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**DELTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
February 14, 2023**

Escanaba, Michigan

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

February 10, 2023

The Honorable Members of the Delta
County Board of Commissioners

Dear Commissioners:

A Special Meeting of the Delta County Board of Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday February 14, 2023, at 4:45 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Delta County Service Center.

Sincerely yours,
Nancy J. Przewrocki
Delta County Clerk

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioners Malnar, Viau, Barron, Moyle, and Petersen.

ABSENT: None.

The meeting was called to order at 4:45 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Delta County Service Center by Delta County Clerk, Nancy Przewrocki.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2023 meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Barron to move New Business Item 1. County Administrator to the last item under New Business. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Barron to approve the agenda, as amended. MOTION CARRIED.

VII. PRESENTATION OF WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A. Received: No Communications were received.

B. Forwarded: No Communications were forwarded.

VIII. REPORTS OF STANDING AND STATUTORY SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND OTHERS

None.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Kelli vanGinHoven, Escanaba, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding the Open Meetings Act, costs and resignation of Commissioner Moyle.

Christiana Reynolds, Escanaba, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding the direction of the Board.

Jeri Berthiaume, Wells Township, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding removal of the Administrator and asked Moyle and Barron to step down.

Susan Carlson, Wells Township, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding the agenda, Zoom, the Parks Contract, Sparks and Fuller Park grants, consider moving to the Circuit Courtroom.

Chris Williams, Ford River Township, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding the Conservation District contract is legally binding.

Matthew Peast, Escanaba, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding his disappointment.

Joe Kaplan, Ford River Township and Parks and Recreation Board, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding citizen's rights in the Open Meetings Act and FOIA, he is a staunch supporter of the Constitution, the will of the people can't be subjugated, Freedom of Speech, Assembly, redress the government.

Pat Johnson, Gladstone, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding lack of trust, hiring of a lawyer, decision seemed fast, open discussion.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Department Updates.

- a. Airport:
- b. Building and Maintenance:
- c. Building and Zoning/Equalization:
- d. Courts/Clerk & Register of Deeds/Prosecutor:
- e. Emergency Management:

- f. Parks and Recreation:
- g. Sheriff's Department:
- h. Treasurer's Office:
- i. Veteran's Service Office:

XI. GENERAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

A. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

B. NEW BUSINESS

2. Byce-Utility Relocation RFP.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to approve the Byce Utility Relocation RFP, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Acceptance of the Conservation District Letter.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to table to the February 21st meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Park Management RFP.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to table to the February 21st meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Temporary Chiller on Reserve.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen and seconded by Commissioner Barron to approve reserving Temporary Chillers for the moving the utilities project. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Resignation of B. Booker, Request for Lump Sum Payout and to Fill Probate Court Juvenile Probation Officer Position.

Moved by Commissioner Malnar and seconded by Commissioner Barron to approve the lump sum payout, send a letter of appreciation for Mr. Booker's years of service to Delta County, and to fill the Probate Court Juvenile Probation Officer position. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Resignation of D. Gauthier, Request for Lump Sum Payout and to Fill Airport Assistant Manager Position.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to approve the lump sum payout, send a letter of appreciation

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for Mr. Gauthier's service to Delta County, and to fill the Airport Assistant Manager position. MOTION CARRIED.

8. New Finance Policy.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Barron to table to the February 21st meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

1. Administrator's Contract.

a. Interim Administrator.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to appoint Ashleigh Young as the Interim Administrator.

ROLL CALL	MALNAR	YES
	VIAU	YES
	BARRON	YES
	PETERSEN	YES
	MOYLE	YES

MOTION CARRIED.

b. Process for Hiring a New Administrator.

Brief Discussion.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ed Fleury, Cornell Township, addressed the Board regarding his concerns with the Board, concerned citizens and Recall.

Christiana Reynolds, Escanaba, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding transparency and the reason Emily was fired.

Kelli vanGinHoven, Escanaba, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding Ashleigh keeping the wheels on the bus.

Joseph Kaplan, Ford River Township, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding the Conservation District election of Board members, every voter in Delta County can vote for their Board members, four posts will be up for election.

Judy LaCosse, Escanaba, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding that she didn't know the Conservation District Board members were elected, would like more information.

Chris Williams, Ford River Township, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding being honest and transparent.

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Chris DeSalvo, Escanaba, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding Emily - she had all the qualifications you are looking for. Asked for the resignations of Moyle, Barron, and Petersen.

Pat Johnson, Gladstone, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding doing the preparation and research before each Board meeting. The Interim Administrator will need your help.

Barbie Clairmont, Escanaba Township, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding adding Conflict of Interest Declaration to the agenda.

Reid Hyken, Escanaba, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding fiscally responsibility and Commissioner Malnar per diem payments.

Ann Fix, Escanaba, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding Reid Hyken is a co-sponsor of Sharp Shooter's Den with Commissioner Moyle.

Theresa Ross, Ford River Township, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding 3/5 corruption, thank you Commissioners Malnar and Viau, and getting rid of the Ethics Committee.

Liam Love, Escanaba, addressed the Board regarding his concerns asking Petersen, Moyle and Barron to step down.

Susan Carlson, Wells Township, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding the Delta Conservation District website, Rory Mattson is an employee with the State of Michigan.

Norman Fleury, Escanaba Township, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding no public property.

Jeana LaCarte, addressed the Board, via Zoom, with her concerns regarding Emily DeSalvo, she was nothing but qualified and ethical. The rest of her statement was garbled by the internet connection and she will be given an additional 3 minutes at the next meeting.

Ukiah Penegor, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding Commissioner Malnar has the largest district, thanked him for never missing a meeting and asked Commissioners Moyle, Petersen and Barron to resign.

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Cheryl Corbiere, Escanaba, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding proper procedure, Ethics Board, victim of stalking, will not be silenced.

Barb Noblet, Escanaba, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding reading in the paper that the Ethics Committee was banned, confused. Asked Moyle, Barron and Petersen to resign

XIII. COMMISSIONERS CONCERNS

Commissioner Petersen: Doing research - found two places to help find an Administrator.

Commissioner Malnar: Never heard the reason why the Administrator was let go. Cornell property - in the contract with the Parks and Soil Erosion. Done his job, attended MAC meetings where other Commissioners never showed up for the meetings even though the County was paying for it.

Commissioner Viau: Attended the Airport Board meeting, they updated their By-Laws Airport and other Committees should do this also, and an All Weather Operating System has now been installed and will have a new flight schedule coming out. Don't want what happened on Zoom to happen again. Need to bring the County back together and get the right Administrator. Would like to see an Administrator Committee made up of 9 people - 2 County Commissioners, a department head, an employee, 5 members of the public - one from each County Commissioner district.

Commissioner Barron: Thanked Ashleigh for taking the position.

Commissioner Moyle: We have our IT person on the Zoom issue and apologizes for the technical difficulties.

XIV. MEETING SCHEDULE

February 21 st	5:15 p.m.	Board meeting.
March 7 th	5:00 p.m.	Board meeting.
March 21 st	5:15 p.m.	Board meeting.

XV. NOTICES

30 day notice of appointments:

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

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Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Viau
to adjourn at 6:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy J. Przewrocki, County Clerk

David Moyle, Board Chair