

BARAGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

Monday, February 10, 2025-5:00 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 – January 13, 2025 and Special Meeting – January 29, 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 (January 2025)
 - b. Approval of County Commissioner and Dept. Bills, \$
 - c. Approval of Prepaid Accounts, \$
 - d. Approval of Sheriff Dept. Commissary Checking Account, \$8,619.62
 7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 8. **ACTION ITEMS**
 - a. Chairman Appointments
 - WUPPDR, Board representative (2)
 - BHK Board
 - Western UP Substance Abuse and Family Planning Board
 - Western UP Health Department Board (2)
 - Finance Committee (2)
 - Personnel Committee (2)
 - Equalization Committee (2)
 - BC Recreation Committee (board member)
 - BCMH Board of Trustee – Liaison (1)
 - Child Development Board (1)
 - b. Board Appointments
 - UP RC& D Council
 - UPCAP Board of Directors
 - UP State Fair Authority
 - UPWARD Talent Council Board
 - c. Jury Commission, Appointment – Partial Term
 - d. Sheriff, BC Law Enforcement MOU
 9. **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**
 10. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**
 - BCMH Board of Trustees, Minutes
 11. **RESOLUTIONS**
 12. **COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**



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906-524-3300 www.bcmh.org

Board of Trustee Meeting Attendance - January 2025

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 1-16-2025:

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	\$ 30.00
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Regular Board Meeting of 1-21-25:

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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420

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Checks Written 1/1/2025 to 1/31/2025

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Number	Date	ID	Comment	Amount
2639	1/1/2025		97th District Court Baraga County	\$500.00
2640	1/3/2025		97th District Court Baraga County	\$100.00
2641	1/9/2025		Pats Foods	\$85.78
2642	1/9/2025		Stellar Services	\$2754.85
2643	1/15/2025		97th District Court Baraga County	\$1000.00
2644	1/16/2025		97th District Court Baraga County	\$300.00
2645	1/20/2025		97th District Court Baraga County	\$300.00
2646	1/24/2025		Pepsi Cola of Houghton	\$1492.80
2647	1/24/2025		Quill LLC	\$108.94
2648	1/24/2025		Stellar Services	\$858.37
2649	1/30/2025		Baraga County Treasurer	\$1118.88
				\$8619.62

UPCAP BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2025 NOMINATION FORM

**** TERMS ARE FOR 2 YEARS ****

Name of Member: _____ County Board of Commissioners

<p style="text-align: center;">UPCAP BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATION</p> <p>2023 Nominee:</p> <p>_____</p>
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Authorized Signature: _____

Date: _____

****Note: Nominations will be presented for consideration at the
UPCAP Board of Directors Annual Meeting.****

U.P. STATE FAIR AUTHORITY

2025 APPOINTMENT NOTICE

***TWO YEAR TERM ***

Name of County/Municipality:

**U.P. State Fair Authority
Appointee**

Appointee:

Name	Title
Address	
Phone/e-mail	

Authorized Signature: _____

Date: _____



1001 North Lincoln Road
Escanaba, Michigan 49829
(906) 786-2192 | Fax (906) 786-8830
www.upstatefair.org

January 31, 2025

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

Attention: Ms. Goodreau,

I am writing to respectfully request the reappointment of Mr. Gale Eilola as Baraga County's representative to the Upper Peninsula State Fair Authority.

Mr. Eilola has demonstrated exceptional dedication and commitment to ensuring the continued success of this cherished tradition. His tireless efforts, deep understanding of the year-round operations, and unwavering advocacy for Baraga County's role in this regional Authority significantly contributed to its growth and vibrancy. At its last meeting, he was appointed as an Authority trustee.

The U.P. State Fair and other events held on the fairgrounds are an integral part of our Upper Peninsula community and culture, and Mr. Eilola has proven to be an invaluable asset in upholding its legacy. His reappointment would ensure continuity and further strengthen Baraga County's presence and contributions to the fair Authority.

Thank you for considering this request. Please feel free to contact me if I can provide further information or support regarding this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Vickie Micheau'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Vickie Micheau, Executive Director
Delta County Chamber of Commerce ~ Management Agency

Houghton County Courthouse
401 East Houghton Avenue
Houghton, Michigan 49931
Phone: (906) 482-5420
Fax: (906) 482-7492

STATE OF MICHIGAN



TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT
BARAGA, HOUGHTON AND KEWEENAW COUNTIES

BRITTANY A. BULLEIT
12TH CIRCUIT JUDGE

Laura Lamerand, Administrator
laura@houghtoncounty.net
LeAnn Pulda, Court Reporter
leann.pulda@houghtoncounty.net

January 23, 2025

Brad Dakota, Chair
Baraga County Board of Commissioners
16 N. Third Street
L'Anse, MI 49946

Dear Mr. Dakota:

It has come to our attention that there is a current vacancy on the Jury Board for Baraga County. As you are likely aware, the Baraga County Jury Board is comprised of three members, and not more than two of the Board members can be affiliated with the same political party.

We understand that Shelley Lloyd, a republican, and Jay Elmlblad, a democrat, are currently serving on the board. A third Board member, however, must be appointed, and the appointment may be either a republican or a democrat.

We have contacted the Chairpersons of the Baraga County Democrat and Republican Parties to make them aware of the Board vacancy and seek their recommendations for an appointment; however, we have not received a response from either party. We did, however, receive a recommendation from the County Clerk regarding one interested individual.

Responsibility for filling Board vacancies rests with the Baraga County Board of Commissioners upon the advice and recommendation of the Circuit Judges.

We would respectfully recommend the appointment of the following individual to the Baraga County Jury Board:

Richard Johnson
16573 Selden Avenue
L'Anse, Michigan 49946

The above-named individual is a member of the Republican Party.

There is a considerable amount of clerical activity involved with the work of the Jury Board, and the Board members are required to get together on a number of occasions during the course of the year to perform their duties. We would respectfully recommend that the person that you

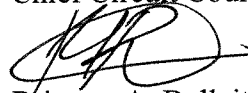
choose to appoint be aware that there is a certain amount of time and effort involved in Board service.

Thank you very much.

Yours Very Truly,

Handwritten signature of Timothy S. Brennan in cursive script.

Timothy S. Brennan
Chief Circuit Court Judge

Handwritten signature of Brittany A. Bulleit in cursive script.

Brittany A. Bulleit
12th Circuit Court Judge

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BARAGA COUNTY

RECIPROCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT

February 6, 2025

For the general purpose of reciprocal aid in law enforcement protection authorized by Public Act 236 of 1967 (MCLA 123.811), the undersigned Baraga County Law Enforcement Agencies and governmental entities ("Parties") hereby agree as follows:

1. DEFINITIONS

- A. "Commanding Officer" means the highest-ranking officer of a police department or the highest-ranking officer of Regional Dispatch on duty at the time of an emergency.
- B. "Emergency" shall mean a combination of circumstances requiring assistance of officers from another department or jurisdiction to handle a request for back-up by officers within their jurisdiction or a situation where officers are not available to handle a call within their jurisdiction and so Regional Dispatch sends officers from another department or jurisdiction to respond.
- C. "Requesting Department" shall mean a department that requests back-up at the scene of an emergency.
- D. "Responding Department" shall mean a department that provides back-up or aid pursuant to this agreement.
- E. "Regional Dispatch" shall mean Negaunee Regional Dispatch currently located at the Michigan Department of State Police, Negaunee Post #81, established pursuant to Public Act 236 of 1967, Section 4 (MCLA 123.814; MSA 5.3323 (4)).

- 2. DETERMINATION AND DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY:** The Requesting Department or Regional Dispatch shall be responsible for determining and declaring that an emergency exists.
- 3. REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE:** Upon determining and declaring that an emergency exists, the Requesting Department or Regional Dispatch shall make a request for assistance to the Responding Department(s).
- 4. RESPONSE TO REQUEST:** The Commanding Officer of the Responding Department(s) shall supply available personnel and equipment to provide back-up or meet the needs of the emergency. The Commanding Officer of the Responding Department(s) may decline the request for aid if personnel or equipment are not available at the time of the request. Under no circumstance shall this Agreement impose any duty or liability on any Party for failure to respond to the request for assistance.

5. DIRECTION AT SCENE OF EMERGENCY:

- A.** The Commanding Officer of the Requesting Department shall be the person in charge of operations at the scene of an emergency. All personnel and equipment of Responding Departments shall be under the control and direction of the Commanding Officer of the Requesting Department upon arriving at the scene of the emergency.
- B.** In situations where Regional Dispatch has declared an emergency and no officers from the jurisdiction where the emergency exists are on scene when officers from the responding department/s arrive, they will be in charge of operations until relieved by personnel from the requesting department.

6. WITHDRAWAL OF PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT: The personnel and equipment of a Responding Department may be withdrawn at any time at the discretion of the Commanding Officer of a Responding Department. The Responding Department is not required to remain on scene any longer than is deemed necessary by the Commanding Officer of the Responding Department. A Responding Department shall not be liable to a Requesting Department for leaving the scene of an emergency in order to answer a call for service in the Responding Departments community.

7. LIABILITY: To the extent permitted by law and without waiving governmental immunity, each Party to this Agreement will be responsible for any and all claims, demands, suits, actions, damages, and causes of action related to or arising out of or in any way connected with its own actions of its personnel in providing mutual aid assistance or when participating in joint training exercises pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

8. INSURANCE: Each Party to this Agreement shall obtain and maintain the following types and levels of insurance for the duration of this Agreement.

- A.** General Liability-\$1,000,000 combined single limit per occurrence for bodily injury, personal injury, and property damage.
- B.** Public Official Liability & Law Enforcement Liability-\$1,000,000 combined single limit.
- C.** Worker's Compensation Coverage-statutory levels of workers' compensation coverage for its own employees.

9. WAIVER OF COMPENSATION: The Requesting and Responding Departments waive all claims for compensation from each other including wages, benefits, and charges for supplies or equipment used or expended while rendering services under this Agreement.

10. TERMINATION: Any Party to this Agreement may terminate its participation in this Agreement by providing thirty (30) days prior written notice to the Baraga County

Sheriff, P.O. Box 307, 940 US-41 L'Anse, MI 49946 and Post Commander, Michigan State Police, Calumet Post #87, 55195 US-41, Calumet, MI 49913

11. EFFECTIVE DATE: This Agreement shall become effective February 3, 2025 and remain in full force and effect until December 31, 2028, unless sooner terminated under Section 10.

MICHIGAN STATE POLICE

NEGAUNEE REGIONAL

DISPATCH CENTER

Lt. Jason Wickstrom

Date:

Benjamin Watson, Dispatch

Dispatch Director, NRCC

Date:

BARAGA CO. SHERIFF'S OFFICE

BARAGA COUNTY

Joe Brogan, Sheriff

Date:

Brad Dakota, Chairman

Date:

L'ANSE VILLAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

L'ANSE VILLAGE

Chad Soli, Chief

Date:

Robert LaFave, Village Manager

Date:

BARAGA VILLAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

BARAGA VILLAGE

Irv Smith, Chief

Date:

LeAnn LeClaire, Village

Manager

Date:

KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY
TRIBAL POLICE DEPARTMENT

KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN
COMMUNITY

Dale Goodreau, Chief

Date:

Robert Curtis Jr., President

Date:

MINUTES:

BARAGA COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Tuesday, December 17th, 2024 5:00 PM -BCMh Main Conference Room (ABCD)

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

Admin/Guests: Rob Stowe, Gail Jestila, Kelly Engle, Tom VanEss, Sue Ingram, Dan Dube, Gregg Fisher, Roberta Rosenberger, Carla Engle, Mike Koskinen, Carole Hokkanen, Chrissie Majurin, Jess Paisley (Eide Bailly)

1. Call to Order – Beer

Ms. Beer called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

2. Approval of Consent Agenda ** - All

A motion to approve the consent agenda as amended, with the addition of the audit to item 4(c), was made by Mr. Loman and seconded by Ms. Wadaga. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

- a. Board Briefing of November 13th, 2024*
- b. Closed Session of November 13th, 2024*
- c. Board of Trustees Meeting of November 18th, 2024*

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

4. Medical Staff –Beer

- a. Medical-Dental Staff Meeting Minutes of November 12th , 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 December 2024** - Belpedio

Motion: Mason, Second: Wadaga - All in favor, motion carried

- c. Mr. Jess Paisley from Eide Bailly presented the audit to the board.

A motion was made by Mr. Mason and seconded by Ms. Wadaga to approve the audit. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

5. Administrative Items

- a. 2025 BCMH Board of Trustee Meeting Schedule*

*Consent Agenda Item **

*Action Item ***

*To be distributed at meeting ****

6. Financial Update - Jestila

Ms. Jestila presented preliminary financial information for November to the board. Cash increased by \$1.2 million, bringing the total up to \$12.75 million in November. Revenue for November was \$4.2 million, with year-to-date revenue at \$8.7 million (compared to \$8.8 million last year, with a \$400,000 difference due to Portage chemos last year). Expenses for November were \$2.45 million, with year-to-date expenses totalling \$5.16 million.

A motion was made by Ms. Wadaga to approve the preliminary financials and seconded by Ms. LaPointe. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

7. Bayside Update - Stowe

Ms. Rosenberger provided an update to the board. The census is at 58 today, including two Medicare A patients (which generate higher reimbursement) and 6 private pay residents. At last night's board meeting, the board agreed to cover the difference in staff health insurance costs. Staffing remains strong with 14 staff nurses and 5 PRN nurses, along with CNAs, making the facility very well-staffed. Ms. Jestila also provided a financial update for November.

8. Wound Care Update - Peltola

Mr. Stowe reported no significant changes since the last meeting. He had requested a potential rendering for a hyperbaric chamber to be installed in the existing purchasing area. A new chair-type chamber option is being looked at, so we requested information on that as well. The Director position has been reposted, so we will provide updates on that.

9. Physician Group Update - Van Ess

We recently signed a contract with Angela Robertson, a Primary Care Resident in Marquette, who will be finished with her residency in June of 2026.

10. Ontonagon Update - Stowe

Ontonagon residents continue to come here for their services. In November 10% of our ER patients and 18% of our inpatients were from Ontonagon. Additionally, UGL will be adding a physician to serve Ontonagon a couple days per week.

11. Quality Update –Peltola

Nursing Participated in nurse competency training today, which covered a range of topics including quality, pediatric codes and emergencies, emergency deliveries, postpartum care, ventilator training, EMTALA, emergency medication drips, and vital signs outside of normal parameters. The training will be repeated again tomorrow and was well attended.

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 - None.

14. Public Comment - None.

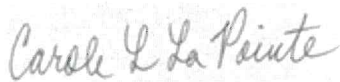
15. Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 21st, 2025 5:00pm –BCMh Main Conference Room

16. Adjournment –Beer

Ms. Beer adjourned the meeting at 5:59 p.m.

Motion: Younggren, Second: Lapointe - 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.

Consent Agenda Item *

Action Item **

To be distributed at meeting ***

13. PUBLIC COMMENTS

14. ADJOURNMENT