**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**August 10, 2020**

**DUE TO COVID-19 MEETING WAS HELD VIA ZOOM**

**ALL MOTIONS WERE ROLL CALL VOTES**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairperson Koskinen called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom, Baraga County Administration Building, 2 S. Main Street, L’Anse, Michigan 49946.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Zoom/Video/Audio: Mike Koskinen, District 2, Dan Robillard, District 3, William Menge, District 4, and William Rolof, District 5.

Absent: Gale Eilola, District 1.

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

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Commissioner Rolof made a motion, supported by Commissioner Menge to approve the Agenda, as presented. On Roll Call Vote, the motion carried. Roll Call was as follows: Yeas; Commissioner Koskinen, Commissioner Menge, Commissioner Rolof, and Commissioner Robillard. Nays; None. Absent; Commissioner Eilola.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Commissioner Robillard made a motion, supported by Commissioner Rolof to approve the minutes for the Regular meeting held on July 13, 2020. On Roll Call Vote, the motion carried. Roll Call was as follows: Yeas; Commissioner Koskinen, Commissioner Menge, Commissioner Rolof, and Commissioner Robillard. Nays; None. Absent; Commissioner Eilola.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No public comment.

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

Treasurer, Jill C. Tollefson, presented monthly financial reports.

**REVIEW OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS:**

Commissioner Menge made a motion, supported by Commissioner Rolof to approve the BCMH Trustee Per Diem for July 2020 ($1,090.00). On Roll Call Vote, the motion carried. Roll Call was as follows: Yeas; Commissioner Koskinen, Commissioner Menge, Commissioner Robillard and Commissioner Rolof. Nays; None. Absent; Commissioner Eilola.

Commissioner Rolof made a motion, supported by Commissioner Menge to approve the payment of the Claims and Accounts for the period of July 14, 2020 through August 10, 2020 in the amount of $62,406.71. On Roll Call Vote, the motion carried. Roll Call was as follows: Yeas; Commissioner Koskinen, Commissioner Menge, Commissioner Robillard and Commissioner Rolof. Nays; None. Absent; Commissioner Eilola.

Commissioner Eilola entered the meeting at 5:04 p.m..

Commissioner Robillard made a motion, supported by Commissioner Menge to approve the payment of the Prepaid Bills and Trust and Agency Accounts for the period of July 14, 2020 through August 10, 2020 in the amount of $610,884.33. On Roll Call Vote, the motion carried. Roll Call was as follows: Yeas; Commissioner Eilola, Commissioner Koskinen, Commissioner Menge, Commissioner Robillard and Commissioner Rolof. Nays; None. Absent; None.

Commissioner Menge made a motion, supported by Commissioner Eilola to approve the payment of the Sheriff Department Commissary Account for the period of July 14, 2020 through August 10, 2020 in the amount of $6,349.21. On Roll Call Vote, the motion carried. Roll Call was as follows: Yeas; Commissioner Eilola, Commissioner Koskinen, Commissioner Menge, Commissioner Robillard and Commissioner Rolof. Nays; None. Absent; None.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

No old business.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

Kate Beer, Director, Western U.P. Health Department, presented on the allocation request for FY21. Ms. Beer also updated the Board on the COVID-19 testing results.

Commissioner Rolof made a motion, supported by Commissioner Robillard to grant a 12-week medical leave of absence for Tyler Harkonen. On Roll Call Vote, the motion carried. Roll Call was as follows: Yeas; Commissioner Eilola, Commissioner Koskinen, Commissioner Menge, Commissioner Robillard and Commissioner Rolof. Nays; None. Absent; None.

Commissioner Rolof made a motion, supported by Commissioner Eilola to advertise for the County’s liability insurance package and snow removal for FY21. On Roll Call Vote, the motion carried. Roll Call was as follows: Yeas; Commissioner Eilola, Commissioner Koskinen, Commissioner Menge, Commissioner Robillard and Commissioner Rolof. Nays; None. Absent; None.

Commissioner Menge made a motion, supported by Commissioner Robillard to make the following change to the Personnel Handbook:

22.1: Each regularly scheduled full time employee shall be eligible to participate in the County’s comprehensive medical and hospitalization plan. This coverage is available at completion of the probationary period and continues only during the employee’s term of employment with the County. ***Eligible dependents for health, drug, dental and vision insurance plans include: Spouse,***  ***Dependent child by birth or legal adoption or legal guardianship under age of 19, Dependent child by birth or legal adoption or legal guardianship over the age of 19 who is at minimum a half-time student through the end of the month in which the child reaches age 26. Eligibility ceases once child has coverage available thru own employment.***  ***Step-children, they must live with you at least 50% of the time and you must provide at least 50% of their support (the above dependent provisions apply).  The following documentation will be required: marriage license, birth certificate, proof of school enrollment (dependent over 19), and proof of no credible insurance coverage (dependent over 19).***

22.4: Upon retirement of any employee beginning at age fifty-five (55) with fourteen (14) years of continuous service with the County work force, the County will pay hospitalization premiums for three (3) years. However, when a retiree qualifies for Medicare the County will pay for Medicare Supplement. Coverage is intended for the entire family. ***See 22.1 for dependent coverage eligibility.*** This provision does not apply to anyone retiring before age fifty-five (55) or anyone not working full time. This provision does not apply to those hired after 9/1/2019.

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

Commissioner Rolof made a motion, supported by Commissioner Eilola to extend the Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Enforcement contract with John Pekkala until September or when the County can find a local person to take on the contract. On Roll Call Vote, the motion carried. Roll Call was as follows: Yeas; Commissioner Eilola, Commissioner Koskinen, Commissioner Menge, Commissioner Robillard and Commissioner Rolof. Nays; None. Absent; None.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

No resolutions.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

Commissioner Robillard asked questions regarding the branding project and tourism opportunities.

Clerk Goodreau reported on CARES Act funding opportunities under the PSPHPR and FHRPPP grant opportunities. The PSPHPR is a grant that would fund payroll/benefits of public safety employees for the month of April and May 2020. The FHRPPP is a grant that would fund hazard pay for public safety employees. No action needed.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

The following items were presented for information:

* BCMH Board of Trustee, Minutes
* US Department of Interior, Building and Rebuilding Monuments

**RESOLUTIONS:**

No Resolutions.

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the County Board, Commissioner Rolof made a motion, supported by Commissioner Menge to adjourn the meeting until Monday, September 14, 2020. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Michael R. Koskinen, Chairman Wendy J. Goodreau, Clerk