**BARAGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**May 9, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Rolof called the Regular Meeting on Monday, Monday, May 9, 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: Dan Robillard, District 2; Brad Dakota, District 3; and Lyle Olsen, District 4; William Rolof, District 5. Absent: Gale Eilola, District 1.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Commissioner Robillard made a motion, supported by Commissioner Olsen to approve the Agenda, removing Approval of Bills, a. BCMH Trustee Per Diem (Clerk’s Office didn’t receive statement from BCMH. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Commissioner Olsen made a motion, supported by Commissioner Dakota to approve the minutes for the Regular meeting held on April 12, 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 Olsen left the meeting for a fire call.

**REVIEW OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS:**

Commissioner Dakota made a motion, supported by Commissioner Robillard to approve the payment of the Claims and Accounts for the period of April 13, 2022 through May 9, 2022 in the amount of $43,633.76. On Roll Call Vote, the motion carried. Roll Call was as follows: Yeas; Commissioner Dakota, Commissioner Robillard and Commissioner Rolof. Nays; None. Absent; Commissioner Eilola and Commissioner Olsen.

Commissioner Robillard made a motion, supported by Commissioner Dakota to approve the payment of the Prepaid Bills and Trust and Agency Accounts for the period of April 13, 2022 through May 9, 2022 in the amount of $472,171.17. On Roll Call Vote, the motion carried. Roll Call was as follows: Yeas; Commissioner Dakota, Commissioner Robillard and Commissioner Rolof. Nays; None. Absent; Commissioner Eilola and Commissioner Olsen.

Commissioner Robillard made a motion, supported by Commissioner Dakota to approve the Sheriff’s Dept. Commissary Account expenditures for April 2022 in the amount of $14,401.93. On Roll Call Vote, the motion carried. Roll Call was as follows: Yeas; Commissioner Dakota, Commissioner Robillard and Commissioner Rolof. Nays; None. Absent; Commissioner Eilola and Commissioner Olsen.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

There was no unfinished business.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

Commissioner Robillard made a motion, supported by Commissioner Dakota to approve and sign the 2022 L-4029 Tax Rate Request. On Voice Vote, the motion carried. The 2022 Tax Rate Request L-4029 will be placed on file in the office of the County Clerk.

Commissioner Dakota made a motion, supported by Commissioner Robillard to approve the purchase of an advertisement in the L’Anse Sentinel Summer in Baragaland edition in the amount $97.50. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Robillard made a motion, supported by Commissioner Dakota to support the construction of a non-motorized trail (using ARPA Funding) in the Village of Baraga with the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Village of Baraga is seeking a monetary contribution from Baraga County to construct a non-motorized route through the Village of Baraga from the Village Marina to the Baraga State Park.

WHERAS, the Village of Baraga has previously received funds through MDOT, MDNR, MEDC and the Portage Health Foundation to construct a non-motorized route through the Village of Baraga from the Marina to the Baraga State Park.

WHEREAS MDOT requires a formal commitment from the Village committing to the funds necessary to carry out the project, including engineering for design and construction, administration cost, cost overruns, and matching funds equal to $400,000.00.

WHEREAS the Village of Baraga will provide matching funds up to $200,000.00 towards the project’s total construction costs.

WHEREAS Baraga County will provide a monetary contribution towards the construction of the non-motorized route for matching funds in excess of the $200,000.00 matching funds the Village of Baraga is providing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Baraga County will provide a monetary contribution towards the construction of the non-motorized route through the Village of Baraga from the Marina to the Baraga State Park up to $200,000.00.

On Roll Call Vote, the motion carried. Roll Call was as follows: Yeas; Commissioner Dakota, Commissioner Robillard and Commissioner Rolof. Nays; None. Absent; Commissioner Eilola and Commissioner Olsen.

Commissioner Dakota made a motion, supported by Commissioner Robillard to allocate $10,000 of ARPA funds to the Baraga County EDC for continued planning, attraction, retention and outreach. On Roll Call Vote, the motion carried. Roll Call was as follows: Yeas; Commissioner Dakota, Commissioner Robillard and Commissioner Rolof. Nays; None. Absent; Commissioner Eilola and Commissioner Olsen.

Harold Miron updated the Board on the work of the Baraga County Trails Authority. They are looking to have the railroad from Baraga to L’Anse and railroads in Spurr and Covington Township abandoned and for use for trails. Commissioner Robillard made a motion, supported by Commissioner Dakota to support the abandonment of the railroad from L’Anse to Baraga and railroads in Spurr and Covington Township for trail connectivity. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Robillard made a motion, supported by Commissioner Dakota to contract with Sanders & Czapski for professional services for Point Abbaye – Improvement Plan/Grant Services in the amount of $6,382.00. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

A request for ARPA funding from the Baraga County Road Commission was tabled.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**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 Robillard made a motion, supported by Commissioner Dakota to adjourn the meeting until Monday, June 13, 2022. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy J. Goodreau

County Clerk