

**BARAGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Public Hearing/Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**December 12, 2022**

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**ROLL CALL:**

Chairman Rolof instructed Clerk Goodreau to take Roll Call with the following results:  
Present: Gale Eilola, District 1, Brad Dakota, District 2; Dan Robillard, District 3; and Lyle Olsen, District 4; William Rolof, District 5.  
Absent: None.

The purpose of the hearing was to receive public comment on the 2023 – 2027 Baraga County Recreation Plan.

Chairman Rolof called for public comment.

The Board received comments from individuals in attendance.

The Public Hearing adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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Absent: None.

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

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Commissioner Robillard made a motion, supported by Commissioner Dakota to approve the minutes for the Regular meeting held on November 7, 2022. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT-Agenda Items Only:**

No public comment received.

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

As presented by Treasurer, Jill C Tollefson.

**REVIEW OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS:**

Commissioner Robillard made a motion, supported by Commissioner Eilola to approve the BCMH Trustee Per Diem for November 2022 (\$1,090.00). On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Robillard made a motion, supported by Commissioner Eilola to approve the payment of the Claims and Accounts for the period of November 8, 2022 through December 12, 2022 in the amount of \$177,173.65. On Roll Call Vote, the motion carried. On Roll Call Vote, the motion carried. Roll Call was as follows: Yeas; Eilola, Olsen, Robillard, and Rolof. Nays; None. Absent: None.

Commissioner Eilola made a motion, supported by Commissioner Robillard to approve the payment of the Prepaid Bills and Trust and Agency Accounts for the period of November 8, 2022 through December 12, 2022 in the amount of \$253,132.47. On Roll Call Vote, the motion carried. Roll Call was as follows: Yeas; Eilola, Olsen, Robillard, and Rolof. Nays; None. Absent; None.

Commissioner Dakota made a motion, supported by Commissioner Eilola to approve the payment of the Sheriff Department Commissary Account for the period of November 8, 2022 through December 12, 2022 in the amount of \$9,343.70. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

No Old Business.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

Commissioner Olsen made a motion, supported by Commissioner Eilola to hire TriMedia Environmental & Engineering to provide a Due Diligence Assessment on the Covington Township – Sturgeon River Conservation Recreation Area in the amount of \$3,900.00. The assessment is a requirement of the MDNR Land Acquisition Grant. This was approved by a telephone poll held on November 17, 2022 and this action is done to place on the record. On Roll Call Vote, the motion carried. Roll Call was as follows: Yeas; Eilola, Olsen, Robillard, and Rolof. Nays; None. Absent; None.

Commissioner Eilola made a motion, supported by Commissioner Robillard to adopt by resolution the 2023-2027 Baraga County Recreation Plan:

WHEREAS, the Baraga County Board of Commissioners has undertaken a Five-Year Recreation Plan which describes the physical and social features, existing recreation facilities, and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period from 2023 to 2027, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on December 12, 2022, at the Baraga County Courthouse to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Baraga County Board of Commissioners has developed the plan for the benefit of the entire County and to adopt the plan as a document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the County, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Baraga County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the Baraga County Recreation Plan 2023-2027 as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of Baraga County.

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

On behalf of the Parks and Recreation Committee Commissioner Olsen requested the Board allocate \$200,00.00 of ARPA funds toward recreation. The funds will be used in recreation development and improvements (match money toward DNR grants). Commissioner Robillard made a motion, supported by Commissioner Olsen to allocate \$200,000.00 of ARPA funds to be set aside for recreation purposes. On Roll Call Vote, the motion carried. Roll Call was as follows: Yeas; Eilola, Olsen, Robillard, and Rolof. Nays; None. Absent; None.

The Finance Committee met with Judge Daavettila to discuss department wages. Jill Beeler was given a \$.50/hour raise in the FY23 budget. Based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee Commissioner Olsen made a motion, supported by Commissioner Eilola to give Jill Beeler, District Court and additional \$1.00/hour wage increase, retroactive to 10/1/2022. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

The Finance Committee met with Sheriff Brogan to discuss the Undersheriff's FY23 budget raise, which was \$.45/hour. Sheriff Brogan would like Undersheriff Miller's raise to be in line with the rest of the Department. Based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee Commissioner Dakota made a motion, supported by Commissioner Robillard to give David Miller, Undersheriff and additional \$1.55/hour wage increase, retroactive to 10/1/2022. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Olsen made a motion, supported by Commissioner Dakota to allow the County employees to hold a Christmas Party on Thursday, December 22, 2022 from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Olsen made a motion, supported by Commissioner Dakota to approve Baragaland Senior Citizen's FY23 budget and contract. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

#### **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

Commissioner Olsen reported the Baraga County Trails Authority has received some signage and trail stickers. Commissioner Olsen said the authority continues the work of gaining access in some locations.

#### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

- BCMH Board of Trustee, Minutes
- 2023 Baraga County Board of Commissioner Schedule

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

No resolutions.

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:**

Chairman Rolof read proclamations, thanking Commissioner Robillard and Commissioner Olsen for their dedicated service to the County.

Vice-Chairman Eilola read a proclamation, thanking Chairman Rolof for his dedicated service to the County.


**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Clerk Goodreau thanked Commissioner Rolof, Commissioner Robillard and Commissioner Olsen for their dedicated service to the County.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wendy J. Goodreau". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Wendy J. Goodreau, Clerk