**BARAGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**April 12, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Rolof called the Regular Meeting on Monday, April 12, 2022 at 5:00 p.m., in the Circuit Courtroom, Baraga County Courthouse, 16 N. Third Street, L’Anse, MI 49946.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:**

Chairman Rolof led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

**ROLL CALL:**

Chairman Rolof instructed Clerk Goodreau to take roll call with the following results:

Present: Gale Eilola, District 1; Dan Robillard, District 2; Brad Dakota, District 3; and Lyle Olsen, District 4; William Rolof, District 5.

Absent: None.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Commissioner Robillard made a motion, supported by Commissioner Olsen to approve the Agenda, adding Action Items: g. Baraga County Road Commission, resolutions of support for projects and h. Sheriff Department, funding request for locks. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Commissioner Eilola made a motion, supported by Commissioner Olsen to approve the minutes for the Regular meeting held on March 14, 2022. On Voice Vote, the motion.

**PUBLIC COMMENT-Agenda Items Only:**

Chairman Rolof opened the meeting up for public comment on Agenda items. There was no public comment.

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

As presented by Treasurer, Jill C. Tollefson.

Commissioner Robillard made a motion, supported by Commissioner Dakota to approve the following Budget Amendments:

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| **BARAGA COUNTY** |  |  |  |
| **BUDGET AMENDMENTS** |  |  | BA # 02-2022 |
| For the Fiscal Year Ending 09/30/2022 | |  |  |
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| Account Name | Account Number | Revenue Increase - (Decrease) | Expense - Increase-(Decrease) |
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| **GENERAL FUND - REVENUES** |  |  |  |
| **SPECIAL REVENUE FUND** |  |  |  |
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| Remonumentation Grant | 101-000-576.00 | $ 12,339.00 |  |
| Raise The Age Grant | 292-000-675.00 | $ 12,880.00 |  |
| Fund Balance Surplus | 260-000-699.99 | $ 85,000.00 |  |
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| **GENERAL FUND - EXPENDITURES** |  |  |  |
| **SPECIAL REVENUE FUND** |  |  |  |
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| Contractual Service - Admin | 101-295-704.00 |  | $ 881.00 |
| Professional and Contractual Services | 101-295-801.00 |  | $ 10,374.00 |
| Equipment | 101-295-950.00 |  | $ 1,084.00 |
| Salary and Wages RTA | 292-662-704.00 |  | $ 9,900.00 |
| Social Security / Medicare | 292-662-715.00 |  | $ 820.00 |
| Supplies and Materials RTA | 292-662-727.01 |  | $ 700.00 |
| Travel Expense RTA | 292-662-860.01 |  | $ 1,460.00 |
| Equipment | 260-000-970.00 |  | $ 85,000.00 |
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|  |  | $ 110,219.00 | $ 110,219.00 |

On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

**REVIEW OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS:**

Commissioner Olsen made a motion, supported by Commissioner Eilola to approve the BCMH Trustee Per Diem for March 2022 ($1,020.00). On Roll Call Vote, the motion carried. Roll Call was as follows: Yeas; Commissioner Eilola, Commissioner Dakota, Commissioner Robillard, Commissioner Olsen, and Commissioner Rolof. Nays; None. Absent; None.

Commissioner Dakota made a motion, supported by Commissioner Robillard to approve the payment of the Claims and Accounts for the period of March 15, 2022 through April 12, 2022 in the amount of $61,465.86 + $84.82. On Roll Call Vote, the motion carried. Roll Call was as follows: Yeas; Commissioner Eilola, Commissioner Dakota, Commissioner Robillard, Commissioner Olsen, and Commissioner Rolof. Nays; None. Absent; None.

Commissioner Eilola made a motion, supported by Commissioner Olsen to approve the payment of the Prepaid Bills and Trust and Agency Accounts for the period of March 15, 2022 through April 12, 2022 in the amount of $1,108,162.51. On Roll Call Vote, the motion carried. Roll Call was as follows: Yeas; Commissioner Eilola, Commissioner Dakota, Commissioner Robillard, Commissioner Olsen, and Commissioner Rolof. Nays; None. Absent; None.

Commissioner Eilola made a motion, supported by Commissioner Olsen to approve the Sheriff’s Dept. Commissary Account expenditures for March 2022 in the amount of $12,397.55. On Roll Call Vote, the motion carried. Roll Call was as follows: Yeas; Commissioner Eilola, Commissioner Dakota, Commissioner Robillard, Commissioner Olsen, and Commissioner Rolof. Nays; None. Absent; None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

There was no unfinished business.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

Commissioner Dakota made a motion, supported by Commissioner Robillard to send a letter of support on behalf of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community’s land claims against the United States and the State of Michigan. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Patrick Osterman, Equalization Director, presented the Board with the 2022 annual equalization report. Mr. Osterman was pleased to report that the taxable value and assessed value has grown county-wide. Commissioner Eilola made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dakota to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has examined the assessment rolls of the several townships in the County, through its Equalization Department, to ascertain whether the real property in the respective townships has been equally and uniformly assessed at true cash value, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners deem such assessments to be relatively equal,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the assessment rolls on the real property of the various townships in the County for the year 2022 and the same are equalized as follows, and the breakdown by class be filed in the County Clerk’s office.

**TOTAL AS EQUALIZED**

TOWNSHIP REAL PROPERTY

Arvon $72,867,435

Baraga $143,117,209

Covington $34,286,078

L’Anse $117,818,553

Spurr $40,818,961

On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Olsen made a motion, supported by Commission Dakota to approve overnight travel for Dawn Howe, Juvenile Caseworker to visit a child under her supervision. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Robillard made a motion, supported by Commissioner Eilola to approve Probate Court’s grant applications to Portage Health Foundation ($2,000 – equipment) and Raise the Age Grant ($12,880.00 – wages for additional supervision). On Voice Vote the motion carried.

Commissioner Olsen made a motion, supported by Commissioner Eilola to approve the contract with WUPPDR to update the Baraga County Recreation Plan. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Dakota made a motion, supported by Commissioner Olsen to approve $200.00 for advertising for the Lake Trout Festival. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Robillard made a motion, supported by Commissioner Olsen to appoint Commissioner Eilola to the UPRC&D Council and Commissioner Dakota as the alternate and authorize $350.00 for the annual dues. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Eilola made a motion, supported by Commissioner Dakota to approve a Letter of Support to Senator Gary Peters for the FY2023 Congressionally Designated Spending Request prepared by the Baraga County Road Commission which would provide federal funding for a new Transportation Maintenance Facility/Service Center to support the Road Commission Operations.

Commissioner Olsen made a motion, supported by Commissioner Eilola to approve a Letter of Support for the two (2) FY 2023 Community Project Funding applications prepared by the Baraga County Road Commission for 1)Skanee Road Improvements (from Town Road to Portice Road) and 2)Skanee Road Improvements (from Jentoft Road to Town Road) for funding consideration under the Transportation/HUD, Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP) Account.

Commissioner Robillard made a motion, supported by Commissioner Olsen to approve a Letter of Support to Senator Debbie Stabenow for the FY2023 Congressionally Designated Spending Request to be submitted by the Village of L’Anse for the Broad and Main Street Corridor Improvement Project (from US41 to Jentoft Road) in the Village to provide federal funding under the Transportation/HUD, Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP) Account.

Commissioner Eilola made a motion, supported by Commissioner Olsen to approve a Letter of Support to Senator Debbie Stabenow for the FY2023 Congressionally Designated Spending Request to be submitted by the Baraga County Road Commission for the proposed Baraga Plains Connector Route (from US41 to M38) to provide federal funding under the Transportation/HUD, Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP) Account.

Sheriff Brogan reported that the lock system at the jail is dated and failing. The locks are the original locks that were installed when the jail was built and the jail was the last facility the locks were used in, they are obsolete and parts are no longer available. Sheriff Brogan provided three proposals, as follows: WDSI; (Brinx) $82,650.00, Sedaptic, Inc.; (Southern Steel) $96,293.64, or (Brinx) $75,672.00. Sedaptic, Inc. is the company installing the security cameras and recommend the Southern Steel lock. Commissioner Robillard made a motion, supported by Commissioner Olsen to use ARPA funds to purchase 27 new locks for the Jail in the amount of $96,293.64 for the Southern Steel lock installed by Sedaptic, Inc. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

Commissioner Eilola reported the Baraga County Fair and the UP Fair are being planned. There are facility projects going on at the Baraga County Fairgrounds.

Commissioner Robillard reported on the UP Western Health Department. The Board received an environmental update. There have been some personnel changes. The L’Anse office will have a nurse 3 days a week.

Commissioner Olsen reported on the Baraga County Recreation Committee, there was discussion about Point Abbaye and the next phase. The Committee also discussed getting a grant writer for the County and all units of government. Commissioner Olsen said the committee discussed the road to the park.

Doug Mills, Baraga County Road Commission Engineer/Manager also stated that the BCRC will be submitting a request for ARPA funds in the near future.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

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**RESOLUTIONS:**

There were no Resolutions.

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the County Board, Commissioner Eilola made a motion, supported by Commissioner Olsen to adjourn the meeting until Monday, May 9, 2022. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy J. Goodreau

County Clerk