

Approved 5-3-22

DELTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
April 19, 2022

Escanaba, Michigan

A Regular meeting of the Delta County Board of Commissioners was held this date, pursuant to the following call:

April 14, 2022

The Honorable Members of the Delta
County Board of Commissioners

Dear Commissioners:

A Regular Meeting of the Delta County Board of Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday April 19, 2022, at 5:15 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Delta County Service Center.

Sincerely yours,
Nancy J. Przewrocki
Delta County Clerk

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioners Malnar, Johnson, Nelson, Moyle, and Barron.

ABSENT: None.

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Delta County Service Center by Delta County Chief Deputy Clerk Susanne Dubord.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by Commissioner Moyle and seconded by Commissioner Barron to approve the correction of the April 5, 2022 minutes and approve the minutes of the April 12, 2022 meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner Moyle and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to approve the agenda, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

VII. PRESENTATION OF WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A. Received: No communications were received.

B. Forwarded: No communications were forwarded.

VIII. REPORTS OF STANDING AND REGULAR SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND OTHERS

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Bob VanDamme, Baldwin Township, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding the solar energy project.

Peter DeHaan, Baldwin Township, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding the purchasing procedures for the parks, and the Soil Conservation District contracts.

Curt Larson, Bay de Noc Township and Planning Commission member, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding the complaint against a public officer.

Chris Williams, Ford River Township and Planning Commission member, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding the solar ordinance.

Joe Kaplan, Ford River Township, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding wind/solar issues and wildlife conflicts and Soil Conservation District contracts.

Anne Okonek, Cornell Township, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding the solar ordinance issues.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Administrator's Report.

Administrator DeSalvo gave the Board a verbal and written Administrator's report.

Moved by Commissioner Moyle and seconded by Commissioner Barron to receive the Administrator's Report and place on file. MOTION CARRIED.

2. Committee of the Whole minutes of 4-18-22.

Moved by Commissioner Moyle and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to approve the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of 4-18-22 and place on file. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Department Updates.

a. Airport: Andrea Nummilien, updated the Board on the March 22 departures and mask mandate, and new airport equipment.

b. Building and Maintenance:

c. Building and Zoning/Equalization:

d. Courts/Clerk & Register of Deeds/Prosecutor: Lauren Wickman, Acting Prosecutor, civil attorney, available as before for anything board needs and civil counsel.

e. Emergency Management:

f. Parks and Recreation:

g. Sheriff's Department:

h. Treasurer's Office:

- i. Veteran's Service Office:
- j. Administration:

XI. GENERAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

A. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1. Conflict of Interest Regarding Solar Ordinance.
Tabled.
- 2. Solar Ordinance.
Tabled.
- 3. Zoning Ordinance Repeal.
Tabled.

B. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Payment of Bills.
No bills were presented.
- 2. Zoning Case 3-22-PC.

Case 3-22-PC, Derrick Fries, Bay de Noc Township. Moved by Commissioner Moyle and seconded by Commissioner Barron to approve the request to rezone from Open Space to Lakeshore-River as recommended by the Planning Commission.

ROLL CALL	MALNAR	YES
	NELSON	YES
	MOYLE	YES
	BARRON	YES
	JOHNSON	YES

MOTION CARRIED.

- 3. Township Zoning Agreements.

Moved by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Moyle to extend the Township Zoning Agreements for 3 months at the same rates with the new census numbers, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

- 4. MEI Contracts.

Moved by Commissioner Moyle and seconded by Commissioner Barron to accept the Medical Examiner and Investigator contracts, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Resignation of A. Williams, Request for Lump Sum Payout and to Fill PT Child & Youth Victim Advocate Position.

Moved by Commissioner Moyle and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to accept the resignation of V. Williams, approve her request for lump sum Payout and to send a letter of appreciation for her service to Delta County and authorize filling the PT Child & Youth Victim Advocate position. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Teamsters Agreement - Corrections and Road Patrol.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Moyle to sign the Teamsters Letter of Agreement to address staffing issues within the Corrections Division, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

7. MOU/Contract Delta County Conservation District.

Moved by Commissioner Moyle and seconded by Commissioner Barron to approve the MOU/Contract with the Delta County Conservation District to operate the Parks to include the recommendations of the Committee of the Whole with amendment of a 5-year Recreation Plan every 5 years.

ROLL CALL	MALNAR	NO
	NELSON	NO
	MOYLE	YES
	BARRON	YES
	JOHNSON	YES

MOTION CARRIED.

8. Leasing Land in Rapid River.

Informational.

9. Request to Fill Client Services/Support Clerk.

Moved by Commissioner Moyle and seconded by Commissioner Barron to authorize filling the Client Services/Support Clerk in the District Court. MOTION CARRIED.

10. Resignation of S. Sanville, Request for Lump Sum Payout and to Fill the Assistant Airport Manager Position.

Moved by Commissioner Moyle and seconded by Commissioner Barron to accept the resignation of S.Sanville, approve her request for lump sum Payout and to send a letter of appreciation for her service to Delta County and authorize filling the Assistant Airport Manager position. MOTION CARRIED.

11. Corrections Lt. Position Overlap Clarification.

Moved by Commissioner Moyle and seconded by Commissioner Barron to approve the physical overlap of the 4 weeks of the Lt. Position at the Jail. MOTION CARRIED.

12. Complaint Against Public Officer.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Nelson to refer to the Personnel Committee. MOTION CARRIED. Commissioner Moyle Abstained.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Luft addressed the Board with her concerns regarding solar farm issues.

Chris Williams, Ford River Township and Planning Commission member, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding the complaint made against her from a Planning Commission meeting.

Bob VanDamme, Baldwin Township, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding the solar energy project.

Kelli van Ginhoven - addressed the Board with her concerns regarding the solar ordinance.

Joe Kaplan, Ford River Township, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding industrial solar and wind and wildlife issues.

Steve Wery, Parks Manager, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding anyone with issues - please go to their board meetings. His door is always open. Thanked the Board for their vote of confidence.

Rory Mattson, Conservation District Director, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding solar ordinance issues.

XIII. COMMISSIONERS CONCERNS

Commissioner Malnar: None.

Commissioner Nelson: Attended the Drug Court Graduation - recommends that everyone go to their graduation and see the good work.

Commissioner Moyle: He seconds Commissioner Johnson's thoughts on public service.

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Commissioner Barron: Thanked the Board on passing the Conservation District contract. Solar Ordinance currently in question does not affect his solar contract. Escanaba Township zoning affects him, not the County. The UPCAP meeting on Friday at 11 am - agenda includes removal of County Board member from the UPCAP Board.

Commissioner Johnson: Do not put batteries in garbage - the landfill takes them for no charge. The County Board members are doing their best and want what is best for all citizens.

Administrator DeSalvo: May 17th will be the Public Hearing on the Solar Ordinance.

XIV. MEETING SCHEDULE

May 3rd 5:15 p.m. Board meeting at the Service Center & Zoom.
May 9th 8:00 a.m. Committee of the Whole meeting - Zoning.
May 17th 5:15 p.m. Board meeting at the Service Center & Zoom.
June 7th 5:15 p.m. Board meeting at the Service Center & Zoom.

XV. NOTICES

30 day notice of appointments:

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Commissioner Moyle and seconded by Commissioner Barron to adjourn at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy J. Przewrocki, County Clerk

Patrick Johnson, Board Chair