

BARAGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

Monday, February 9, 2026, 2026-5:00 P.M.

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

PROPOSED AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL

Commissioner Niemela, Commissioner Dakota, Commissioner Kent, Commissioner Menge, and Commissioner DeLeon

2. APPROVE AGENDA

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting – January 12, 2026

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS- Agenda Items Only

5. TREASURER'S REPORT- INFORMATION ONLY – NO MOTION REQUIRED

6. APPROVAL OF BILLS

- a. BCMH Trustee Per Diem- \$990.00 (January 2026)
- b. Approval of County Commissioner and Dept. Bills, \$46,731.83
- c. Approval of Prepaid Accounts, \$377,991.80
- d. Approval of Sheriff Dept. Commissary Checking Account, \$7,067.21

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. 911 Director/EM Manager Position

8. ACTION ITEMS

- a. FY2025 Audit, Contract Susan Sanford
- b. Sheriff's Dept., Old Patrol Car – Bids
- c. BC Road Commission, Letter of Support - "BUILD" FY2026 Grant
- d. Baraga County Chamber of Commerce, 2026 Membership

9. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

10. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- BCMH Board of Trustees, Minutes
- Copper Shores Community Health Foundation, Thank you
- Village of L'Anse, Notice of Intent – Master Plan

11. RESOLUTIONS

- a.

12. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

13. PUBLIC COMMENTS

14. ADJOURNMENT



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Board of Trustee Meeting Attendance - January 2026

Monthly Stipend:

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

Board Briefing of 01-15-2026:

Shirley Younggren	\$30.00
Jim Loman	\$30.00
Carole LaPointe	\$30.00
Cathy Wadaga	\$ 0.00
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 01-20-2026:

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

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Checks Written 1/1/2026 to 1/31/2026

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Number	Date	ID	Comment	Amount
2815	1/5/2026		97th District Court Baraga County	\$300.00
2816	1/5/2026	6513	CODY RANDALL HAATAJA	\$536.00
2817	1/7/2026		Bob Barker Company Inc	\$218.68
2818	1/7/2026		Stellar Services	\$15.50
2819	1/7/2026		Baraga County Treasurer	\$222.18
2820	1/15/2026		97th District Court Baraga County	\$300.00
2821	1/20/2026		Stellar Services	\$721.94
2822	1/20/2026		Pats Foods	\$47.32
2823	1/20/2026		Pepsi Cola of Houghton	\$1088.90
2824	1/22/2026		97th District Court Baraga County	\$300.00
2825	1/26/2026		97th District Court Baraga County	\$300.00
2826	1/26/2026		97th District Court Baraga County	\$300.00
2827	1/26/2026		Stellar Services	\$29.18
2828	1/27/2026		97th District Court Baraga County	\$300.00
2829	1/29/2026		Baraga County Treasurer	\$2377.51
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January 31, 2026

To the County Board of Commissioners
Baraga County
L'Anse, Michigan 49953

I am pleased to confirm my understanding of the services I am to provide the County of Baraga, for the year ended September 30, 2025.

Audit Scope and Objectives

I will audit the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, discretely presented component unit, each major fund and aggregate remaining fund information, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements of the County of Baraga as of and for the year ended September 30, 2025. This does not include an audit of the Baraga County Road Commission or the Baraga Memorial Hospital, component units, which have separate audits. Accounting standards generally accepted in the United States of America provide for certain required supplementary information (RSI), such as management's discussion and analysis (MD&A), to supplement the County of Baraga's basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. As part of my engagement, I will apply certain limited procedures to the County of Baraga's RSI in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. These limited procedures will consist of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to my inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge I obtained during my audit of the basic financial statements. I will not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide me with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance. The following RSI is required by generally accepted accounting principles and will be subjected to certain limited procedures, but will not be audited:

- 1) Management's Discussion and Analysis.
- 2) Budgetary Comparison Schedules
- 3) GASB required OPEB and Pension supplementary information

I have also been engaged to report on supplementary information other than RSI that accompanies the County of Baraga's financial statements. I will subject the following supplementary information to the auditing procedures applied in my audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and will provide an opinion on it in relation to the financial statements as a whole:

Non-Major Governmental Fund Schedules
General Operating Analysis Schedules (revenues and expenditures)

The objectives of my audit are to obtain reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion about whether your financial statements are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with GAAP; and report on the fairness of the supplementary information referred to in the second paragraph when considered in relation to the financial statements as a whole. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements, including omissions, can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment of a reasonable user made based on the financial statements.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

I will conduct my audit in accordance with GAAS and will include tests of your accounting records of the County's other procedures I consider necessary to enable me to express such opinions. As part of an audit in accordance with GAAS, I exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

I will evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management. I will also evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and determine whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation. I will plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether from (1) errors, (2) fraudulent financial reporting, (3) misappropriation of assets, or (4) violations of laws or governmental regulations that are attributable to the government or to acts by management or employees acting on behalf of the government.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, combined with the inherent limitations of internal control, and because I will not perform a detailed examination of all transactions, there is an unavoidable risk that some material misstatements may not be detected by me, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with GAAS. In addition, an audit is not designed to detect immaterial misstatements or violations of laws or governmental regulations that do not have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, I will inform the appropriate level of management of any material errors, fraudulent financial reporting, or misappropriation of assets that comes to my attention. I will also inform the appropriate level of management of any violations of laws or governmental regulations that come to my attention, unless clearly inconsequential. My responsibility as auditor is limited to the period covered by my audit and does not extend to any later periods for which I am not engaged as auditor.

I will also conclude, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the government's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

My procedures will include tests of documentary evidence supporting the transactions recorded in the accounts, tests of the physical existence of inventories, and direct confirmation of liabilities by correspondence with selected creditors, and financial institutions. I will also request written representations from your attorneys as part of the engagement.

I may, from time to time and depending on the circumstances, use third-party service providers in serving your account. I may share confidential information about you with these service providers but remain committed to maintaining the confidentiality and security of your information. Accordingly, I maintain internal policies, procedures, and safeguards to protect the confidentiality of your personal information. In addition, I will secure confidentiality agreements with all service providers to maintain the confidentiality of your information and I will take reasonable precautions to determine that they have appropriate procedures in place to prevent the unauthorized release of your confidential information to others. In the event that I am unable to secure an appropriate confidentiality agreement, you will be asked to provide your consent prior to the sharing of your confidential information with the third-party service provider. Furthermore, I will remain responsible for the work provided by any such third-party service providers.

My audit of financial statements does not relieve you of your responsibilities.

Audit Procedures—Internal Control

I will obtain an understanding of the government and its environment, including internal control relevant to the audit, sufficient to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and to design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks and obtain evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinions. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentation, or the override of internal control. An audit is not designed to provide assurance on internal control or to identify deficiencies in internal control. Accordingly, I will express no such opinion. However, during the audit, I will communicate to management and those charged with governance internal control related matters that are required to be communicated under AICPA professional standards.

I have identified the following significant risk(s) of material misstatement as part of my audit planning:

- Management override
- Revenue recognition
- Significant unusual transaction and reporting

Audit Procedures—Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, I will perform tests of the County's compliance with the provisions of applicable laws, regulations, contracts, agreements, and grants. However, the objective of my audit will not be to provide an opinion on overall compliance and I will not express such an opinion.

Other Services

I will also assist in preparing the financial statements of the County of Baraga in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America based on information provided by you.

I will perform the services in accordance with applicable professional standards. The other services are limited to the financial statement services previously defined. I, in my sole professional judgment, reserve the right to refuse to perform any procedure or take any action that could be construed as assuming management responsibilities.

You agree to assume all management responsibilities for the financial statement preparation services and any other nonattest services I provide; oversee the services by designating an individual, preferably from senior management, with suitable skill, knowledge, or experience; evaluate the adequacy and results of the services; and accept responsibility for them.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

My audit will be conducted on the basis that you acknowledge and understand your responsibility for designing, implementing, establishing and maintaining effective internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and for evaluating and monitoring ongoing activities; for the selection and application of accounting principles; and for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America with the oversight of those charged with governance.

Management is also responsible for making drafts of financial statements, all financial records and related information available to me and for accuracy and completeness of that information (including information from outside of the general and subsidiary ledgers). You are also responsible for providing me with (1) access to all information of which you are aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, such as records, documentation, identification of all related parties and all related-party relationships and transactions, and other matters (2) additional information that I may request for the purpose of the audit, and (3) unrestricted access to persons within the government from whom I determine it necessary to obtain audit evidence. At the conclusion of my audit, I will require certain written representations from you about your responsibilities for the financial statements and related matters.

Your responsibilities include adjusting the financial statements to correct material misstatements and for confirming to me in the written representation letter that the effects of any uncorrected misstatements aggregated by me during the current engagement and pertaining to the latest period presented are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements of each opinion unit taken as a whole.

You are responsible for the design and implementation of programs and controls to prevent and detect fraud, and for informing me about all known or suspected fraud affecting the government involving (1) management, (2) employees who have significant roles in internal control, and (3) others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements. Your responsibilities include informing me of your knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the government received in communications from employees, former employees, grantors, regulators, or others. In addition, you are responsible for identifying and ensuring that the government complies with applicable laws and regulations.

You are responsible for the preparation of the supplementary information, which I have been engaged to report on, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). You agree to include my report on the supplementary information in any document that contains, and indicates that I have reported on, the supplementary information. You also agree to make the audited financial statements readily available to users of the supplementary information no later than the date the supplementary information is issued with my report thereon.

Your responsibilities include acknowledging to me in the written representation letter that (1) you are responsible for presentation of the supplementary information in accordance with GAAP; (2) you believe the supplementary information, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with GAAP; (3) the methods of measurement or presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period (or, if they have changed, the reasons for such changes); and (4) you have disclosed to me any significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement or presentation of the supplementary information.

Engagement Administration, Fees, and Other

I understand that your employees will prepare all cash or other confirmations I request and will locate any documents selected by me for testing.

The audit documentation for this engagement is the property of Susan D Sanford, CPA PLLC and constitutes confidential information. However, subject to applicable laws and regulations, audit documentation will be made available upon request and in a timely manner to State of Michigan, its designee, a federal agency providing direct or indirect funding, or the U.S. Government Accountability Office for the purposes of a quality review of the audit, to resolve audit findings, or to carry out oversight responsibilities. I will notify you of any such request. If requested, access to such audit documentation will be provided under the supervision of Susan D Sanford. Furthermore, upon request, I may provide copies of selected audit documentation to the aforementioned parties. These parties may intend or decide to distribute the copies or information contained therein to others, including other governmental agencies.

The audit documentation for this engagement will be retained for a minimum of five years after the report release date or for any additional period requested by the State. If I am aware that a federal awarding agency or auditee is contesting an audit finding, I will contact the party(ies) contesting the audit finding for guidance prior to destroying the audit documentation.

Susan D Sanford is the engagement partner and is responsible for supervising the engagement and signing the reports or authorizing another individual to sign them. I expect to begin my audit on approximately February 23 2026 and to issue my reports no later than March 31, 2026, assuming records are in an auditable condition and the component unit audits are issued timely.

My fee for services will be at my standard hourly rates plus out-of-pocket costs (such as report reproduction, word processing, postage, travel, copies, telephone, etc.) except that I agree that my gross fee, including expenses, **will not exceed \$20,250**. The contract may be extended for two additional years based on mutual agreement between both parties. The audit fee includes any additional follow up or consultation with the County personnel, State and Federal Government personnel regarding the audit and preparing the annual F-65 report, pension report and Municipal Finance Qualifying Statement. My standard hourly rate is \$135. My invoices for these fees will be rendered each month as work progresses and are payable on presentation. In accordance with my firm policies, work may be suspended if your account becomes 60 days or more overdue and may not be resumed until your account is paid in full. If I elect to terminate my services for nonpayment, my engagement will be deemed to have been completed upon written notification of termination, even if I have not completed my report. You will be obligated to compensate me for all time expended and to reimburse me for all out-of-pocket costs through the date of termination. The above fee is based on anticipated cooperation from your personnel and the assumption that unexpected circumstances will not be encountered during the audit. If significant additional time is necessary, I will discuss it with you and arrive at a new fee estimate before I incur the additional costs.

Reporting

I will issue a written report upon completion of my audit of the County of Baraga's financial statements. My report will be addressed to the County of Baraga's Council. Circumstances may arise in which my report may differ from its expected form and content based on the results of my audit. Depending on the nature of these circumstances, it may be necessary for me to modify my opinions, add a separate section, or add an emphasis-of-matter or other-matter paragraph to my auditor's report, or if necessary, withdraw from this engagement. If my opinions are other than unmodified, I will discuss the reasons with you in advance. If, for any reason, I am unable to complete the audit or am unable to form or have not formed opinions, I may decline to express opinions or issue reports, or I may withdraw from this engagement.

I appreciate the opportunity to be of service to the County of Baraga and believe this letter accurately summarizes the significant terms of my engagement. If you have any questions, please let me know. If you agree with the terms of my engagement as described in this letter, please sign the attached copy and return it to me.

Very truly yours,

Susan D. Sanford

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RESPONSE:

This letter correctly sets forth the understanding of the County of Baraga.

By: _____

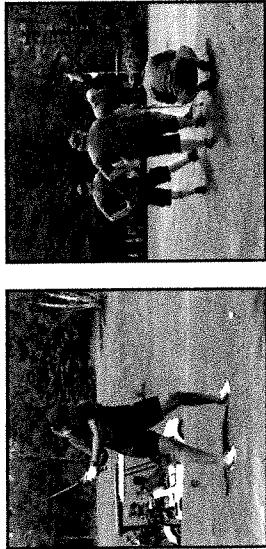
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Baraga County Chamber of Commerce Event Sponsorship Opportunities

Keweenaw Bay and Beyond Mix & Mingle

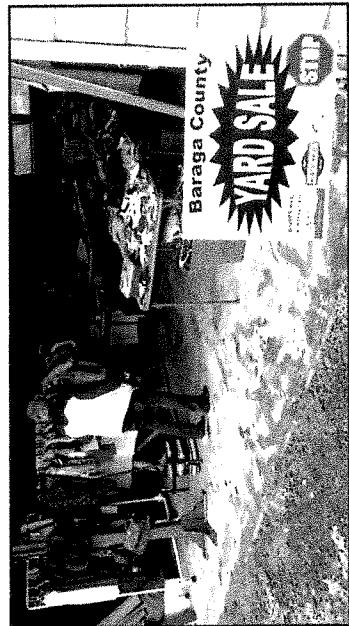
April 17, 2026 An opportunity to socialize and enjoy a night out while raising money for scholarships that will be awarded to local high school graduates. Bring an auction item in an unmarked bag and join in the fun of bidding! Appetizers and wine tasting are provided by the Chamber. Your \$250 sponsorship includes your sign on display at the event and inclusion in promotions.



Golf Tournament

July 18, 2026 The Chamber's largest fundraiser of the year features an 18-hole, four-person scramble format that welcomes golfers of all abilities. Participants are treated to a post-round dinner along with cash prizes and raffle opportunities. Sponsorship levels available: \$750 Platinum includes hole-in-one sponsor recognition, promotions inclusion, team registration, sign at the event. \$500 Gold includes promotions inclusion, team registration, sign at the event. \$350 Silver includes team registration, sign at the event. \$100 Bronze includes sign at the event.

June 13, 2026 Homes and businesses with sites in Baraga County can register their sale with the Chamber and have their selling site included on the yard sale map along with a sign to place at their sites. This event brings shoppers to the area and provides an opportunity for residents to de-clutter and share their treasures with others. Your \$100 sponsorship includes your logo on the map and inclusion in promotions.

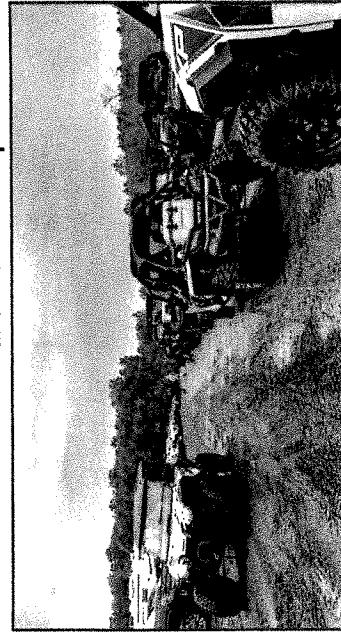


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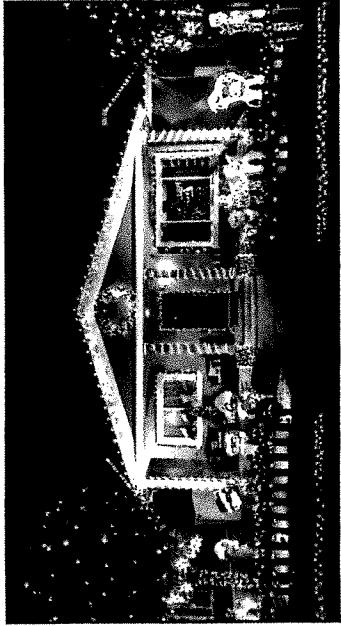
ATV Wilderness Adventure

October 3, 2026 Annually the first Saturday in October. Bringing off-road enthusiasts from near and far, the ATV ride is a guided tour through sections of beautiful Baraga County and stunning fall foliage. Past tours included the Huron Mountains, Mt. Arvon, and numerous waterfalls. This event attracts many and sells out early. Your \$250 sponsorship includes your sign on display at the event and inclusion in promotions.



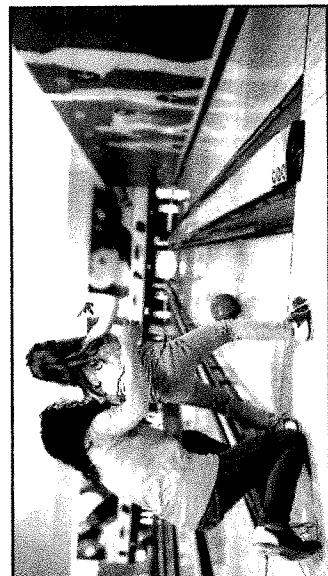
Holiday Décor Tour

December 2026 Baraga County homes and businesses who want to share their Christmas decorating enthusiasm and outdoor displays are listed on a map for this tour. This is not a contest—merely a guide for the public to enjoy holiday décor both big and small. Sites are entered into a random drawing for Baraga Bucks. Your \$100 sponsorship includes your logo printed on the map and inclusion in promotions.



Family Fun Classic Bowling Tournament

January 17, 2026 The Chamber is thrilled to announce its first annual Family Bowling Tournament, where families of all ages come together for an afternoon of strikes, spares, and smiles. Your \$200 sponsorship includes your sign on display at the event and inclusion in promotions.



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Other Support

Next Gen is team of energetic individuals representing the next generation of Baraga County entrepreneurs and leaders. Working with the Chamber, Next Gen plans and facilitates Baraga County events with an emphasis on interests of the upcoming generation.

baragacountynextgenteam@gmail.com



Hockey Tournament

March 2026 Next Gen brings old-timer hockey players to the ice to raise funds for the L'Anse and Baraga ice rinks.

Easter Egg Hunt

April 2026 Next Gen provides the community with a free, family-friendly event which includes searching for Easter eggs and chances to win prizes.

Keweenaw Bay Classic Fishing Tournament

June 12-13, 2026 In conjunction with the L'Anse Fire Department's Baraga County Lake Trout Festival, Next Gen brings the much sought after Keweenaw Bay Classic Fishing Tournament to Baraga County. There are a wide-range of sponsorship opportunities for this fishing tournament at many levels. Sponsor a prize, contribute monetary donations, gift certificates, raffle items, or volunteer—all are needed and greatly appreciated.

Glow Golf

August 2026 Night golfing at L'Anse Golf Club. A great social event and fundraiser.

Chamber Scholarship Fund

Education is an investment in the future. Consider joining the Chamber in this effort with a donation to the Scholarship Fund. Your donation will be recognized at the Mix & Mingle



General Chamber Support

Maybe event sponsorship doesn't appeal to you, but you would like to support Chamber operations? We welcome general fund support that will continue to assist local businesses, host training opportunities, and subsidize administrative costs. Your donation will be recognized in our newsletter.



Raffle Items / Door Prizes

Consider donating items or gift certificates to be used in our raffles and as door prizes. If you have promotional items, this can be a great way to get visibility for your business! No donation is too small or too large. Your donation will be recognized at the event and in our newsletter.

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Baraga County Next Gen

Sponsorship Opportunities

keweenawbay.org

Our mission is to grow, enhance, and support a vibrant business climate through leadership, professional development, and community involvement.

MINUTES:

BARAGA COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Tuesday, December 16th, 2025 5:00 PM - BCMH Main Conference Room (ABCD)

Present: Jayne Walbridge, Shirley Younggren, Carole LaPointe, Jim Loman, Burt Mason, Kate Beer

Admin/Guests: Tom VanEss, Todd Peltola, Rob Stowe

Absent: Cathy Wadaga

Call to Order – Beer

Ms. Beer called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

1. Approval of Consent Agenda ** - All

Motion: Younggren, Second: LaPointe - All in favor, motion carried.

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. Board Briefing of November 13th , 2025*
- b. Closed Session of November 13th, 2025*
- c. Board of Trustees Meeting of November 18th, 2025*

3. Medical Staff – Beer

- a. Medical-Dental Staff Meeting Minutes of November 12th, 2025**

Motion: Loman, Second: LaPointe - All in favor, motion carried.

- b. Medical-Dental Staff Executive & Credentials Committee

- i. Medical Staff Appointments, Reappointments, and Deletions of December 2025** - Belpedio

Motion: Loman, Second: Mason - All in favor, motion carried.

4. Audit Presentation - Jess Paisley

- a. Request for Resolution Approving the Fiscal Year Audited Financials

Jess Paisley first presented the Bayside Village draft audit to both the Bayside Village Board and the BCMH Board. The Bayside Village Board then considered a resolution to approve the Bayside Village audit, pending receipt of the final draft. A motion was made by Hokkanen and seconded by Foucault. All were in favor, and the motion carried. The Bayside Village Board meeting was then adjourned.

Following adjournment of the Bayside Village Board meeting, Jess Paisley presented the BCMH fiscal year audited financial statements to the BCMH Hospital Board. The Hospital Board considered a resolution to accept both the Bayside Village audit and the BCMH audited financial statements. A motion was

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*Action Item ***

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made by Mason and seconded by LaPointe. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

5. Financial Update - Jestila

- a. Approval of October 2025 Financial Statements
- b. Approval of November 2025 Financial Statements

Jestila reviewed the October and November 2025 financial statements with the Board. Cash on hand was reported at approximately \$9.95 million. November revenue totaled \$4.6 million, with expenses just under \$2.8 million, resulting in a net loss of approximately \$13,000. This was attributed to November having only 18 business days. Year-to-date revenue for the first two months totaled approximately \$10.4 million, with year-to-date profitability of approximately \$900. October was noted as a strong month, with a net gain of approximately \$14,000. Gross revenue for November was approximately \$400,000 higher than the same period last year. No resolution was required, as the financials remain preliminary.

6. Administrative Items - Stowe

- a. BCMH Reappointment of Board Members*
- b. 2026 BCMH Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule*

The BCMH Reappointment of Board Members and the 2026 BCMH Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule were listed on the agenda. These items had been addressed and approved at the prior Board Briefing meeting. No further action was required at this meeting.

7. Bayside Update - Stowe/Dault

Dault provided an update on Bayside Village. The current census is 53. Ongoing communication with the State continues. All citations have been cleared except for three, and plans of correction have been submitted.

8. Wound Care Update - Peltola

Peltola introduced Kurt Monterosso, Director of Operations for the State of Michigan with Healogics. Mr. Monterosso provided an informative presentation on the hyperbaric chamber and its clinical uses.

9. Open House Update - Stowe

An open house is scheduled for Thursday, January 8, from 4:00–6:00 p.m. Efforts are underway to secure coverage from TV6. Two news stories are planned: one to announce the availability of the hyperbaric chamber and invite the public to the open house, and a second to announce the da Vinci robotic system and promote the event. A press release will be issued in advance of the open house to launch the public naming process for the da Vinci robot. The selected name will be announced following the event.

10. Physician Group Update - Van Ess

A Rural Health Clinic survey was conducted two weeks ago, with no deficiencies identified. The previous survey occurred seven years ago. The next quarter is expected

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to be busy with the onboarding of new providers. As a result, space needs will be reviewed after the holidays.

11. Quality Update –Peltola

No report.

12. Management Update (attached)

- a. CEO Report*: Marketing, Employee Recognition, Home Care and Hospice, Corporate Compliance, Senior Life Solutions, Human Resources, Pharmacy
- b. CFO Report*: Finance, Revenue Cycle, Purchasing, Information Technology, DME
- c. DON Report*: Acute, Emergency, Surgical Services, Ambulatory, Social Services, Utilization Review/Infection Prevention, Education
- d. Director of Provider Services Report*: Physician Group, Telemedicine, Specialty Clinic
- e. Director of Ancillary Services Report*: Imaging, Laboratory, Therapies
- f. Director of Quality Management Report*: Maintenance, Housekeeping, Dietary/Dietician, HIPAA/Risk

13. Other

Stowe shared that a strategic acquisition remains on track. Verbal agreement has been reached on the terms discussed in closed session.

14. Public Comment -

Sue Ingram shared that staff have expressed positive feedback, thanking the Board for the recent raises, bonus, and holiday party.

15. Next Meeting: January 20th, 2026 5:00pm –BCMH Main Conference Room

16. Adjournment –Beer

Ms. Beer adjourned the meeting at 6:29 p.m.

Motion: LaPointe, Second: Younggren - All in favor, motion carried.

ABOUT BARAGA COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL: BCMH is a 15 bed critical access hospital. Founded in 1952, BCMH is a thriving rural healthcare system focused on addressing the needs of community members of Baraga County. Employing over 200 people, BCMH houses a family medicine clinic, walk-in convenient care clinic, specialty clinics, surgical services, 24/7 emergency services, imaging, rehab, laboratory, and social services.

MISSION: BCMH partners with patients to educate, coordinate, treat, and manage the health of the community.

VISION: To improve the well-being of the community.

CORE VALUES: PREACT- Patients First, Respect, Excellence, Accountability, Compassion, Teamwork

ROLE IN THE COMMUNITY: BCMH educates the community, coordinates care, and treats and manages disease.

*Consent Agenda Item **

*Action Item ***

*To be distributed at meeting ****



January 15, 2026

County of Baraga
2 South Main Street
L'Anse, MI 49946

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of Copper Shores Community Health Foundation, we want to thank you for your contributions in benefit of UPSET West.

Please retain this letter as it serves as a receipt for your gift for 2025. Federal law requires us to inform you that Copper Shores Community Health Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, did not provide you with any goods or services for your contribution.

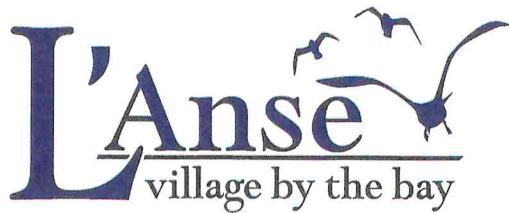
The Copper Shores Community Health Foundation is dedicated to enhancing our community and offering hope of a healthier and better tomorrow. Thank you for joining our efforts and giving your support – both are truly appreciated.

Do Good Things!

Kevin N. Store
President / CEO

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To: Interested Local Governments, Organizations and Utility Companies

From: Village of L'Anse, Michigan

RE: Notice of Intent to Amend a Master Plan

Date: January 12, 2026

Please be advised that the Village of L'Anse is beginning the process of amending its Master Plan. Amendments will focus primarily on the topic of housing.

Pursuant to Michigan Public Act 33 of 2008, the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, you are hereby notified of our intent to amend the plan and are invited to cooperate, comment, and participate in this process. Future required notifications will indicate how to access documents in electric format. If you object to the option to only access materials in electronic format (versus hard copy), please inform us immediately by e-mailing me at manager@lansemi.org. Any questions can also be directed to that e-mail or by calling me at (906) 524-6116.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bob LaFave".

Bob LaFave
Village Manager - L'Anse, Michigan