**BARAGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**October 13, 2020**

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

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Vice-Chairperson Eilola called the Public Hearing on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom, Baraga County Administration Building, 2 S. Main Street, L’Anse, Michigan 49946.

Vice-Chairperson Eilola called for a moment of silence in honor of the passing of recently retired BCRC board member Buddy Koski.

**ROLL CALL:**

Vice-Chairman Eilola instructed Clerk Goodreau to take roll call with the following results:

Present: Gale Eilola, District 1, Dan Robillard, District 3, William Menge, District 4, and William Rolof, District 5.

Absent: Mike Koskinen, District 2.

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

Vice-Chairman Eilola led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Commissioner Robillard made a motion, supported by Commissioner Robillard to approve the Agenda, as presented. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Commissioner Menge made a motion, supported by Commissioner Rolof to approve the minutes for the Regular meeting held on September 14, 2020 and the Special meeting held on September 28, 2020. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Vice-Chairman Eilola opened the meeting up for public comment. There was no public comment.

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

As presented by Treasurer, Jill C Tollefson.

**REVIEW OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS:**

Commissioner Menge made a motion, supported by Commissioner Rolof to approve the BCMH Trustee Per Diem for September 2020 ($700.00). On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Rolof made a motion, supported by Commissioner Robillard to approve the payment of the Claims and Accounts for the period of September 15, 2020 through October 13, 2020 in the amount of $34,070.56. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Rolof made a motion, supported by Commissioner Robillard to approve the payment of the Prepaid Bills and Trust and Agency Accounts for the period of September 15, 2020 through October 13, 2020 in the amount of $580,524.78. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Robillard made a motion, supported by Commissioner Rolof to approve the payment of the Sheriff Department Commissary Account for the period of September 15, 2020 through October 13, 2020 in the amount of $8,575.16. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**ACTION ITEMS:**

Commissioner Robillard made a motion, supported by Commissioner Rolof to approve the 2020 millage rates submitted by Equalization Director Patrick Osterman with the following resolution. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the County has examined the Certificates, statements, papers and records submitted to it showing the amount of monies (expressed millage rates) to be raised in the several townships of the County, School, Township and other purposes, now on file in the office of the County Clerk, and properly certified to, no objections being made to raising any such monies by any taxpayer to be affected thereby.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board directs that the several amounts be raised for County, School, Township, and other purposed and that said amount (in millage) be spread on the assessment rolls of the proper township as follows:

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| 2020 MILLAGE RATES |  |
| BARAGA COUNTY |  |
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| ***ARVON TOWNSHIP*** |  |  | ***L'ANSE TOWNSHIP*** |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| State Education Tax | 6.0000 |  |  | State Education Tax | 6.0000 |  |
| School Operation | 10.0000 |  |  | School Operation | 18.0000 |  |
| Intermediate School | 0.3992 |  |  | School Bond | 2.9600 |  |
| Intermediate School | 1.9385 |  |  | School Sinking Fund | 1.0000 |  |
| Intermediate School | 0.9993 |  |  | Intermediate School | 0.3992 |  |
| County | 8.5957 |  |  | Intermediate School | 1.9385 |  |
| County Roads | 1.9990 |  |  | Intermediate School | 0.9993 |  |
| Senior Citizens | 0.9995 |  |  | County | 8.5957 |  |
| Township | 0.9894 |  |  | County Roads | 1.9990 |  |
| Township Hall | 0.5000 |  |  | Senior Citizens | 0.9995 |  |
| Township Fire | 1.5000 |  |  | Township | 1.0000 |  |
| Township Ambulance | 0.3000 |  |  | Township Fire | 1.0000 |  |
| Township Road | 1.0000 |  |  | Township Ambulance | 1.0000 |  |
| **NON-HOMESTEAD** | **35.2206** |  |  | **NON-HOMESTEAD** | **45.8912** |  |
| **HOMESTEAD** | **25.2206** |  |  | **HOMESTEAD** | **27.8912** |  |
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| ***BARAGA TOWNSHIP*** |  |  | ***SPURR TOWNSHIP*** |  |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| State Education Tax | 6.0000 |  |  | State Education Tax | 6.0000 |  |
| School Operation | 17.9820 |  |  | School Operation | 18.0000 |  |
| School Bond | 0.0000 |  |  | School Bond | 0.0000 |  |
| Sinking Fund | 2.9970 |  |  | School Sinking Fund | 1.7415 |  |
| Intermediate School | 0.3992 |  |  | Intermediate School | 0.2040 |  |
| Intermediate School | 1.9385 |  |  | Intermediate School | 1.7394 |  |
| Intermediate School | 0.9993 |  |  | Intermediate School | 0.2606 |  |
| County | 8.5957 |  |  | County | 8.5957 |  |
| County Roads | 1.9990 |  |  | County Roads | 1.9990 |  |
| Senior Citizens | 0.9995 |  |  | Senior Citizens | 0.9995 |  |
| Township | 0.9962 |  |  | Township | 0.9923 |  |
| Township Ambulance | 1.5000 |  |  | Township Fire | 2.4807 |  |
| Township Fire | 1.5000 |  |  | Township Garbage | 2.2500 |  |
| **NON-HOMESTEAD** | **45.9064** |  |  | Township Roads | 2.0000 |  |
| **HOMESTEAD** | **27.9244** |  |  | Township Cemetery | 0.3500 |  |
|  |  |  |  | **NON-HOMESTEAD** | **47.6127** |  |
|  |  |  |  | **HOMESTEAD** | **29.6127** |  |
| ***COVINGTON TOWNSHIP*** |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| State Education Tax | 6.0000 |  |  |  |
| School Operation | 18.0000 |  |  |  |  |  |
| School Bond | 2.9600 |  |  |  |  |  |
| School Sinking Fund | 1.0000 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Intermediate School | 0.3992 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Intermediate School | 1.9385 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Intermediate School | 0.9993 |  |  |  |  |  |
| County | 8.5957 |  |  |  |  |  |
| County Roads | 1.9990 |  |  |  |
| Senior Citizens | 0.9995 |  |  |  |
| Township | 0.9937 |   |   |  |  |  |
| Township Recreation | 0.9951 |  |  |  |
| Township Fire & Amb | 0.9951 |  |  |  |
| **NON-HOMESTEAD** | **45.8751** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **HOMESTEAD** | **27.8751** |  |  |  |  |  |

On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Rolof made a motion, supported by Commissioner Robillard to accept the 2020 Mine Inspector Report from Michael Legacy, Baraga County Mine Inspector. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Rolof made a motion, supported by Commissioner Robillard to sign the Intergovernmental Contract between North Care Network, Alger, Baraga, Chippewa, Delta, Dickinson, Gogebic, Houghton, Iron, Keweenaw, Luce, Mackinac, Marquette, Menominee, Ontonagon, and Schoolcraft Counties to establish a Substance Use Disorder Oversight Policy Board. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Rolof made a motion, supported by Commissioner Menge to sign a lease with Michigan Works! for office space at the Administration Building. The lease is from 11/1/2020 – 10/31/2023. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Menge made a motion, supported by Commissioner Rolof to approve the annual membership/advertisement with the Baraga County Convention & Visitors Bureau in the amount of $125.00. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Menge made a motion, supported by Commissioner Rolof to send a letter of support for the MDNR’s efforts to fix the Sturgeon River Sloughs Bridge. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commission Menge made a motion, supported by Commissioner Rolof to re-appoint Harold Miron to the Baraga County Road Commission Board. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Rolof made a motion, supported by Commissioner Robillard to approve a 60 day medical leave of absence to Tyler Harkonen. The leave is without pay/benefits. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

The following items were presented for information:

* BCMH board of Trustee, Minutes

**RESOLUTIONS:**

No Resolutions.

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Rolof presented a report from the Health Dept.

Commissioner Eilola reported that the Baragaland Senior Citizens is looking for individuals interested in serving on their board.

Commissioner Robillard reported that he attended the BCCVB October board meeting. Commissioner Robillard voiced his displeasure in the way the BCCVB board treated the representatives from Platypus who were attending via Zoom to discuss the branding project.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the County Board, Commissioner Menge made a motion, supported by Commissioner Rolof to adjourn the meeting until Monday, November 9, 2020. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

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