

BARAGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

Monday, March 10, 2025-5:00 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 – February 10, 2025
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS- Agenda Items Only**
- 5. TREASURER'S REPORT- INFORMATION ONLY – NO MOTION REQUIRED**
- 6. APPROVAL OF BILLS**
 - a. BCMH Trustee Per Diem- \$1,020.00 (February 2025)
 - b. Approval of County Commissioner and Dept. Bills, \$XX,XXXX
 - c. Approval of Prepaid Accounts, \$XXX,XXX
 - d. Approval of Sheriff Dept. Commissary Checking Account, \$7,746.23
- 7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
- 8. ACTION ITEMS**
 - a. BCMH, CEO Update
- 9. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**
- 10. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**
 - BCMH Board of Trustees, Minutes
- 11. RESOLUTIONS**
 - a. Support Local Control and Claim of Appeal Against Michigan Public Service Commission Order
- 12. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**
- 13. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- 14. ADJOURNMENT**



Board of Trustee Meeting Attendance - February 2025

Monthly Stipend:

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

Board Briefing of 2-13-2025:

Shirley Younggren	\$30.00
Jim Loman (online)	\$30.00
Carole LaPointe	\$30.00
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 2-18-25:

Shirley Younggren	\$30.00
Jim Loman (online)	\$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 2/1/2025 to 2/28/2025

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Number	Date	ID	Comment	Amount
2650	2/1/2025		97th District Court Baraga County	\$300.00
2651	2/9/2025		97th District Court Baraga County	\$500.00
2652	2/9/2025		97th District Court Baraga County	\$300.00
2653	2/9/2025		97th District Court Baraga County	\$300.00
2654	2/20/2025		Stellar Services	\$752.24
2655	2/21/2025		97th District Court Baraga County	\$1000.00
2656	2/26/2025		Baraga County Treasurer	\$1434.65
2657	2/27/2025		Pats Foods	\$53.48
2658	2/27/2025		Pepsi Cola of Houghton	\$672.60
2659	2/27/2025		Stellar Services	\$274.00
2660	2/27/2025		ULINE	\$792.05
2661	2/27/2025		Bob Barker Company Inc.	\$1367.21
				\$7746.23

MINUTES:

BARAGA COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Tuesday, January 21st, 2025 5:00 PM -BCMh Main Conference Room (ABCD)

Present: Kate Beer, Cathy Wadaga, Shirley Younggren, Kate Beer, Burt Mason, Jim Loman, Jayne Walbridge (online)

Admin/Guests: Tom VanEss, Rob Stowe, Todd Peltola, Kelly Engle, Gail Jestila, Todd Ingram, Gregg Fisher

1. Call to Order – Beer

Ms. Beer called the meeting to order at 4:59 p.m.

2. Approval of Consent Agenda ** - All

A motion was made by Wadaga and seconded by Younggren to approve the consent agenda with the following additions: 6(a), (b), and (c) — approval of Bayside Village financial statements for October, November, and December; and 6(d) — approval of the revised 2025 budget for Bayside Village. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

- a. Board Briefing of December 12th , 2024*
- b. Closed Session of December 12th, 2024*
- c. Board of Trustees Meeting of December 17th, 2024*

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

4. Medical Staff –Beer

- a. Medical-Dental Staff Meeting Minutes of December 11th , 2024**

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

- b. Medical-Dental Staff Executive & Credentials Committee

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

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

5. Financial Update - Jestila

- a. Approval of October 2024 financial statements**
- b. Approval of November 2024 financial statements**
- c. Approval of December 2024 financial statements**

*Consent Agenda Item **

*Action Item ***

*To be distributed at meeting ****

Ms. Jestila presented the final version of the financial statements for October, November, and December to the board. A motion was made by Mason and seconded by Wadaga to approve the financial statements. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

6. Bayside Update - Jestila

- a. Approval of October 2024 financial statements**
- b. Approval of November 2024 financial statements**
- c. Approval of December 2024 financial statements**

Ms. Jestila presented the final financial statements for Bayside Village for October, November and December. A motion was made by Lapointe and seconded by Younggren to approve the financial statements. All were in favor and the motion carried.

- d. Revised 2025 budget**

Ms. Jestila presented the revised budget to the board. The budget was approved by the Bayside Village Board last night and is now being presented for approval by our board. Once approved, it will be submitted to HUD. A motion was made by Mason and seconded by Wadaga to approve the budget. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

Ms. Jestila provided an update on the Bayside Village Board meeting held last night. Mike Koskinen is now the chair and led the meeting. Bayside Village received a \$4,999 grant from the Baraga Community Foundation, which will be used to purchase five new mattresses. In addition, they purchased a new steam table for the kitchen to ensure consistent temperatures for meal trays. The board introduced two new staff members: Melody, the new MDS Coordinator, and Natalie, the new Clinical Care Coordinator. They also highlighted the success of the holiday meal, which served 150 people.

7. Wound Care Update - Peltola

Mr. Peltola met with Kurt from Healogics and an architect to discuss plans for installing the hyperbaric chamber. They are waiting to get schematic drawings, which currently indicate space for one chamber. In the future, when sitting-style chambers become FDA-approved, there may be room for a second chamber. They also would like to have a bathroom within the unit. It was decided to have the architect look for bids on this contract. We are hoping to get something back from the architect within a month. Once the plan is finalized, Central Supply will need to be redesigned.

The search for a Program Director is ongoing, with Kurt receiving a couple of applicants last week.

8. Physician Group Update - Van Ess

Mr. VanEss provided an update that Shannon Dufek is assisting Dr. Vaitkevicius in Cardiology, while Allyssa Sweers has been working with Dr. Madjar in Urology. This has created a need for additional Walk-In Clinic providers. We spoke with a provider from the Keweenaw area who plans to visit the hospital. Dr. Vaitkevicius returned yesterday

after his surgery and is now working on-site. Dr. Prentice had her baby earlier this month and will be on leave for 12 weeks.

9. Ontonagon Update - Stowe

Last month, we had 348 ER visits with 48 coming from Ontonagon, which is about 14%. Of the 51 inpatients, 11 were from Ontonagon. We are also seeing an increase in Ontonagon patients on the outpatient side, and also in the Physician Group. Currently, Ontonagon is in a separate MCA (Medical Control Authority) from us. We plan to maintain our independence as an MCA. Since the majority of ambulances leaving Ontonagon come to us, there may be an opportunity to incorporate the SONCO ambulance into our MCA.

10. Quality Update –Peltola

We will be doing some mock patient tracer surveys to prepare for the Joint Commission. We will also be reviewing policies in PolicyStat to prepare. Dawn Kemppainen has compiled a list of commonly cited issues that the Joint Commission has focused on at other survey sites. The list includes easily fixable items, such as addressing items stored in hallways and under sinks, to ensure these issues are resolved in advance and we avoid citations.

11. 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

12. Other

Mr. Stowe reported that preparations are underway to begin negotiations with the MNA 1 and MNA 2 nursing unions. The union has notified us that they are ready to start negotiations. We are working with Grant, our attorney, to coordinate some dates.

13. Public Comment - None.

14. Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 18th, 2025, at 5:00pm – BCMH Main Conference Room

15. Adjournment –Beer

Ms. Beer adjourned the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Carole LaPointe, Secretary CL/lmb

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: PRACT- Patients First, Respect, Excellence, Accountability, Compassion, Teamwork

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

Resolution to Support Local Control and Claim of Appeal Against Michigan Public Service Commission Order - Board of Commissioners

WHEREAS, the Baraga County Board of Commissioners supports state policies that maintain and advance local control; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan has adopted policies and introduced legislation that attempts to further reduce local control in key areas affecting unique interests in local communities; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, the State of Michigan adopted Public Act 233 of 2023 ("PA 233"); and

WHEREAS, only under limited circumstances, PA 233 confers powers and duties to the Public Service Commission ("PSC") regarding the siting of utility-scale solar energy facilities, wind energy facilities, and energy storage facilities allowing developers to bypass local zoning authorities when proposing qualifying developments; and

WHEREAS, the PSC issued an order on October 10, 2024 (the "Order") implementing the provisions of Public Act 233 of 2023 ("PA 233"); and

WHEREAS, the Order attempts to vastly expand the PSC's limited and enumerated jurisdiction in PA 233 and is both unlawful and unreasonable; and

WHEREAS, the Order is unlawful and unreasonable because, among other reasons: (1) the PSC's issuance of the Order violates the Administrative Procedures Act, MCL 24.201 *et seq.*, and (2) the Order unlawfully and unreasonably redefines key terms and concepts and creates processes and procedures that violate the Legislature's express and unambiguous intent for local input in the regulation of energy facilities; and

WHEREAS, a coalition of Michigan Municipalities timely filed a claim of appeal from the Order on November 8, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Baraga County Board of Commissioners supports the coalition of Michigan Municipalities in their efforts to protect local control in the regulation of energy facilities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Baraga County Board of Commissioners resolves its unequivocal support of local control and the coalition of Michigan Municipalities that have filed an appeal from the Order.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be sent to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Michigan State Senator Ed McBroom, Michigan State Representatives Karl Bohnak and the other 82 county Board of Commissioners in the State of Michigan.