BARAGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
Monday, July 13, 2026, 2026-5:00 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**
   Commissioner Niemela, Commissioner Dakota, Commissioner Kent, Commissioner Menge, and Commissioner DeLeon

2. **APPROVE AGENDA**

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
   Regular Meeting – June 8, 2026

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS- Agenda Items Only**

5. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

6. **APPROVAL OF BILLS**
   a. BCMH Trustee Per Diem- $1,170.00 (June 2026)
   b. Approval of County Commissioner and Dept. Bills, $
   c. Approval of Prepaid Accounts, $
   d. Approval of Sheriff Dept. Checking Account, $6,029.65

7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

8. **ACTION ITEMS**
   a. Western UP Health Department, annual allocation
   b. Parks and Recreation, Point Abbaye Phase III Bids
   c. Courthouse & Grounds, Circuit Courtroom Doors
   d. Courthouse & Grounds, HVAC Pump Repair
   e. Veteran's Affairs Committee, Appointment – (Joseph Eckerberg, December 31, 2025 and Rodney Loonsfoot, December 31, 2026)

9. **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

10. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**
    a. BCMH Board of Trustees, Minutes
    b.

11. **RESOLUTIONS**
    a. Opposing Legislation to Dissolve the UP Community Mental Health System into a Single Specialized Regional Mental Health Authority

12. **COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

13. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

BCMH
Baraga County Memorial Hospital

18341 US Hwy 41 L'Anse, MI 49946

906-524-3300 www.bcmh.org

Board of Trustee Meeting Attendance - June 2026

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 06-11-2026:

Shirley Younggren	$30.00
Jim Loman	$30.00
Carole LaPointe	$ 0.00
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

Special Board Meeting of 06-30-2026:

Shirley Younggren	$ 0.00
Jim Loman	$30.00
Carole LaPointe	$30.00
Cathy Wadaga	$30.00
Jayne Walbridge	$30.00
Kate Beer	$30.00
Burt Mason	$30.00

Regular Board Meeting of 06-16-2026:

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

Checks Written 6/1/2026 to 6/30/2026

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Number	Date	ID	Comment	Amount	
2890	6/5/2026		97th District Court Baraga County	$300.00	
2891	6/8/2026		Stellar Services	$698.07	
2892	6/8/2026		Pats Foods	$105.38	
2893	6/8/2026		97th District Court Baraga County	$0.00	**VOID**
2894	6/9/2026	6149	Janet Raymond	$300.00	
2895	6/10/2026		97th District Court Baraga County	$300.00	
2896	6/10/2026		Pepsi Cola of Houghton	$954.20	
2897	6/12/2026		Stellar Services	$40.34	
2898	6/12/2026		12th Circuit Court	$750.00	
2899	6/18/2026		12th Circuit Court	$500.00	
2900	6/18/2026		97th District Court Baraga County	$100.00	
2901	6/19/2026		Stellar Services	$489.06	
2902	6/22/2026		Axon Enterprise, Inc.	$265.74	
2903	6/26/2026		Baraga County Treasruer	$47.82	
2904	6/26/2026		Stellar Services	$227.00	
2905	6/26/2026		Stellar Services	$81.24	
2906	6/29/2026		Baraga County Treasurer	$870.80	
				$6029.65	

SANDERS & CZAPSKI ASSOCIATES, PLLC

ARCHITECTURE / LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE / HISTORIC PRESERVATION

July 9, 2026

Wendy Goodreau
Baraga County Clerk / Register of Deeds
2 South Main Street
L'Anse, MI 49946

Re: Campsite & Trail Expansion
Point Abbaye Natural Area
TF23-0082

Dear Wendy,

Please find attached the tabulation of bids received on July 8th for the Point Abbaye project. The low bidder was WR Construction from Negaunee. The base bid amount was $418,490.22, which is $58,490.22 over the budgeted construction cost of $360,000 (based on a local match of 130,000.00). I have reviewed the bid amounts with WR Construction and propose an award based on the following adjustments to the project scope. These suggestions are based on unit pricing provided as part of the bid and were agreed to be the Contractor this morning.

- Delete the secondary trail loop that extends to the existing trail about half way down the point. The length of new trail remaining a part of the work would be slightly more than one mile in length. This results in a credit of $27,468.00 (1,400lf x $19.62 = $27,468.00).
- Two new picnic sites were specified as part of the base bid. One of those picnic sites would be deleted for a credit of $7,750.00.
- Three new camping shelters were specified as part of the base bid. One of those shelters would be deleted for a credit of $30,136.00.

The total credit amount, should you accept this recommendation would be $65,354.00 and result in a contract sum of $353,136.22 which is $6,863.78 below the budgeted construction cost.

Based on the above analysis we recommend that the project construction, including the above adjustments, be awarded to WR Construction, authorizing the signing of the contract, for the contract sum $353,136.22, pending DNR approval. Once we receive the Grant Agency's approval to award, we will issue the Owner / Contractor agreement for your signature. W.R. Construction's intent is to begin the work immediately.

If you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact our office.

Respectfully,
Bill Sanders

Bill Sanders, ASLA
Landscape Architect / Principal

Enclosure: Bid Tabulation
WR Construction Bid Proposal

105 Country Lane, Marquette, MI 49855
Phone: 906-458-2209

BID TABULATION FORM

Campsite & Trail Expansion – Point Abbaye Natural Area
Baraga County, Michigan
TF23-0082

(Bids received 7/8/2026, 2:00 pm local time)

Note: Apparent low bidder listed in ***bold italic text***

Bidder	Base Bid	Alternate #1 (deduct)	Addendum			Fax Clarif.	Bid Bond	Unit Price 1 Trail Type 1	Unit Price 2 Trail Type 2	Unit Price 3 Boardwalk	Unit Price 4 Shelter	Unit Price 5 Picnic Pad	Remarks
			1	2	3								
W.R. Construction 420 Cherry St. Negaunee, Mi 49866	***$418,490.22***	***$ 7,750.00***	***x***	***x***	***x***	***x***	***x***	***$ 19.62***	***$ 54.31***	***$ 296.62***	***$ 30,136.00***	***$ 7,480.00***	
Keweenaw Home Repairs & Maintenance 54098 Traprock Valley Rd. Lake Linden, MI 49945	$ 498,900.00	$ 2,000.00	x	x	x	x	x	$ 16.00-19.00	$ 32.00	$ 1,688.00	$ 30,000.00	$ 10,000.00	
Wuebben Contracting P.O. Box 678 Dollar Bay, MI 49922	$ 665,735.26	$ 14,280.00	x	x	x		x	$ 28.02	$ 46.16	$ 2,046.94	$ 78,646.08	$ 6,204.59	
TJM Contracting 2745 Alyssa Lane Allegan, MI 49010	$ 785,000.00	$ 1,500.00 each	x	x	x		x	$ 65.00	$ 70.00	$ 1,500.00	$ 26,000.00	$ 3,000.00	Bid based on substantial completion December 1, 2027. Final completion December 15, 2027
MJO Contracting 54560 Hwy M-203 Hancock, MI 49930	$ 814,000.00	$ 15,300.00	x	x	x	x	x	$ 38.24	$ 49.89	$ 2,712.56	$ 58,786.11	$ 8,575.27	

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BID FORM

1.1 BID INFORMATION

A. Bidder: WR Construction, LLC.

B. Project Name: Campsite & Trail Expansion Project – Point Abbaye Natural Area.

C. Project Location: Point Abbaye Natural Area, located at the northern terminus of Point Abbaye road, approximately 24 miles north of the Village of L'Anse, Michigan. Latitude 46°57'44.72"N, longitude 88°08'13.35"W.

D. Owner: Baraga County.
2 South Main Street
L'Anse, Michigan 49946
(906) 524-9301.

E. PSC / Landscape Architect: Sanders & Czapski Associates, 109 South Front Street, Suite 210, Marquette, MI 49855 (906)-273-1207.

1.2 BASE BID

A. The undersigned Bidder, having carefully examined the Procurement and Contracting Requirements, Conditions of the Contract, Drawings, Specifications, and all subsequent Addenda, as prepared by Sanders & Czapski Associates, PLLC, and Architect's consultants, having visited the site, and being familiar with all conditions and requirements of the Work, hereby agrees to furnish all material, labor, equipment and services, permits and fees, including all scheduled allowances, necessary to complete the construction of the above-named project, according to the requirements of the Procurement and Contracting Documents, for the stipulated sum (based on unit costs) of:

1. ,Four hundred eighteen thousand four hundred ninety dollars and 22/200 Dollars ($ $418,490.22).

B. Bid Alternate #1:

1. Delete the work of the masonry surround for fire pit. Install the steel fire pit components according to manufacturer's instructions.

Delete: $ $7,750.00 Dollars ($ 7,750.00).

1.3 TIME OF COMPLETION

A. The undersigned Bidder proposes and agrees hereby to commence the Work of the Contract Documents upon written Notice to Proceed to be issued by Owner, and shall substantially complete the Work on or before October 1, 2026, with final completion October 15, 2026.

1.4 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ADDENDA

A. The undersigned Bidder acknowledges receipt of and use of the following Addenda in the preparation of this Bid:

1. Addendum No. 1, dated 6.24.26.
2. Addendum No. 2, dated 6.29.26.
3. Addendum No. 3, dated 7.3.26.
4. Addendum No. 4, dated Clarification, 7.06.26.

1.5 CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE

A. The undersigned further states that it is a duly licensed contractor or builder, for the type of work proposed, in the State of Michigan and that all fees, permits, etc., pursuant to submitting this proposal have been paid in full.

1.6 SUBMISSION OF BID

Submitted By: WR Construction, LLC

Date: 7/08/26

Authorized Signature: Wilbitz Rizk

END OF DOCUMENT 00 41 13

DOCUMENT 00 43 22
UNIT PRICES FORM

1.1 BID INFORMATION

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D. Owner: Baraga County.
2 South Main Street
L'Anse, Michigan 49946
(906) 524-9301

E. Landscape Architect: Sanders & Czapski Associates, PLLC, 105 Country Lane, Marquette, MI, 49855. Phone: 906-458-2209, Email: Bill@Sanders-Czapski.com

1.2 BID FORM SUPPLEMENT

A. This form is required to be attached to the Bid Form.

B. The undersigned Bidder proposes the amounts below be added to or deducted from the Contract Sum as directed in the performance of the work as the scope is modified by Owner.

C. The total of unit prices, based on estimated unit quantities shall equal the sum of the base bid.

1.3 UNIT PRICES: (include contractors overhead and profit in unit costs)

Unit-Price No. 1: Aggregate trail, 'Type 1' – consisting of topsoil stripping, minor grading, surface preparation, placement of aggregate subbase and ADA aggregate and restoration. Includes all labor and material for completed trail improvements (per lineal foot of trail 6'wide). Base bid on 6,392 lineal feet.

Cost per lineal foot $ $19.62 Nineteen dollars and 62/100.

Unit-Price No. 2: Aggregate trail, 'Type 2' – consisting of topsoil stripping, minor grading, surface preparation, placement of aggregate subbase and ADA aggregate and restoration. Includes all labor and material for completed trail improvements (per lineal foot of trail 6' wide). Base bid on 508 lineal feet.

Cost per lineal foot $ $54.31 Fifty four dollars and 31/100.

Unit-Price No. 3: Boardwalk – consisting of minor clearing, and construction and placement of wood boardwalk (per 6 foot wide x 8 foot long section). Base bid on 260 lineal feet.

Cost per 8' Section $ $296.62 Two hundred ninety six dollars 62/100.

Unit-Price No. 4: Camping Shelter – consisting of minor clearing, topsoil stripping, grading, placement of aggregate surfacing and campsite amenities and construction of shelter (per each). Including 30 lineal foot of spur approach trail. Base bid on 3 each.

Cost Each $ $30,136.00 Thirty thousand one hundred thirty six dollars each.

Unit-Price No. 5: Picnic Pad – consisting of minor clearing, topsoil stripping, grading, placement of aggregate surfacing and picnic table (per each). Including 20 lineal foot of spur approach trail. Base bid on 2 each.

Cost Each $ $7,480.00 Seven thousand four hundred eighty dollars each.

1.4 SUBMISSION OF BID SUPPLEMENT

Respectfully submitted this 8 day of July, 2013.

Submitted By: WR Construction, LLC
(Insert name of bidding firm or corporation)

Authorized Signature: Wilbert Rajala
(Handwritten signature)

Signed By: Wilbert Rajala

Bid Bond

AIA Document A310™ – 2010

Bid Bond No. GR36921

CONTRACTOR:
(Name, legal status and address)
WR CONSTRUCTION LLC
420 Cherry Street
Negaunee, MI 49866

SURETY:
(Name, legal status and principal place of business)
Granite Re, Inc.
14001 Quailbrook Drive
Oklahoma City, OK 73134

This document has important legal consequences. Consultation with an attorney is encouraged with respect to its completion or modification.

Any singular reference to Contractor, Surety, Owner or other party shall be considered plural where applicable.

OWNER:
(Name, legal status and address)
Baraga County
2 S Main St
L'Anse, MI 49946

BOND AMOUNT: Five Percent of the Bid Amount (5.00% of Bid Amount)

PROJECT:
(Name, location or address, and Project number, if any)
Point Abbaye Natural Area

The Contractor and Surety are bound to the Owner in the amount set forth above, for the payment of which the Contractor and Surety bind themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, as provided herein. The conditions of this Bond are such that if the Owner accepts the bid of the Contractor within the time specified in the bid documents, or within such time period as may be agreed to by the Owner and Contractor, and the Contractor either (I) enters into a contract with the Owner in accordance with the terms of such bid, and gives such bond or bonds as may be specified in the bidding or Contract Documents, with a surety admitted in the jurisdiction of the Project and otherwise acceptable to the Owner, for the faithful performance of such Contract and for the prompt payment of labor and material furnished in the prosecution thereof; or (2) pays to the Owner the difference, not to exceed the amount of this Bond, between the amount specified in said bid and such larger amount for which the Owner may in good faith contract with another party to perform the work covered by said bid, then this obligation shall be null and void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect. The Surety hereby waives any notice of an agreement between the Owner and Contractor to extend the time in which the Owner may accept the bid. Waiver of notice by the Surety shall not apply to any extension exceeding sixty (60) days in the aggregate beyond the time for acceptance of bids specified in the bid documents, and the Owner and Contractor shall obtain the Surety's consent for an extension beyond sixty (60) days.

If this Bond is issued in connection with a subcontractor's bid to a Contractor, the term Contractor in this Bond shall be deemed to be Subcontractor and the term Owner shall be deemed to be Contractor.

When this Bond has been furnished to comply with a statutory or other legal requirement in the location of the Project, any provision in this Bond conflicting with said statutory or legal requirement shall be deemed deleted herefrom and provisions conforming to such statutory or other legal requirement shall be deemed incorporated herein. When so furnished, the intent is that this Bond shall be construed as a statutory bond and not as a common law bond.

Signed and sealed this 8th day of July, 2026.

Margaret Rajala
(Witness)

(Witness) Kaylee Floodman

WR CONSTRUCTION LLC
(Principal) Wilbert Rajala (Seal)
Wilbert Rajala Owner
(Title)

Granite Re, Inc.
(Surety) (Seal)
~~(Title)~~ Eliot Motu, Attorney-in-fact

GRANITE RE, INC.

GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all Men by these Presents:

That GRANITE RE, INC., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of MINNESOTA and having its principal office at the City of OKLAHOMA CITY in the State of OKLAHOMA does hereby constitute and appoint:

MICHAEL J. DOUGLAS; CHRIS STEINAGEL; KARLA HEFFRON; SAMUEL DUCHOW; JULIA DOUGLAS; KORY MORTEL; ELIOT MOTU; WILLIAM FRAZIER its true and lawful Attorney-in-Fact(s) for the following purposes, to wit:

To sign its name as surety to, and to execute, seal and acknowledge any and all bonds, and to respectively do and perform any and all acts and things set forth in the resolution of the Board of Directors of the said GRANITE RE, INC. a certified copy of which is hereto annexed and made a part of this Power of Attorney; and the said GRANITE RE, INC. through us, its Board of Directors, hereby ratifies and confirms all and whatsoever the said:

MICHAEL J. DOUGLAS; CHRIS STEINAGEL; KARLA HEFFRON; SAMUEL DUCHOW; JULIA DOUGLAS; KORY MORTEL; ELIOT MOTU; WILLIAM FRAZIER may lawfully do in the premises by virtue of these presents.

In Witness Whereof, the said GRANITE RE, INC. has caused this instrument to be sealed with its corporate seal, duly attested by the signatures of its President and Assistant Secretary, this 31st day of July, 2023.

SEAL

Kenneth D. Whittington, President

Kyle P. McDonald, Assistant Secretary

STATE OF OKLAHOMA)
) SS:
COUNTY OF OKLAHOMA)

On this 31st day of July, 2023, before me personally came Kenneth D. Whittington, President of the GRANITE RE, INC. Company and Kyle P. McDonald, Assistant Secretary of said Company, with both of whom I am personally acquainted, who being by me severally duly sworn, said, that they, the said Kenneth D. Whittington and Kyle P. McDonald were respectively the President and the Assistant Secretary of GRANITE RE, INC., the corporation described in and which executed the foregoing Power of Attorney; that they each knew the seal of said corporation; that the seal affixed to said Power of Attorney was such corporate seal, that it was so fixed by order of the Board of Directors of said corporation, and that they signed their name thereto by like order as President and Assistant Secretary, respectively, of the Company.

My Commission Expires:
April 21, 2027
Commission #: 11003620

Bethany J. Alred
Notary Public

GRANITE RE, INC.

Certificate

THE UNDERSIGNED, being the duly elected and acting Assistant Secretary of Granite Re, Inc., a Minnesota Corporation, HEREBY CERTIFIES that the following resolution is a true and correct excerpt from the July 15, 1987, minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of Granite Re, Inc. and that said Power of Attorney has not been revoked and is now in full force and effect.

"RESOLVED, that the President, any Vice President, the Assistant Secretary, and any Assistant Vice President shall each have authority to appoint individuals as attorneys-in-fact or under other appropriate titles with authority to execute on behalf of the company fidelity and surety bonds and other documents of similar character issued by the Company in the course of its business. On any instrument making or evidencing such appointment, the signatures may be affixed by facsimile. On any instrument conferring such authority or on any bond or undertaking of the Company, the seal, or a facsimile thereof, may be impressed or affixed or in any other manner reproduced; provided, however, that the seal shall not be necessary to the validity of any such instrument or undertaking."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has subscribed this Certificate and affixed the corporate seal of the Corporation this 8th day of July, 2026.

Kyle P. McDonald, Assistant Secretary

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KEWEENAW BAY
AND BEYOND

Wendy Goodreau <goodreauw@baragacounty.org>

Door to Circuit Court Law Library

Ann Harris <aharris@tcpd.legal>
To: Wendy Goodreau <goodreauw@baragacounty.org>
Cc: David Gemignani <dgemignani@tcpd.legal>

Fri, Jun 26, 2026 at 2:54 PM

Wendy:

I know you are off until Monday, but I'll be on vacation next week and won't return from vacation until July 6th so I wanted to send you an email now.

Lauren Calef who is our Regional Manager from the MIDC observed circuit court in Baraga on June 23, 2026, and she had an issue with the lack of privacy that the attorneys have when meeting with MDOC inmates in the law library of the circuit court. This is in violation of MIDC Standard 2. She realizes that the corrections officers have to have eyes on the inmates at all time so that is why they have to open the door while the attorney meets with their client/inmate, but this is a problem due to lack of confidentiality. Lauren advises me that in some of the other counties in her region have solved this problem by having a window in the door to the confidential meeting space. Apparently, in Marquette County they were able to install a window in the existing door and then the door can be closed but the officers can have eyes on the inmate but cannot hear the conversation between the inmate and his attorney. The MIDC will reimburse the County for either replacing the door with one that has a window or having a window installed in the existing door, whichever is more cost effective. The project would have to be completed by the end of this fiscal year, September 30, 2026. Due to budget constraints this is the last year that the MIDC will be reimbursing counties for construction projects such as this.

I'm wondering if you could bring this matter before the board at the next regular meeting. I'm not sure if you have a building maintenance person that does jobs like this or if you would have to seek bids from local contractors. Lauren stated that once the county has an acceptable bid for the project, it could be forwarded to me and I will get approval from the MIDC, and once completed, the MIDC would reimburse the county for the cost of installing a window in the door or installing a new door with a window. She said if the project wasn't completed by September 30th, it's possible they could extend the deadline a bit.

I'm returning from vacation on July 6th and I was hoping we could chat about this then or as soon as you have a chance during that week.

I hope you have a great Fourth of July!

Ann

PLEASE CONFIRM RECEIPT OF THIS E-MAIL.

Ann M. Harris

RC mechanical, inc.
PLUMBING • HEATING • AIR CONDITIONING

51231 N Hwy US 41
Hancock, MI 49930
Phone (906) 482-0220
Fax (906) 482-4450

PROPOSAL

TO: Baraga County
Attn: Wendy Goodreau
2 S. Main Street
L'Anse, MI 49946

DATE: July 2, 2026

PROJECT: **Bell & Gossett Bearing Assembly for Pump Repair**

We propose to furnish material and labor to perform the Mechanical work for the above-proposed project.

<u>Items included in this proposal:</u>

- LABOR AND MATERIAL FOR PUMP REPAIR: **$3,185.00**

Price is guaranteed for 30 days. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (906) 482-0220 or (906) 370-4645. Thank you!

Ramon C. Simonson/tm
President
RC Mechanical, Inc.

KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY

Keweenaw Bay Tribal Center
16429 Beartown Road
Baraga, Michigan 49908
Phone (906) 353-6623
Fax (906) 353-7540

Baraga County Commissioners
2 S. Main Street
L'Anse, MI 49946
906-524-6100

Baraga County Commissioners,

On behalf of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, I would like to recommend Rodney Loonsfoot and Joseph Eckerberg to represent the KBIC on the Baraga County Veterans' Affairs Committee. Both are well qualified.

Sincerely,

Everett Ekdahl, Jr.
KBIC President

MINUTES:

BARAGA COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Tuesday, May 19th, 2026, 5:00 PM - BCMH Main Conference Room (ABCD)

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

Admin/Guests: Rob Stowe, Gail Jestila, Todd Peltola, Tom VanEss, Kelly Engle, Bill Menge, Sue Ingram

1. **Call to Order** – Beer

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

2. **Approval of Consent Agenda** ** - All

   A motion was made by Loman and seconded by Younggren to approve the Consent Agenda with Item #12 removed. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

3. **Approval of Minutes**

   a. Board Briefing of April 16th , 2026*
   b. Closed Session of April 16th, 2026*
   c. Board of Trustees Meeting of April 21st, 2026*

4. **Medical Staff** –Beer

   a. Medical-Dental Staff Meeting Minutes of April 8th, 2026**

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

   b. Medical-Dental Staff Executive & Credentials Committee

      i. Medical Staff Appointments, Reappointments, and Deletions of May 2026** - Belpedio

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

5. **Winkler Building Update** - Stowe

   Stowe shared that feedback from the board briefing was provided to Mary Myers at the Economic Development Committee (EDC). Myers gave very positive feedback and felt that the EDC would be able to meet all of the proposed conditions. Based on those discussions, Stowe expects the project to continue moving forward in the coming weeks.

6. **Financial Update** - Jestila

   Jestila reviewed the financial statements with the board. Cash is at $9.3 million, down slightly from $10.1 million last year. Revenue for the month came in at $5.2 million compared to $4.75 million last year, which is a $471,000 increase. Inpatient revenue was down, as inpatient had a very strong month last year. Outpatient revenue was up $618,000, and ER revenue was up $145,000.

*Consent Agenda Item **
*Action Item ***
*To be distributed at meeting ****

Year-to-date revenue is at $36.2 million compared to $32 million last year, which is an increase of $4.1 million over seven months. This reflects strong revenue growth of almost 13%. Expenses have also increased, coming in just under $3.4 million compared to $2.7 million last year. Jestila noted that expenses are being frontloaded as BCMH builds new staff and prepares for upcoming computer conversions. An interim cost report will be completed through June and submitted in July.

The month ended with a net loss of $274,000, bringing the year-to-date loss to $797,000. Surgical services, pain management, and the wound program all had their best months in April.

A motion was made by Loman and seconded by Wadaga to approve the financial statements. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

7. **Bayside Update** - Dault

Things are going well at Bayside Village overall. The facility's star rating decreased due to open activities that were in place when Dault assumed the position, as well as an elopement incident. The incident should have been appealed and should not have been classified as an immediate jeopardy event. Steps are being taken to improve the facility's star rating moving forward.

Bayside Village continues to operate at full capacity with an average daily census of 59 residents. The facility recently received its new bus, and residents and staff are very excited about it.

Jestila reviewed the Bayside Village financial report with the board. Revenue for the month was $578,000. The facility reported a loss for the month, which was attributed in part to nurse-related purchases and additional salary expenses. Cash on hand is $1.96 million. Census was 59 for the month, with a year-to-date average census of 55.

A motion was made by Wadaga and seconded by LaPointe to approve the Bayside Village financial statements. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

8. **Wound Care Update** - Van Ess

Van Ess shared that the wound care program had a great month from a revenue standpoint. The team is still caring for two hyperbaric oxygen (HBO) patients, which has kept the department busy. He also noted that the Director of Operations who oversaw the wound care center is no longer with Healogics and will be replaced by someone new.

9. **Physician Group Update** - Van Ess

   a. Menge - Dr. Menge went out of state for training on the Davinci this month and sat in on several procedures.

   b. McBride - The KBIC contract will start on June 1st. Dr. McBride went to KBIC today to check on their supplies to see what they may need to secure for him.

   c. Daya - Stowe, Dr. Daya, and VanEss traveled to Marquette to meet with their cardiology department and tour the hospital. It was a very productive visit, and Dr. Daya was able to connect with several providers and exchange contact information. During the visit, they discussed the possibility of bringing the device clinic to BCMH, and the Marquette team included their device clinic as part of the tour.

d. Additional PCP - Angela Stillwell is expected to start in mid to late summer, and the credentialing process will begin soon. A meeting is scheduled tomorrow with Medicus, a physician recruiting firm, to discuss the search for an additional urologist. The position would be in addition to Dr. Madjar. Stowe recently spoke with Dr. Madjar and assured him that BCMH intends to continue utilizing him in his current capacity for as long as he wishes. The recruitment effort is not intended to replace Dr. Madjar, but rather to support additional volume and serve as a succession plan.

10. Oracle Update - Van Ess

Van Ess shared that staff remains very busy with the Oracle implementation. Learning Concierge meetings were held today, which are designed to assess readiness for end-user training and review timelines, expectations, and trainer responsibilities. He reported that the project continues to go very well. Van Ess also shared that integration testing will begin over the next two weeks. The team will work through various scenarios to test the system, with clinical testing taking place during the first week and finance testing during the second week.

11. County Position - Peltola

Four candidates were interviewed last week for the county position, and there are some very strong candidates. A meeting is scheduled for tomorrow morning to discuss the interviews and determine the wage that can be offered. Several members of the 911 team also went to the board to discuss contributing additional funding to help increase the wage for the position.

Stowe also provided an update on the safe room in the Emergency Department. The project is progressing well, and the state has completed its review and provided approval, pending the installation of a sprinkler head. BCMH plans to install the same type of sprinkler head used in correctional facilities, after which the state will return for final approval. Maintenance staff are currently removing the existing walls and will install padded walls, and Furniture Mart will install the flooring once that work is complete.

12. Approval of Bylaws**

13. 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

14. Other -

Stowe shared that things continue to go well with the Winkler situation. It would be a great opportunity for us, and would bring 16 housing units for this community which is very positive.

15. Public Comment

Bill Menge was present and said that he attended the UPCAP Conference and felt Stowe's presentation was the best he had seen in his 16 years of attending. He noted that several attendees approached him after the presentation to ask where BCMH had found Rob and commented on the excellent job he did.

Engle shared that the wage reopener has been settled.

Sue Ingram said that representatives from the CKD grant program will be onsite tomorrow for a site visit. She also noted that she and Tom will be traveling to Marquette on Thursday for a grant presentation through the Superior Health Foundation.

16. Next Meeting: June 16th, 2026, 5:00pm –BCMH Main Conference Room

17. Adjournment –Beer

Ms. Beer adjourned the meeting at 5:39 p.m.

Motion: Mason, Second: Younggren - All were in favor, and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole L LaPointe

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: *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 ****

RESOLUTION OPPOSING LEGISLATION TO DISSOLVE THE UPPER PENINSULA COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM INTO A SINGLE SPECIALIZED REGIONAL MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Upper Peninsula Community Mental Health (CMH) and Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan (PIHP) system has historically operated under a decentralized, community-based model intended to preserve local control, responsiveness, and accountability to the residents of each county; and

WHEREAS, Senator McBroom's proposal would require the dissolution and consolidation of all five Upper Peninsula CMHs into a single specialized regional mental health authority, thereby transferring governance and operational authority from local entities to a centralized regional structure; and

WHEREAS, the ___________ County Board of Commissioners recognizes and appreciates efforts to improve behavioral health outcomes in the Upper Peninsula, including efforts to expand access to psychiatric inpatient services, the Board finds that the proposed legislation presents substantial governance, policy, and fiscal concerns; and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation is inconsistent with the longstanding principles of the Michigan Mental Health Code, which has favored decentralized, community-driven CMH systems over centralized institutional models; and

WHEREAS, a single specialized regional authority serving all fifteen Upper Peninsula counties would reduce local responsiveness and community control by removing decision-making authority from locally based CMH programs that understand the distinct geographic, demographic, and service delivery needs of their communities; and

WHEREAS, the proposal would effectively expose counties to expanded and potentially uncapped fiscal liability by eliminating the current statutory framework that defines and limits county financial responsibility, including formula-based protections established under Michigan law; and

WHEREAS, under the proposed structure, counties could become jointly responsible for the financial performance and obligations of a single specialized regional entity without clear statutory limits on deficits, extraordinary costs, capital obligations, or long-term psychiatric inpatient liabilities; and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation would require the single specialized regional entity to assume responsibility for long-term psychiatric inpatient services, including facility ownership or leasing, staffing, and operations, without clearly identified and sustainable funding parameters; and

WHEREAS, psychiatric inpatient services are capital-intensive and historically underfunded, and any expansion of inpatient capacity must account for workforce constraints, regulatory requirements, and the limitations on the use of Medicaid and opioid settlement funds; and

WHEREAS, the County Board believes that durable improvements in behavioral health services in the Upper Peninsula should be developed through consultation with subject matter experts, local providers, county officials, and community stakeholders in a manner that strengthens services without undermining local governance or long-term sustainability; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the _______________ County Board of Commissioners hereby opposes legislation that would dissolve the existing Upper Peninsula Community Mental Health system into a single specialized regional mental health authority; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the _________________ County Board of Commissioners urges the Michigan Legislature and all relevant policymakers to reject any proposal that removes local control, weakens community responsiveness, or imposes uncertain and potentially unlimited fiscal liability upon counties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ____________ County Board of Commissioners supports collaborative, sustainable, and community-driven approaches to strengthening behavioral health services in the Upper Peninsula, including solutions that address access, workforce, funding, and inpatient capacity without compromising local accountability.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to send a copy of this resolution to the Governor of Michigan, the Michigan Senate, the Michigan House of Representatives, Senator Ed McBroom, and other interested parties.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED BY ______________ COUNTY ON ___________, 2026.

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Board Chairperson Date