale Verification

## Study Results Reports

Compilations of study results to local units, Board of Commissioners, Michigan State Tax Commission (STC)

Annual February publication of ratios and factors for the county

## Equalization by BOC L-4024

Final reporting of local unit audited MBOR Assessed Value

## Headlee MRF Calculation L-4028

Assembles all data to compute Millage Reduction Fraction for each taxing authority

## Taxable Value Report L-4046

Assemble and report PRE and Non-PRE and total taxable value

## Apportionment Report L-4402

Compile and examine millage request reports of all taxing jurisdictions that levy in Baraga County. Report list of requested millage rates to Baraga County Board of Commissioners for approval and report to the STC

## Equalization Department Mandate

As mandated in the Constitution of Michigan of 1963 Article 9 sec. 3 state in part "The legislature shall provide for the uniform general ad valorem taxation of real and tangible personal property not exempt by law except for taxes levied for school operation purposes. The legislature shall provide for the determination of true cash value of such property; the proportion of true cash value at which such property shall be uniformly assessed, which shall not, after January 1, 1966 exceed 50 percent; and for a system of equalization of assessments."

## Michigan Compiled Law 211.34 expands on this.

The County Board of Commissioners shall establish and maintain a department to survey assessments and assist the board of commissioners in the matter of equalization of assessments. Additionally, the County Board of Commissioners through the department, may furnish assistance to local assessing officers in the performance of duties imposed upon those offices by this act.

The **Equalization Department's function** is to measure the level of assessment in each of the 7 property classifications in each of the 5 townships to determine if the average level of assessment in each class of property is at the constitutionally required level of 50 percent. This is accomplished through the annual sales and appraisal study process.

## **Equalization Report**

How we got there-

1. Recorded real estate documents are reviewed and qualified as arms-length or not
2. Documents are mapped and data entered
3. Sales are sorted by property class and are reviewed and verified
4. Sample selection for appraisal studies created
5. Field inspections and interviews begin
6. Sales analysis and appraisals are completed and reporting begins

## **Reports for April BOC Meeting**

1. L-4024
  - a. reporting of local unit audited MBOR Assessed Value
    - i. Next 4 pages (Last page needs signatures)
2. L-4037
  - a. Reporting of changes needed, to be in compliance
    - i. They are all in compliance with the County and do not need to change
    - ii. (each page needs a signature)
3. Value Change Report
  - a. Reporting on percent change from last year to this year
    - i. Last two pages

**Personal and Real Property - TOTALS**

The instructions for completing this form are on the reverse side of page 3.

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Baraga COUNTY

Statement of acreage and valuation in the year 2024 made in accordance with Sections 209.1 - 209.8 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

Township or City	Number of Acres Assessed (Col. 1) Acres Hundredths	Total Real Property Valuations (Totals from pages 2 and 3)		Personal Property Valuations		Total Real Plus Personal Property	
		(Col. 2) Assessed Valuations	(Col. 3) Equalized Valuations	(Col. 4) Assessed Valuations	(Col. 5) Equalized Valuations	(Col. 6) Assessed Valuations	(Col. 7) Equalized Valuations
Arvon Township	37,826.00	89,415,221	89,415,221	605,936	605,936	90,021,157	90,021,157
Baraga Township	45,075.00	114,573,720	114,573,720	55,910,954	55,910,954	170,484,674	170,484,674
Covington Township	34,354.00	35,016,074	35,016,074	2,765,720	2,765,720	37,781,794	37,781,794
L'anse Township	30,565.00	146,191,765	146,191,765	7,748,282	7,748,282	153,940,047	153,940,047
Spurr Township	14,089.00	53,091,572	53,091,572	2,229,335	2,229,335	55,320,907	55,320,907
<b>Totals for County</b>	161,909.00	438,288,352	438,288,352	69,260,227	69,260,227	507,548,579	507,548,579

Personal and Real Totals

**Equalized Valuations - REAL**

The instructions for completing this form are on the reverse side of page 3.

**COUNTY**

Baraga

Statement of acreage and valuation in the year 2024 made in accordance with Sections 209.1 - 209.8 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

Township or City	Real Property Equalized by County Board of Commissioners							Total Real Property
	(Col. 1) Agricultural	(Col. 2) Commercial	(Col. 3) Industrial	(Col. 4) Residential	(Col. 5) Timber-Cutover	(Col. 6) Developmental	(Col. 7)	
Arvon Township	39,170	1,061,877		82,589,909	5,724,265		89,415,221	
Baraga Township	7,867,048	5,784,467	13,888,406	83,412,445	3,621,354		114,573,720	
Covington Township	6,384,678	1,422,378		27,209,018			35,016,074	
L'anse Township	151,876	13,774,532	11,303,610	116,018,192	4,943,555		146,191,765	
Spurr Township		623,367		49,622,958	2,845,247		53,091,572	
<b>Totals for County</b>	14,442,772	22,666,621	25,192,016	358,852,522	17,134,421	0	438,288,352	

**Assessed Valuations - REAL**

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**COUNTY**

Baraga

Statement of acreage and valuation in the year 2024 made in accordance with Sections 209.1 - 209.8 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

Township or City	Real Property Assessed Valuations Approved by Boards of Review							Total Real Property
	(Col. 1) Agricultural	(Col. 2) Commercial	(Col. 3) Industrial	(Col. 4) Residential	(Col. 5) Timber-Cutover	(Col. 6) Developmental	(Col. 7)	
Arvon Township	39,170	1,061,877		82,589,909	5,724,265		89,415,221	
Baraga Township	7,867,048	5,784,467	13,888,406	83,412,445	3,621,354		114,573,720	
Covington Township	6,384,678	1,422,378		27,209,018			35,016,074	
L'anse Township	151,876	13,774,532	11,303,610	116,018,192	4,943,555		146,191,765	
Spurr Township		623,367		49,622,958	2,845,247		53,091,572	
<b>Totals for County</b>	14,442,772	22,666,621	25,192,016	358,852,522	17,134,421	0	438,288,352	

**OFFICE OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY**  
WE HEREBY CERTIFY that section one column one is a true statement of the number of acres of land in each township and city in \_\_\_\_\_ County.

WE FURTHER CERTIFY that section one is a true statement of the value of real property and of the personal property in each township and city in \_\_\_\_\_ County in the year \_\_\_\_\_ as assessed and of the valuation of the real property and personal property in each township and city in said county as equalized by the Board of County Commissioners of said county.

WE FURTHER CERTIFY that section two is a true statement of the equalized valuations of real property classifications in each township and city in \_\_\_\_\_ County in the year \_\_\_\_\_ as determined by the Board of County Commissioners of said county.

WE FURTHER CERTIFY that section three is a true statement of the assessed valuations, approved by the Board of Review, of real property classifications in each township and city in \_\_\_\_\_ County in the year \_\_\_\_\_ as determined by the Board of County Commissioners of said county.

WE FURTHER CERTIFY that said statement does not embrace any property taxed under P.A. 77 of 1951; P.A. 68 of 1963; P.A. 198 of 1974; P.A. 255 of 1978; P.A. 385 of 1984; P.A. 224 of 1985; P.A. 147 of 1992 or Section 5 of Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan.

These certifications are made on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of April \_\_\_\_\_, at a meeting of said board held pursuant to the provisions of MCL 209.1 - 209.8.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,



Chairperson of Board of Commissioners

Equalization Director

Clerk of Board of Commissioners

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE 608 (L-4024) ASSESSED AND EQUALIZED VALUATIONS WORKSHEET**

This form is due on or before the first Monday in May to the State Tax Commission (STC) (MCL 209.5 (2)) by attaching a signed L-4024 into the Michigan Equalization Gateway (MEG) filing cabinet and submitting the L-4024 form in the MEG county portal by following the instructions below.

The MEG system will autogenerate the L-4023 following the successful save and submission of all local uni L-4018 and L-4022AV forms by the county and the acceptance of those forms by Property Services Divisions (PSD) staff. MEG will auto-generate the L-4024 form upon the successful save and submission of the L-4023 form by the county and the acceptance of the L-4023 form by PSD staff. All data on the L-4024 is populated from the previously submitted L-4023, except for the number of acres. Counties must manually enter the assessable acreage for each local unit.

The county must review, in the MEG county portal the L-4024 valuation data for each local unit as well as the county totals. The county shall verify the valuation and acreage data in the MEG county portal then save the L-4024 in the L-4024 form module thereby creating an L-4024 PDF rendering. The county shall print this PDF rendering and present it to your County Board of Commissioners for signing during their equalization session.

MCL 209.5 requires the Equalization Director and the Chairperson and Clerk of the County Board of Commissioners to sign the L-4024. After signing, scan and upload the signed form to the filing cabinet in the MEG county portal. After the paper copy of the L-4024 has been signed, scanned and uploaded to the filing cabinet in MEG, submit the L-4024 in the MEG county portal. Once submitted, the L-4024 report will be locked in MEG. To make subsequent changes please contact the Property Services Division at equalization@michigan.gov.



## State Tax Commission Assessment Roll Certification (County Board of Commissioners, CBC)

This form is issued under the authority of the General Property Tax Act, P.A. 206 of 1893, MCL 211.34. Attach original copy to the assessment roll with copies provided to the local unit and county clerk.

PART 1: ASSESSOR AND LOCAL UNIT INFORMATION (When complete, this form is to be filed with the local unit of government)				
Assessing Officer Name	Certification Number	Certification Level (MCAO, MAAO, MMAO) <b>MCAO - Michigan Certified Assessing Officer</b>	Tax Year <b>2024</b>	
Local Unit of Government Name <b>ARVON</b>	City or Township <b>Township</b>	County Name <b>BARAGA</b>		
PART 2: CBC ASSESSED VALUE AS EQUALIZED -				
ADDING OR DEDUCTING	THE SUM OF	FROM OR TO	PROPERTY CLASS	GIVING ASSESSED VALUE AS EQUALIZED
0			Real Agriculture	39,170
0			Real Commercial	1,061,877
0			Real Industrial	0
0			Real Residential	82,589,909
0			Real Timber Cutover	5,724,265
0			Real Developmental	0
			<b>TOTAL REAL PROPERTY</b>	<b>89,415,221</b>
			<b>TOTAL PERSONAL PROPERTY</b>	<b>605,936</b>
			<b>TOTAL REAL &amp; PERSONAL PROPERTY</b>	<b>90,021,157</b>
PART 3: COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CERTIFICATION				
<i>We hereby certify that the information contained within this County Board of Commissioners Assessment Roll Certification is true and accurate to the best of our knowledge, information and belief. We further certify that the County Board of Commissioners have examined the Assessment Roll of the above mentioned local unit of government and have determined the equalized valuations of the taxable Ad-Valorem and Special Act property to be accurate.</i>				
Chairperson of the County Board of Commissioners Signature			Date	
Clerk of the County Board of Commissioners Signature			Date	

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**PART 1: ASSESSOR AND LOCAL UNIT INFORMATION**  
**(When complete, this form is to be filed with the local unit of government)**

Assessing Officer Name	Certification Number <b>R-6027</b>	Certification Level (MCAO, MAAO, MMAO) <b>MCAO - Michigan Certified Assessing Officer</b>	Tax Year <b>2024</b>
Local Unit of Government Name <b>BARAGA TOWNSHIP</b>	City or Township <b>Township</b>	County Name <b>BARAGA</b>	

**PART 2: CBC ASSESSED VALUE AS EQUALIZED -**

ADDING OR DEDUCTING	THE SUM OF	FROM OR TO	PROPERTY CLASS	GIVING ASSESSED VALUE AS EQUALIZED
	0		Real Agriculture	7,867,048
	0		Real Commercial	5,784,467
	0		Real Industrial	13,888,406
	0		Real Residential	83,412,445
	0		Real Timber Cutover	3,621,354
	0		Real Developmental	0
			<b>TOTAL REAL PROPERTY</b>	<b>114,573,720</b>
			<b>TOTAL PERSONAL PROPERTY</b>	<b>55,910,954</b>
			<b>TOTAL REAL &amp; PERSONAL PROPERTY</b>	<b>170,484,674</b>

**PART 3: COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CERTIFICATION**

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Chairperson of the County Board of Commissioners Signature	Date
Clerk of the County Board of Commissioners Signature	Date

## State Tax Commission Assessment Roll Certification (County Board of Commissioners, CBC)

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**PART 1: ASSESSOR AND LOCAL UNIT INFORMATION**  
**(When complete, this form is to be filed with the local unit of government)**

Assessing Officer Name	Certification Number <b>R-7560</b>	Certification Level (MCAO, MAO, MMAO) <b>MCAO - Michigan Certified Assessing Officer</b>	Tax Year <b>2024</b>
Local Unit of Government Name <b>COVINGTON</b>	City or Township <b>Township</b>	County Name <b>BARAGA</b>	

**PART 2: CBC ASSESSED VALUE AS EQUALIZED -**

ADDING OR DEDUCTING	THE SUM OF	FROM OR TO	PROPERTY CLASS	GIVING ASSESSED VALUE AS EQUALIZED
	0		Real Agriculture	6,384,678
	0		Real Commercial	1,422,378
	0		Real Industrial	0
	0		Real Residential	27,209,018
	0		Real Timber Cutover	0
	0		Real Developmental	0
			<b>TOTAL REAL PROPERTY</b>	<b>35,016,074</b>
			<b>TOTAL PERSONAL PROPERTY</b>	<b>2,765,720</b>
			<b>TOTAL REAL &amp; PERSONAL PROPERTY</b>	<b>37,781,794</b>

**PART 3: COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CERTIFICATION**

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Chairperson of the County Board of Commissioners Signature	Date
Clerk of the County Board of Commissioners Signature	Date

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PART 1: ASSESSOR AND LOCAL UNIT INFORMATION (When complete, this form is to be filed with the local unit of government)				
Assessing Officer Name	Certification Number <b>R-6027</b>	Certification Level (MCAO, MAAO, MMAO) <b>MCAO - Michigan Certified Assessing Officer</b>	Tax Year <b>2024</b>	
Local Unit of Government Name <b>LANSE</b>	City or Township <b>Township</b>	County Name <b>BARAGA</b>		
PART 2: CBC ASSESSED VALUE AS EQUALIZED -				
ADDING OR DEDUCTING	THE SUM OF	FROM OR TO	PROPERTY CLASS	GIVING ASSESSED VALUE AS EQUALIZED
0	0		Real Agriculture	151,876
0	0		Real Commercial	13,774,532
0	0		Real Industrial	11,303,610
0	0		Real Residential	116,018,192
0	0		Real Timber Cutover	4,943,555
0	0		Real Developmental	0
			<b>TOTAL REAL PROPERTY</b>	<b>146,191,765</b>
			<b>TOTAL PERSONAL PROPERTY</b>	<b>7,748,282</b>
			<b>TOTAL REAL &amp; PERSONAL PROPERTY</b>	<b>153,940,047</b>
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Chairperson of the County Board of Commissioners Signature			Date	
Clerk of the County Board of Commissioners Signature			Date	

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**PART 1: ASSESSOR AND LOCAL UNIT INFORMATION**  
**(When complete, this form is to be filed with the local unit of government)**

Assessing Officer Name	Certification Number <b>R-5620</b>	Certification Level (MCAO, MAO, MMAO) <b>MCAO - Michigan Certified Assessing Officer</b>	Tax Year <b>2024</b>
Local Unit of Government Name <b>SPURR</b>	City or Township <b>Township</b>	County Name <b>BARAGA</b>	

**PART 2: CBC ASSESSED VALUE AS EQUALIZED -**

ADDING OR DEDUCTING	THE SUM OF	FROM OR TO	PROPERTY CLASS	GIVING ASSESSED VALUE AS EQUALIZED
	0		Real Agriculture	0
	0		Real Commercial	623,367
	0		Real Industrial	0
	0		Real Residential	49,622,958
	0		Real Timber Cutover	2,845,247
	0		Real Developmental	0
			<b>TOTAL REAL PROPERTY</b>	<b>53,091,572</b>
			<b>TOTAL PERSONAL PROPERTY</b>	<b>2,229,335</b>
			<b>TOTAL REAL &amp; PERSONAL PROPERTY</b>	<b>55,320,907</b>

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Chairperson of the County Board of Commissioners Signature	Date
Clerk of the County Board of Commissioners Signature	Date

# CHANGES TO EQUALIZED VALUES FOR BARAGA COUNTY BETWEEN 2023-2024

TOWNSHIP		AGRICULTURAL	COMMERCIAL	INDUSTRIAL	RESIDENTIAL	TIMBER-CUTOVER	TOTAL REAL	PERSONAL	TOTAL REAL & PERSONAL
ARVON	2023 SEV	33,099	986,822	0	70,926,541	5,195,128	77,141,590	579,846	77,721,436
	2024 SEV	39,170	1,061,877	0	82,589,909	5,724,265	89,415,221	605,936	90,021,157
	Change	6,071	75,055	0	11,663,368	529,137	12,273,631	26,090	12,299,721
	% of Change	1.18	1.08	0.00	1.16	1.10	1.16	1.04	1.16
BARAGA	2023 SEV	7,530,926	4,937,110	12,883,328	75,514,585	3,444,608	104,310,557	48,755,475	153,066,032
	2024 SEV	7,867,048	5,784,467	13,888,406	83,412,445	3,621,354	114,573,720	55,910,954	170,484,674
	Change	336,122	847,357	1,005,078	7,897,860	176,746	10,263,163	7,155,479	17,418,642
	% of Change	1.04	1.17	1.08	1.10	1.05	1.10	1.15	1.11
COVINGTON	2023 SEV	5,162,191	1,272,441	153,584	20,608,725	6,703,070	33,900,011	2,934,529	36,834,540
	2024 SEV	6,384,678	1,422,378	0	27,209,018	0	35,016,074	2,765,720	37,781,794
	Change	1,222,487	149,937	-153,584	6,600,293	-6,703,070	1,116,063	-168,809	947,254
	% of Change	1.24	1.12	0.00	1.32	0.00	1.03	0.94	1.03
L'ANSE	2023 SEV	129,030	11,907,337	11,323,857	90,793,479	4,921,547	119,075,250	8,037,993	127,113,243
	2024 SEV	151,876	13,774,532	11,303,610	116,018,192	4,943,555	146,191,765	7,748,282	153,940,047
	Change	22,846	1,867,195	-20,247	25,224,713	22,008	27,116,515	-289,711	26,826,804
	% of Change	1.18	1.16	1.00	1.28	1.00	1.23	0.96	1.21
SPURR	2023 SEV	0	549,693	0	41,350,765	2,717,519	44,617,977	1,719,365	46,337,342
	2024 SEV	0	623,367	0	49,622,958	2,845,247	53,091,572	2,229,335	55,320,907
	Change	0	73,674	0	8,272,193	127,728	8,473,595	509,970	8,983,565
	% of Change	0.00	1.13	0.00	1.20	1.05	1.19	1.30	1.19
COUNTY	2023 SEV	12,855,246	19,653,403	24,360,769	299,194,095	22,981,872	379,045,385	62,027,208	441,072,593
	2024 SEV	14,442,772	22,666,621	25,192,016	358,852,522	17,134,421	438,288,352	69,260,227	507,548,579
	Change	1,587,526	3,013,218	831,247	59,658,427	-5,847,451	59,242,967	7,233,019	66,475,986
	% of Change	1.12	1.15	1.03	1.20	0.75	1.16	1.12	1.15

CHANGES TO TAXABLE VALUE FOR BARAGA COUNTY  
BETWEEN 2023-2024

TOWNSHIP		AGRICULTURAL	COMMERCIAL	INDUSTRIAL	RESIDENTIAL	TIMBER-CUTOVER	TOTAL REAL	PERSONAL	TOTAL REAL & PERSONAL
ARVON									
	2023 Taxable	20,260	811,110	0	48,876,129	4,005,264	53,712,763	579,846	54,292,609
	2024 Taxable	21,273	852,114	0	53,943,816	4,175,811	58,993,014	605,936	59,598,950
	Change	1,013	41,004	0	5,067,687	170,547	5,280,251	26,090	5,306,341
	% of Change	1.05	1.05	0.00	1.10	1.04	1.10	1.04	1.10
BARAGA									
	2023 Taxable	4,611,448	4,422,870	10,867,042	51,579,315	2,015,875	73,496,550	48,755,475	122,252,025
	2024 Taxable	4,816,431	5,177,324	11,168,464	56,277,802	1,895,549	79,335,570	55,910,954	135,246,524
	Change	204,983	754,454	301,422	4,698,487	-120,326	5,839,020	7,155,479	12,994,499
	% of Change	1.04	1.17	1.03	1.09	0.94	1.08	1.15	1.11
COVINGTON									
	2023 Taxable	3,061,487	994,327	102,855	12,554,021	4,272,640	20,985,330	2,934,529	23,919,859
	2024 Taxable	3,450,701	1,082,644	0	18,079,799	0	22,613,144	2,765,720	25,378,864
	Change	389,214	88,317	-102,855	5,525,778	-4,272,640	1,627,814	-168,809	1,459,005
	% of Change	1.13	1.09	0.00	1.44	0.00	1.08	0.94	1.06
L'ANSE									
	2023 Taxable	91,653	10,822,093	10,465,193	71,359,008	3,361,548	96,099,495	8,037,993	104,137,488
	2024 Taxable	96,235	11,444,474	10,408,983	78,581,955	3,454,316	103,985,963	7,748,282	111,734,245
	Change	4,582	622,381	-56,210	7,222,947	92,768	7,886,468	-289,711	7,596,757
	% of Change	1.05	1.06	0.99	1.10	1.03	1.08	0.96	1.07
SPURR									
	2023 Taxable	0	505,748	0	27,966,409	1,448,157	29,920,314	1,719,365	31,639,679
	2024 Taxable	0	521,938	0	30,974,894	1,504,517	33,001,349	2,229,335	35,230,684
	Change	0	16,190	0	3,008,485	56,360	3,081,035	509,970	3,591,005
	% of Change	0.00	1.03	0.00	1.11	1.04	1.10	1.30	1.11
COUNTY									
	2023 Taxable	7,784,848	17,556,148	21,435,090	212,334,882	15,103,484	274,214,452	62,027,208	336,241,660
	2024 Taxable	8,384,640	19,078,494	21,577,447	237,858,266	11,030,193	297,929,040	69,260,227	367,189,267
	Change	599,792	1,522,346	142,357	25,523,384	-4,073,291	23,714,588	7,233,019	30,947,607
	% of Change	1.08	1.09	1.01	1.12	0.73	1.09	1.12	1.09

**RESOLUTION No. 2024**

WHEREAS, Baraga County is the recipient of a Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant (TF21-0195) for the North Sturgeon River Recreation Area Acquisition.

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that Baraga County, Michigan, does hereby authorize the Baraga County Chairman, Gale Eilola, to sign all necessary paperwork and documents at the closing for the property acquisition.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ supported by \_\_\_\_\_  
to approve the Resolution.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_

Nays: \_\_\_\_\_

Absent: \_\_\_\_\_

I, Wendy Goodreau Clerk of Baraga County, Michigan, do hereby certify that the above is true and correct copy of the Resolution relative to the Agreement with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, which Resolution was adopted by Baraga County at a regular meeting held on April 10, 2024.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Wendy J. Goodreau, Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date





U.P.S.E.T.  
Upper Peninsula Substance Enforcement Team  
P.O Box 86 Marquette, MI 49855  
(906) 228-1002 Fax (906) 228-0756

Baraga County Clerk  
2 South Main Street  
Baraga 49946

March 11, 2024

Dear Board Members,

The Upper Peninsula Substance Enforcement Team (UPSET) is a multi-jurisdictional narcotics task force committed to the safety and well-being of the citizens in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. UPSET is seeking funding to assist with operating expenses which greatly enhance investigative efforts in your community.

Established in 1988, UPSET started out as a small drug team which primarily arrested drug users and smaller dealers. Today, UPSET has become a driving force for narcotics education, awareness, and enforcement. UPSET consists of multiple federal, state, and local agencies and serves all 15 counties of the Upper Peninsula and by working together as one, the enforcement impact on a community is like no other. UPSET has the only clandestine methamphetamine lab team with specialized training in enforcement and education. This specialized training is essential to minimizing drugs that are distributed in communities that have limited police services. UPSET provides drug awareness in schools, to civic groups, law enforcement, fire departments, medical staff, and local businesses.

Unfortunately, UPSET does not receive operating expenses from state government. UPSET is primarily funded by local municipalities, grants, and private donors. Due to economic difficulty, many of these resources have either significantly decreased or ceased their funding. Like many other organizations, UPSET continually seeks additional funding avenues to carry on our mission.

The funding you provide can significantly assist UPSET to enhance our enforcement, awareness, and education services in your community. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

D/Lt. Tim Sholander  
UPSET Commander



U.P.S.E.T.  
 Upper Peninsula Substance Enforcement Team  
 P.O Box 86 Marquette, MI 49855  
 (906) 228-1002 Fax (906) 228-0756

**AGREEMENT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES**

This agreement made and entered into on the date set forth below and between the Upper Peninsula Substance Enforcement Team, hereinafter known as UPSET, its Board of Directors, and \_\_\_\_\_ County, hereinafter known as County, located in the State of Michigan by and through the County officials.

WHEREAS the County is desirous of contracting with UPSET for the performance of narcotics law enforcement functions within the County and,

WHEREAS UPSET is agreeable to rendering, such services within the County on the following terms and conditions:

1. UPSET agrees to provide enforcement of narcotics and/or controlled substance laws and the prevention and detection of related criminal activities, solution of crimes concerning these laws, and in apprehension of criminal suspects within the County, including all County owned properties and privately-owned properties within the County.
2. UPSET agrees that such investigations shall be provided in a workmanlike and reasonable nature with similar professionalism to that now provided by UPSET.
3. UPSET agrees to provide drug awareness presentations as requested by the County.
4. UPSET agrees that it shall provide services for the consideration as set forth in this contract.
5. In consideration for the above services, the County agrees to pay UPSET the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ upon execution of this Agreement.
6. It is understood by the parties that the law enforcement officers shall be under the direct and sole control of UPSET and shall be responsible only to UPSET.

\_\_\_\_\_ County

UPSET

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: UPSET Commander

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



March 22, 2024

Dear County of Baraga,

We are happy to be back planning the [Baraga County Lake Trout Festival](#), the organizing committee is ready to see everyone for the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival to be held on [June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024](#). Because of your generous donations we are able to keep this as a FREE family festival.

A few highlights of things to do at the festival are

- Kids Carnival Bouncy Houses
- 3 on 3 basketball tournament
- Trout Fest Run/Walk,
- Coloring contest,
- Junk art
- Fishing pond

Let's not forget about the vendors that will be there selling a wide variety of items.

Please help us continue the festival with your support. In return for your donation, you will be highlighted on our website, [www.laketroutfestival.com](http://www.laketroutfestival.com), our Facebook page and radio promotion during the festival.

Your donation to continue this festival is greatly appreciated.

The Baraga County Lake Trout Festival Committee

2023 Donation was \$200

----- ✂ ----- Please retain this letter as your receipt ----- ✂ -----

2024 Donation/Advertising \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Send to:  
Baraga County Convention & Visitors Bureau  
755 E Broad Street ~ L'Anse, MI 49946  
906-524-7444  
[www.laketroutfestival.com](http://www.laketroutfestival.com)



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March 18, 2024

Wendy Goodreau  
County Clerk  
County of Baraga  
2 S. Main Street  
L'Anse, MI 49946

Dear Wendy:

On behalf of UPSET West and Copper Shores Community Health Foundation, we want to thank the County of Baraga for your contribution of \$5,000.00 for 2024.

Your donation to UPSET West is greatly appreciated and will aid in the substance abuse enforcement efforts throughout our community. Together, with community partners like you, we are on our way to making our community safer today, as well as tomorrow.

Again, thank you for your contribution. It will make a difference for our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Store".

Kevin N. Store  
President / Chief Executive Officer

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Please retain this letter as it serves as a receipt for your contribution for year 2024. No goods or services were provided in return for your donation.

**Mission**  
*To positively influence  
a healthful community  
through enhanced  
philanthropy and  
collaboration*

*Serving Baraga,  
Houghton, Keweenaw  
and Ontonagon Counties*

**RESOLUTION**  
**DESIGNATING LAPEER COUNTY AS A**  
**“FREEDOM TO HOMESCHOOL” COUNTY**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-R03**

- WHEREAS,** it is the parent(s) fundamental right to direct the upbringing and education of *their children*, this right is protected by the U.S. Constitution and Michigan Constitution; and,
- WHEREAS,** Article VIII, Section 1 of the Michigan Constitution states: “Religion, morality and knowledge being necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged”; and,
- WHEREAS,** Section 380.10 of the Michigan Revised School Code states: “It is the natural, fundamental right of parents and legal guardians to determine and direct the care, teaching, and education of their children”; and,
- WHEREAS,** parental rights include, however are not limited to, making decisions regarding children’s education and health care in a manner consistent with their family values, and parents must do so to promote *their* children’s general health and well-being as well as their right to direct the education of *their* child, be it public, homeschooling, private or parochial education; and,
- WHEREAS,** according to the U.S. Supreme Court, the Due Process Clause of the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment protects parental rights. The U.S. Supreme Court has repeatedly affirmed that they are fundamental rights; and,
- WHEREAS,** parents have every right to seek accountability, choice, and transparency in *their children’s* education, and that Government officials must be held accountable for what’s promoted to children; and,
- WHEREAS,** no single form of education can meet the needs of all students or families; and,
- WHEREAS,** the lower a student-to-teacher ratio is, the greater the ability to individualize education for an individual student becomes, as well as a better outcome; and,
- WHEREAS,** Homeschooling offers profound flexibility in how education is delivered to students, as well as open ended opportunities to customize and individualize education around learning styles, interests, moral and religious beliefs and life goals of the student; and,
- WHEREAS** no teacher or institution can know or love a child more than a child’s parent(s); and,
- WHEREAS** Statistics show that Homeschooled students have consistently shown above-average results on all standardized tests and are likely to be at least one grade ahead of public-school students; and,
- WHEREAS,** State Superintendent Michael Rice has asked the Michigan Legislature for a Homeschool Registry. This is a violation of Parental rights and privacy that would result in placing barriers that would have an intimidating adverse effect while placing obstacles and unnecessary restrictions on those wishing to Homeschool their children in Lapeer County; and,
- WHEREAS,** Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel has stated she supports “monitoring” the private homes of Homeschoolers to inspect their private properties, a blatant violation of our 4<sup>th</sup> amendment rights.

**NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, by the Lapeer County Board of Commissioners, that the County of Lapeer, Michigan, be, and hereby is, declared to be a "Freedom to Homeschool County," and,

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that this board affirms its full support for the right of parent(s) to educate *their children*, and that freedom of educational choice will lead to the best possible outcome for each individual student.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Lapeer County Board of Commissioners call upon our Lapeer County Sheriff and Lapeer County Prosecutor to defend our 4<sup>th</sup> amendment constitutional rights on this matter and specifically any efforts by the those outside our county that may result in any attempt to force warrantless searches of the homes and properties of Homeschool families.

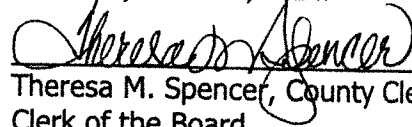
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Lapeer County Board of Commissioners shall not authorize or appropriate new funding, resources, employees, agencies, contractors, buildings, detention centers or offices for the sole purpose of enforcing any statute, law, rule, order, or regulation that restricts the rights of parents to Homeschool *their children*.

**BE IT FURTHER ESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution be sent to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Michigan State Senators; Ruth Johnson and Kevin Daley, Michigan State Representatives; Greg Alexander, Phil Green, Jamie Greene and the other 82 County Board of Commissions in the State of Michigan, U.S. Congress Representative, Lisa McClain, U.S. Senators; Gary Peters and Debbie Stabenow, Lapeer County Sheriff Scott McKenna, Lapeer County Prosecuting Attorney John Miller, and all County Department Directors.



Tom Kohlman, Chairman of the Board

*I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by a roll call vote at the meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Lapeer, State of Michigan, on this 28th day of March, 2024.*



Theresa M. Spencer, County Clerk  
Clerk of the Board



## Resolution 22-2024

Date: March 20, 2024

### Resolution of Support for Adoption of SB662\_2024

**WHEREAS**, the Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on February 10, 1960, and resolved to establish a special assessment district for the purpose of constructing a dam on Duck Lake, located in Green Lake Township, to control the level of Duck Lake; and

**WHEREAS**, the Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on October 29, 1986, and resolved (#133-86) to establish a special assessment district to determine and maintain a high-water level for Silver Lake, located in Garfield and Blair Townships, and to promote drainage from the lake; and

**WHEREAS**, the 13th Circuit Court has issued orders for the maintenance of lake levels on Duck Lake and Silver Lake, and dams were constructed on both lakes for the control of drainage from the lakes in furtherance of maintaining the Court-ordered lake levels; and

**WHEREAS**, Part 307 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA), Public Act 451 of 1994, as amended, is entitled "Inland Lake Levels," being Section 324.30701, et seq. of Michigan Compiled Laws (MCL). Part 307 regulates the maintenance of the "normal level" of lakes established by Court orders in accordance with Part 307; and

**WHEREAS**, the Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners entered into an Administrative Consent Agreement (ACO-05362, dated: July 15, 2019) with the State of Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy to resolve the State's Failure of Notice claim attendant to the 13th Circuit Court's proceedings in 2017 to re-affirm the "normal level" of Duck Lake; and

**WHEREAS**, ACO-05362 imposes normal level maintenance obligations upon Grand Traverse County to maintain monthly minimum flows out of Duck Lake in addition to maintaining the "normal level"; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2022 court case Citizens for Higgins Lake Legal Levels v. Roscommon County Board of Commissioners in Michigan's Court of Appeals held that a normal lake level must be strictly maintained with no variance allowed to the Court's-ordered level; and

**WHEREAS**, the Court of Appeals ruled that Roscommon County had a clear legal duty to maintain the normal lake level at the precise elevation set forth in the Circuit Court Order, such that even the slightest deviation constituted a breach of that ministerial duty; and

**WHEREAS**, the appeal to the Michigan Supreme Court of Michigan's Court of Appeals ruling in Citizens for Higgins Lake Legal Levels v. Roscommon County Board of Commissioners has not resulted in establishing any revision to the Court of Appeals' ruling in the matter of "normal level" maintenance; and

**WHEREAS**, the Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution 89-2021 to delegate limited authority to the Grand Traverse County Drain Commissioner to operate the lake level control structures (dams) that maintain the normal levels of Duck Lake and Silver Lake pursuant to Part 307 of the NREPA; and

**WHEREAS**, Duck Lake Dam is equipped with an automated lake level monitor that continuously measures, records and broadcasts the Duck Lake level to the Grand Traverse County website for the benefit of stakeholders, including the Drain Commissioner who utilizes monitoring with weather forecasting in an effort to maintain the "normal level" and the ACO-mandated minimum outflows; and

**WHEREAS**, Duck Lake has multiple streams that inlet to the lake and which, in addition to natural springs, provide water flow into Duck Lake affecting normal level; and

**WHEREAS**, Duck Lake has only one, solitary, outlet stream which is the headwater flow of the Betsie River, which flow is controlled by the Duck Lake Dam; and

**WHEREAS**, the normal level of Duck Lake can be influenced by factors downstream of the Duck Lake Dam, which is outside the control and limited authority of the Drain Commissioner and can include the natural actions of beaver and other wildlife, woodland deadfall obstructions, human activities that restrict or increase stream flow, and the unregulated flows of downstream tributaries to the Betsie River that occupy its stream channel capacity for flows; and

**WHEREAS**, the Drain Commissioner is a licensed Professional Engineer, examined by the State of Michigan and found competent to practice in the engineering areas of hydraulics, hydrology, open-channel flow and hydrogeology, and has reviewed 2½ years of Duck Lake Dam operational data along with the engineering studies previously commissioned by the Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners in establishing and affirming the "normal level" for Duck Lake. The Drain Commissioner has also reviewed the "Betsie River Hydrologic and Hydraulic Study, May 2014," commissioned by the Water Resources Division of the Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy in conjunction with the Drain Commissioner's limited authority to the maintain normal level of Duck Lake; and



**WHEREAS**, the Drain Commissioner has found it is technically impractical, perhaps impossible, to consistently maintain the normal level of Duck Lake utilizing the Duck Lake Dam for flow control, and that the additional obligations to maintain minimum flows imposed by ACO-05362 can counter efforts to maintain a normal level if minimum flows out of Duck Lake diminish lake levels at and below the normal level; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 662 of the 2024 legislative session proposes to amend Part 307 of the NREPA, including the definition of “normal level”. The proposed "normal level" would allow for temporary fluctuations in water level resulting from weather, natural events, or construction activities—offering greater flexibility to Grand Traverse County to comply with the current Circuit Court Order and with ACO-05362; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 662 was passed out of the Senate by a considerable majority and now resides in the House Committee on Natural Resources, Environment, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 662 has been reviewed by outside Civil Counsel to the County Board of Commissioners who identify benefit to the County if the bill is adopted into law as presently written.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, THAT** Grand Traverse County supports Senate Bill 662 of 2024 as currently written, and hereby urges the Michigan Legislature to amend the current definition of “normal level” under Part 307 of Public Act 451 of 1994, as amended, with the definition included in Senate Bill 662 introduced to the House Committee on Natural Resources, Environment, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Grand Traverse County Clerk is requested to forward copies of the adopted resolution to the Governor of the State of Michigan, the State Senate Majority and Minority leaders, the State House Speaker and Minority Leader, the members of the Grand Traverse County delegation to the Michigan Legislature, and the other 82 counties of Michigan as commissioner correspondence.