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DELTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
April 4, 2023

Escanaba, Michigan

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

March 30, 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 April 4, 2023, at 5:00 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 5:00 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Delta County Service Center by Delta County Clerk, Nancy Przewrocki.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

1. Commissioner Workshop.

The Administrator position qualifications and the Interim Administrator position were discussed. Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to end the work session at 5:43 p.m.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2023 meeting and the Committee of the Whole meeting of March 28, 2023. MOTION CARRIED.

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VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to add Unfinished Business Item 4. Veterans Funding. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Commissioner Viau seconded by Commissioner Malnar to move Unfinished Business Item 2. Interim Administrator's Contract to the last item of the agenda. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to add Public Comment for Interim Administrator Contract.

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

MOTION FAILED.

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

VII. PRESENTATION OF WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Received: 1. Letter from Federal Energy Reg. Com. (2)
2. Resolution from Tuscola County.
3. Resolution from Kalkaska County.
4. Letter from Delta County Township Assoc.
- B. Forwarded: 1. Letter to Charles Lawson.
2. Letter to Daniel Johnson.

VIII. REPORTS OF STANDING AND STATUTORY SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND OTHERS

1. CAA/HRA minutes of 1-26-23.
 2. Pinecrest Board minutes of 1-26-23.
 3. Public Health minutes of 2-7-23.
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1. Superior Trade Zone minutes of 10-7-21, 8-3-22.
 2. Township Association minutes of 1-26-23.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Malnar that the Communications and Reports of Standing and Statutory Committees and the Reports of Special Committees and Others be received and placed on file. MOTION CARRIED.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Curtis Larsen, Bay de Noc Township, addressed the Board regarding his concern that the Board has allowed the Interim Administrator to write her own terms as interim.

Joe Kaplan, Ford River Township, addressed the Board regarding his concern that the Board needs to question the Conservation District on the costs and revenues to run the parks.

Kaye Rowlands, Wells Township, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding the Committee of the Whole meeting was suppose to be on the Administrator Job Description only.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Administrator's Report.

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

2. Finance Committee meeting of 3-24-23.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to receive the Finance minutes of 3-24-23 and place on file. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Building and Grounds minutes of 3-27-23.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Viau to receive the Building and Grounds minutes of 3-27-23 and place on file. MOTION CARRIED.

4. 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: Rory Mattson, Conservation District Director, gave a report on ownership around the Community Forest, all complaints were investigated by Board Chair Patrick Johnson and himself, he did contact the Non-motorized group to see if they were interested in trails at the Community Forest - no response, County Controller has the Quickbooks information for 2018 - 2021.

g. Sheriff's Department: Sheriff Ed Oswald gave an update on Courthouse security.

h. Treasurer's Office:

i. Veteran's Service Office:

The Board took a recess at 6:50 p.m. Reconvened at 6:58 p.m.

XI. GENERAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

A. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Process for Hiring a New Administrator.

a. Job Description.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to require a minimum of a Bachelor's Degree in Business or Public Administration or closely related field, with specialization in finance and/or management with 3-5 years of experience. Any satisfactory combination of education, experience and training may be substituted for the above.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

b. Posting/Advertising.

Moved by Commissioner Moyle and seconded by Commissioner Viau to advertise the Administrator position starting April 5th. MOTION CARRIED.

c. Process for Receiving Applications.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to have the County Clerk and Chair of the Personnel Committee receive the applications for Administrator. MOTION CARRIED.

d. Review of Applications and Selection.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to have the Committee of the Whole review the applications.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

e. Interviews by Committee of the Whole.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to have the Committee of the Whole conduct the Administrator interview. MOTION CARRIED.

2. Interim Administrator's Contract.

Moved to last item on agenda.

3. RFP Municipal Attorney.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen put out an RFP out for a Municipal Attorney. MOTION CARRIED. Malnar opposed. Viau present.

4. Veteran's Funding.

Discussion on information brought forward at last meeting.

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Payment of Bills.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to pay bills in the amount of \$ 344,151.92 and Commissioners expenses of \$ 340.15.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

2. Airport - PFAS Phase III.

Moved by Commissioner Malnar and seconded by Commissioner Barron to approve the PFAS Phase III Plan for \$226,000 that is reimbursable by the PFAS grant, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Out of County Travel -UPACC.

Moved by Commissioner Malnar and seconded by Commissioner Viau to approve out of county travel for the Commissioners to attend the Upper Peninsula Association of County Commissioners Conference at the Island Resort in Harris on May 18th and 19th. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Parks Management - County or RFP.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to have the County run the Parks and send to the Personnel and Finance Committees to determine the structure and cost. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Retirement of T. Tardiff, Request for Lump Sum Payout and to Fill Road Patrol Position.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to approve the lump sum payout for T. Tardiff, send a letter of appreciation for his years of service and to fill the Road Patrol position. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Airport Fuel Rack System (Safety Shut Off).

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to authorize the Airport Manager to purchase the lesser expensive of the two Airport Fuel Rack Systems. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Part-Time District Court Clerk Position Budgeting.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to create a part-time District Court Clerk position. MOTION CARRIED.

8. Review Part-Time Hourly Wage and Benefit Package.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to approve increasing the Part-Time Employee hourly wage to \$16 - \$18 per hour. MOTION CARRIED.

9. Delta County Park's Employees Wages and Benefits.

Sent to Personnel and Finance Committee now that there is a direction.

10. Zoom Recommendation.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to eliminate broadcasting the meeting by Zoom. The meeting will still be broadcast on YouTube.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

11. Escanaba Community Garden - Approval for Greenhouse.
Sent to Building and Grounds for more information.

12. Update on Airport Advisory Board Resolution Regarding
Manager Compensation.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen and seconded by
Commissioner Barron to table. MOTION CARRIED.

13. Interim Administrator's Contract.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner
Petersen to move into closed session at 8:08 p.m. for the purpose of
discussing a written attorney memorandum under OMI Section
15.268(8)(h).

ROLL CALL	MALNAR	YES
	VIAU	YES
	BARRON	YES
	PETERSON	YES
	MOYLE	YES

MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by
Commissioner Malnar to reconvene into regular session at 8:39 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED.

No actions were taken during closed session.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner
Petersen to authorize County Controller Ashleigh Young to perform
the additional services of the Administrator with the additional
compensation of \$384.62 per day.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner
Petersen to appoint Ashleigh Young as the Grant Administrator and
signatory of those grants. MOTION CARRIED.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Christine Pepin, Escanaba, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding the County Parks and Courthouse security.

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

Anne Truitt, Gladstone, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding Zoom.

Gary Gustafson, Ensign Township, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding Zoom.

Bonnie Hakkola, Escanaba, addressed the Board with her concerns Zoom.

Josiah Lawrence, Escanaba, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding Zoom.

Kelli vanGinhoven, Escanaba, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding Department Head updates on the agenda.

Sandy Sovey, Ford River Township, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding Zoom and Commissioner Viau's research being shot down.

Reid Hyken, Escanaba, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding Commissioners Viau and Malnar.

Lauren Wickman, Escanaba, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding MMRMA, malpractice insurance.

Chris DeSalvo, Escanaba, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding Commissioners Viau and Malnar were also elected.

Liam Love, Escanaba, addressed the Board with his concerns thanking Commissioners Viau and Malnar.

XIII. COMMISSIONERS CONCERNS

Commissioner Malnar: None.

Commissioner Viau: Attended Delta County Drug Court on Feb. 6. Does his homework as he feels he should - does not play to the

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crowd - plays to the facts. Would like to fund the Veterans Services either from a millage or from the general fund.

Commissioner Barron: Easter - we celebrate the opportunity for the solution for all mankind's problems. "I believe unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality. This is why right temporarily defeated is stronger than evil triumphant." Martin Luther King, Jr

Commissioner Petersen: None.

Commissioner Moyle: The philosophy of the Board is that any member can submit items to the agenda. Is trying to streamline the Administrator and Controller to save the county \$100,000. PA 214 states that we shall spend .01 of a mill to the Veteran's Relief Fund.

XIV. MEETING SCHEDULE

April 11 th	5:15 p.m.	Statutory Board meeting.
April 18 th	5:15 p.m.	Board meeting.
May 2 nd	5:00 p.m.	Board meeting.

XV. NOTICES

30 day notice of appointments:

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Moyle to adjourn at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy J. Przewrocki, County Clerk

David Moyle, Board Chair