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

Escanaba, Michigan

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

March 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 March 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 5:15 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 Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2023 meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner Petersen and seconded by Commissioner Barron to add New Business Item 14. Airport Manager Stipend, to the agenda. MOTION CARRIED. Viau voted present. Moved by Commissioner Malnar 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

Bonnie Hakkola, Escanaba, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding the Veterans Relief Fund, supporting the Veterans and the Constitutional Republic.

Reid Hyken, Escanaba, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding that Delta County has set aside relief funds of only \$1.10 per veteran.

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. Personnel Committee minutes of March 13, 15, 21, 2023.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to place the Personnel Committee minutes of March 13, March 15 and March 21, 2023 on file. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Department Updates.

a. Airport:

b. Building and Maintenance/IT:

c. Building and Zoning/Equalization:

d. Courts/Clerk & Register of Deeds/Prosecutor: Lauren Wickman, Prosecuting Attorney, gave the Board information on the Prosecutor as civil counsel to the County, she is qualified and willing to do.

e. Emergency Management:

f. Parks and Recreation: Rory Mattson, Conservation District Director, gave the Board background on the funding for the Community Forest. Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to place on file. MOTION CARRIED.

g. Sheriff's Department:

h. Treasurer's Office:

i. Veteran's Service Office:

XI. GENERAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

A. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Process for Hiring a New Administrator.

a. Job Description.

Moved by Commissioner Malnar and seconded by Commissioner Viau to approve the Administrator Job Description with 5 years public administration experience.

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

MOTION FAILED.

Moved by Commissioner Malnar and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to hold a Committee of the Whole meeting on Tuesday March 28th at 5:15 p.m. to review the Administrator Job Description. MOTION CARRIED.

b. Posting/Advertising.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to table until the Administrator Job Description has been approved. MOTION CARRIED.

c. Process for Receiving Applications.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to table until the Administrator Job Description has been approved. MOTION CARRIED.

d. Review of Applications.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to table until the Administrator Job Description has been approved. MOTION CARRIED.

e. Interviews by Committee of the Whole.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to table until the Administrator Job Description has been approved. MOTION CARRIED.

2. Interim Administrator's Contract.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to table until the April 4th meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

3. New Finance Policy.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen approve to the Finance Committee Procedure Policy, as presented.

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

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 \$ 1,487,469.52 and Commissioners expenses of \$ 778.90.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

2. Out of County Travel - MAC Conference.

Moved by Commissioner Malnar and seconded by Commissioner Barron to approve Out of County Travel for the Commissions to attend the Michigan Association of Counties Conference in Lansing April 24-26th. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Stipend for IT Director.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to send to the Finance Committee. MOTION CARRIED.

A five-minute recess was taken at 7:00 p.m. and the meeting was re-adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

4. Outreach on Radio.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to have the County Clerk make the radio appearances after the Board meetings. MOTION CARRIED. Viau opposed.

5. Appointment to Planning Commission (1 opening).

Moved by Commissioner Malnar and seconded by Commissioner Barron to appoint Charles Lawson to the Planning Commission. MOTION CARRIED.

6. RFP - Municipal Attorney.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to table until new Administrator is in place.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

7. RFQ Professional Airport Consulting Services.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to put out the RFQ for Professional Airport Consulting Services, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

8. Airport Advisory Board Resolution Supporting Andrea Nummilien.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Viau to receive the Resolution Supporting Andrea Nummilien and place on file. MOTION CARRIED.

9. Assistant Building and Zoning Administrator Job Description.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to approve the Assistant Building and Zoning Administrator job description, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

10. Structure of the Parks Advisory Board.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to create a Park Advisory Board made up of two Commissioners and one resident from each District.

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

MOTION FAILED.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen and seconded by Commissioner Barron to determine the structure of the Parks Advisory Board after the first of the year. MOTION CARRIED.

11. Ratification of Letter of Support for City of Escanaba Collaboration with MDOT for Utility Project.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Barron to ratify the Letter of Support for the City of Escanaba. MOTION CARRIED.

12. Discussion of top Priorities of Each Commissioner.

Commissioner Petersen stated his top priorities are Economic Growth, the housing issue, keep the Parks running properly, and the Fair moving forward.

Commissioner Viau stated he asked for 5 priorities we need to work on. He stated Finances, the needs of the people, and Administrator - the best we can get.

Commissioner Malnar stated housing, Gladstone north shore, land by the Terrace, the Parks asap - go forward with the County taking over.

Commissioner Moyle stated balanced budget, increase the county revenue streams, maintain a high level of service to the residents, uphold the Constitutions of Michigan and the U.S.

Commissioner Barron stated finances - can't do anything without finances - affects everything, housing, drug court - serious problem. 30 parents have lost parental rights - 29 because of drugs.

13. Veteran's Relief Fund - Millage.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to send to the Finance Committee. MOTION CARRIED.

14. Airport Manager Compensation.

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

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chris DeSalvo, Escanaba, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding support for the Veterans' Service Officer.

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Chris Williams, Ford River Township, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding the Community Forest - original grant required plan in place from the Conservation District requiring recreational groups as well as wildlife groups. Please use microphones so that people watching YouTube and Zoom can hear what is being said.

Ed Fleury, Cornell Township, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding the Community Forest and gates, concerns of past meetings, board member agendas.

Kelli VanGinhoven, Escanaba, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding - she has applied for the Planning Commission recording secretary.

Cheryl Corbiere, Escanaba, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding courthouse security.

Rory Mattson, Director of the Delta Conservation District, addressed the Board regarding property ownership surrounding the Community Forest, agreement by May 15th, finance, Covid money for redoing the floors at Fuller Park moved ahead to this spring. By end of April make the decision whether County or private sector will be running the park.

Reid Hyken, Escanaba, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding showed great unity in supporting our veterans. Thank you for doing the right thing. Look at public sector before private sector for Administrator.

XIII. COMMISSIONERS CONCERNS

Commissioner Malnar: Would like to put ad in paper for the Pathways Board position.

Commissioner Viau: Would like all the Commissioners to go out and look at the Community Forest. Security at the Courthouse, Sheriff working on - just hasn't come back to board. Title II ADA access on website, accessibility cost prohibitive. Public can get board packets through email, working with John McMahon. Wants paper to print board packets. Thanked Treasurer Sherry Godfrey for the tax foreclosure information. Queen Voyages - 26 different trips to Escanaba - a really good thing.

Commissioner Barron: Attended housing meeting. Services needs will increase also. Opportunities are there. More information forthcoming.

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Commissioner Petersen: Put together a small group of people who are involved in housing and real estate to bounce ideas on how to address the housing shortage, especially with the construction at Billerud. Even without Billerud - housing is a challenge.

Commissioner Moyle: Courthouse security and supporting our Blue, have yet to vote against either, have always given them everything they asked for. Waiting to hear back from the Sheriff.

Ashleigh Young - the website is ADA compliant right now, it was the Board packets that were not compliant, courthouse security is with the Courthouse Judges. If anyone would like to apply for the Pathways Board, please apply.

XIV. MEETING SCHEDULE

March 28 th	5:15 p.m.	Committee of the Whole.
April 4 th	5:00 p.m.	Board meeting.
April 11 th	5:15 p.m.	Statutory Board meeting.
April 18 th	5:15 p.m.	Board meeting.

XV. NOTICES

30-day notice of appointments: Pathways Board

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Viau to adjourn at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy J. Przewrocki, County Clerk

David Moyle, Board Chair