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**DELTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
February 21, 2023**

Escanaba, Michigan

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

February 16, 2023

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 February 21, 2023, 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, Viau, Barron, Moyle, and Petersen.

ABSENT: None.

The meeting was called to order at 5:16 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Delta County Service Center by Delta County Clerk, Nancy Przewrocki.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by Commissioner Malnar and seconded by Commissioner Barron to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2023 meeting, as corrected, adding 1.5 Planning Commission Year End Report under New Business. Moved by Commissioner Malnar and seconded by Commissioner Barron to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2023 meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner Malnar and seconded by Commissioner Viau to add New Business Item 13 Resignation of C. Getzloff, lump sum payout, and fill corrections position and Item 14. Rules of Procedure and Old Business Item 1.b Conservation District Agreement to Terminate Parks Contract, to the agenda. Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Viau to approve the agenda, as amended. MOTION CARRIED.

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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

Tom England, Brampton Township Trustee, addressed the Board asking them to consider adding Conflict of Interest Declaration to the agenda, after approval of the agenda.

Nate Brockman, Wells Township, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding the terminating the Parks contract transition - have a 12 year employee with 25 years of experience (Steve Wery) to run the park.

Christine Williams, Ford River Township, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding the Agreement to Terminate the Parks Contract in the Conservation District's favor.

Stephen Benoit, Wells Township, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding setting precedent with terminating the Parks contract - have the Prosecuting Attorney (legal counsel) look at the contract.

Reid Hyken, Escanaba, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding statements Commissioner Malnar made at the last meeting.

Tyler Dubord, Escanaba City Council, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding packets of information for citizens for the meeting, transparency, conflict of interest declaration, legal counsel not freely applied, work together as city, county and townships.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Administrator's Report.

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

2. Department Updates.

a. Airport:

b. Building and Maintenance/IT:

c. Building and Zoning/Equalization: Jack Smith, B & Z Director, please continue to move forward with an electrical inspector with Menominee County, also working with Menominee County as a co-op.

d. Courts/Clerk & Register of Deeds/Prosecutor:

e. Emergency Management:

f. Parks and Recreation:

g. Sheriff's Department: Sheriff Oswald stated that the ice conditions are shaky. Airboat was ordered - takes one year for delivery.

h. Treasurer's Office:

i. Veteran's Service Office:

XI. GENERAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

A. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1.a. Acceptance of the Conservation District Letter of Dissolution.

Moved by Commissioner Malnar and seconded by Commissioner Viau to have a legal review of the Letter of Dissolution by the Prosecuting Attorney.

ROLL CALL	MALNAR	YES
	VIAU	YES
	BARRON	NO
	PETERSEN	NO
	MOYLE	NO

MOTION FAILED.

Moved by Commissioner Moyle and seconded by Commissioner Barron to accept the Letter of Dissolution and create another temporary contract by May 15<sup>th</sup>.

ROLL CALL	MALNAR	NO
	VIAU	PRESENT
	BARRON	YES
	PETERSEN	YES
	MOYLE	YES

MOTION CARRIED.

b. Agreement to Terminate Parks Contract.

2. Discussion on RFP for the Parks.

Discussion.

3. New Finance Policy.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Viau to move to the Finance Committee. MOTION CARRIED.

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Payment of Bills.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to pay bills in the amount of \$ 2,404,707.94 and Commissioners expenses of \$ 621.96.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

2. FY22/23 HMEP Grant Application.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to approve the FY22/23 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant application, as presented by Emergency Management Coordinator Paul Geyer. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Title III Proposed Projects.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to approve the 2023 Title III Proposed Projects, as presented Emergency Management Coordinator Paul Geyer. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Airport Board By-Laws.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to adopt the updated Airport Advisory Board By-Laws, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Zoom and YouTube Recommendation.

Brandon Couvillion, Delta County Information Technology Director, gave the Board a recommendation to continue with YouTube and discontinue Zoom. Discussion with no action taken.

6. Wells Water and Sewer Letter of Support.

Rory Mattson, Delta Conservation Director, gave a presentation on grant request for Wells Township infrastructure for water and sewer and requested a letter of support. Moved by

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Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to submit a Letter of Support for the Wells Township Water and Sewer Infrastructure Project, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Park ARP.

Update, the Park ARP bill for \$42,380 will be paid with the regular accounts payable run.

8. Fuller Park.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Barron to send letter to Jon Mayes, MDNR, removing R1 and L8 campsites, adding picnic area and gravel for parking, and creating beach and boat launch access for day use. MOTION CARRIED.

9. Appointment to DATA (1- opening).

Moved by Commissioner Malnar and seconded by Commissioner Viau to appointment Theresa Nelson to the DATA Board. MOTION FAILED. Moved by Commissioner Moyle and seconded by Commissioner Barron to appoint Dana VanEnkevort to the DATA Board and send a thank you letter to Dennis Wiltzius for his years of service. MOTION CARRIED. Viau voted present.

10. Stipend for Administrative Assistant.

Moved by Commissioner Malnar and seconded by Commissioner Barron to approve an additional stipend of \$350 per week, for one month, for the Administrative Assistant. MOTION CARRIED.

11. Interim Administrator's Contract.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Moyle to table the contract to the March 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

12. MMRMA Member Representative.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Moyle to appoint Ashleigh Young as MMRMA Member Representative. MOTION CARRIED.

13. Resignation of C. Getzloff, Lump Sum Payout and Fill Corrections Position.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to approve the lump sum payout for C. Getzloff, send a letter of thank you and to fill the corrections position. MOTION CARRIED.

14. Rules of Procedure.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to change the Rules of Procedure item 1.6 from via facsimile to via email for notice of a Special meeting and item 4.4 Parliamentarian from Prosecuting Attorney to County Clerk. MOTION CARRIED.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Becky McIntyre, Escanaba, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding eliminating the Ethics Board, asking Commissioner Moyle to resign, and the Prosecuting Attorney works for the public.

Ed Fleury, Cornell Township, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding Rory Mattson.

Chris Williams, Ford River Township, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding the Parks Advisory Committee and the Parks Contract, and round the horn actions by the Board.

Kaye Rowlands, Wells Township, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding the Board Chair making motions, and Rory Mattson and surveys.

Rory Mattson, Director of the Delta Conservation District, addressed the Board did not survey, Parks and Rec Committee - Jon Mayes suggested to bring to the Board.

Steve Benoit, Wells Township, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding ethics and morals and firing a woman who speaks out.

Cory Schroeder, Director of Maintenance, addressed the Board with his concerns on the Parks situation, the Maintenance Department does not want to run the Parks - Steve Wery.

Mary Harrington, Ford River Township, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding the Parks, Steve Wery should run the parks - not a private entity.

Dave Adamini, Wells Township, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding bullying and stalking, he was in the military and a chief deputy police officer - contact him.

Barb Noblet, District 4, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding explanation of firing, citizens are speaking, the Ethics Committee, and bullying going on.

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Theresa Ross, Ford River Township, via Zoom, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding getting rid of Zoom, the ineptness of this Board, firing Emily is costing taxpayers money.

Susan Carlson, Wells Township, via Zoom, addressed the Board with her concerns that Ashleigh Young does not have a compatibility issue, consider disability issues to keep Zoom, Attorney General Nessel - Ottawa County firing 2 individuals, agenda 48 hours prior to meeting, confused about giving back Soil and Erosion and Community Forest.

Bonnie Hakkola, Escanaba, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding keeping Zoom and YouTube.

#### XIII. COMMISSIONERS CONCERNS

Commissioner Malnar: Before we even attempt to go further with the parks, want to see Steve Wery run the parks. Was at a township meeting - very surprised to see a young gentleman on the fire department. Firefighter Class 1 & 2 Cadet Program.

Commissioner Viau: Ethic Policy - need to put on agenda to reaffirm the Ethics Committee. Need to get agenda packets to the public. Collaboration with Menominee County on Building and Zoning issues is great. Wants to be part of the discussion with Parks, etc. Township Clerk didn't want to speak to him - need transparency explaining why voting the way we vote, answers to the people's questions, hopes to be part of the solution.

Commissioner Barron: Moving forward on the Administrator side. Thanked Ashleigh and staff. Parks clearer direction.

Commissioner Petersen: How much time will the Sheriff need at next meeting? Vickie Micheau - Fairground insurance.

Commissioner Moyle: Is listening - yes, can talk politics or religion - will not be sarcastic, bullying, or rude. Will purchase coffee to talk, interested whether agreeing or disagreeing. 1400 acres in Community Forest, 500 solar panels. Not scuttling Ethics Committee. Thanked everyone for coming.

#### XIV. MEETING SCHEDULE

March 7 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 p.m.	Board meeting.
March 21 <sup>st</sup>	5:15 p.m.	Board meeting.
April 4 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 p.m.	Board meeting.

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XV. NOTICES

30 day notice of appointments:

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Viau  
to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Nancy J. Przewrocki, County Clerk

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David Moyle, Board Chair